



NEWSLETTER- Friday 5th September 2025



Dear parents and carers,

WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome back to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some family time. It has been lovely to see the children return to school so happily and raring to go. They are already back in the swing of school and enjoying their learning. The classrooms have been refreshed with lots of new resources to support the children's learning.

BEING READY FOR LEARNING

We talk to the children about our Golden Rules- *be ready, be respectful, be safe*, which help everyone to be safe, happy and ready to learn at school. One way to help the children be ready for their learning is having what they need with them. Most children are bringing in water bottles to school which is fantastic. It is important that these come in each day with WATER in them, not squash / juice. Please can we also ask that the **water bottles are clearly named**, to help the children look after their property. We also have some very large water bottles that do not fit in our storage racks, please could bottles be no larger than 18cm diameter.

The children will also be bringing home a new reading folder containing their reading books and new reading record. This simple record just requires a tick on each day they read at home- a minimum of four times a week please. If they maintain this regular reading throughout the term, they will be entered into our termly book raffle. **Please could this reading folder be kept in their bookbag and be brought into school each day.** The children do not need backpacks in school, which we do not have space to store and often do not fit in these reading folders. If your child does not have a bookbag they are available from:

The Uniform Shop, Olympic Way, Wellingborough

<https://www.uniformshopwellingborough.co.uk/collections/the-avenue-infant-school-wellingborough>

P.E. KIT



- ★ Year 2 children have P.E on Wednesday.
- ★ Year 1 have P.E on Thursday.
- ★ Reception children start P.E on Friday in a few weeks time.

Please ensure your child's comes to school in their P.E. kit on their P.E. day. This should be normal school top half uniform with leggings or joggers and trainers / plimsolls.

JEWELLERY REMINDER

Child should avoid wearing jewellery at school. Earrings should be stud type (not hoop or dangly earrings). Please can we remind you that **NO** jewellery (including woven thread bracelets or special necklaces) can be worn during any P.E lesson. Children who have recently had ear piercings will **not be able** to take part until their earrings can be removed independently by the child or are removed by their parent/carer before the start of the school day. **Adults in school are not permitted to remove children's earrings.** Children may prefer to leave their jewellery at home on the days they have P.E.

IMPORTANT ANNUAL DOCUMENTATION

You should have recently received a link to the annual forms that need completing. This will appear as an email from 'Teacher2Parent forms'. Thank you to all of you who have completed these forms and submitted them. If you are still to do so, please can we ask this is done **as soon as possible**. Please take time to read them carefully as they contain very important information and if you have any questions please ask.

INHALERS AND OTHER MEDICATION

Some of you will also need to complete **Medicine Forms** if you have asked us to administer inhalers or other regular medication. A new form is required for the new school year. Please come to the school office to collect a form. Thank you.

Please remember that we cannot administer any medication that is not clearly marked with a prescription label. It is also your responsibility to ensure medicines are in date and in school when needed. Medication must also be in the original packaging.

This important information will be disseminated to all the staff who work with your child. It would be appreciated if you could also tell class staff face to face too. Thank you.

HAVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED?

Pupil Premium is additional funding that the school could receive to further support your child. This funding is used by the school to support your child, for example, free school trips, providing learning resources for home, pastoral support if required and additional teacher support for your child's individualised learning needs. This funding can really help make a significant difference to your child's progress.

Even if you are not sure you are eligible it takes moments to apply to check.

Use the link below:

<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>

Please note, all children at this age are eligible for free school meals so you will need to apply separately for the Pupil Premium for the school so we can provide additional support and resources if they are eligible. Please be aware that a child must reside with the applicant to receive the Pupil Premium.

The application takes only a couple of minutes and is worth applying if you are unsure whether your child may be eligible. **If you would like some support with the application process, please see a member of the office staff who will be happy to help you.**

Please remember that before and after school the playground resources are out of bounds to all children, and adults, (including younger (or older!) brothers, sisters, cousins, friends etc.)

Thank you

COATS AND JUMPERS

Your child will be playing outside at lunchtimes and playtimes every day (even if it is drizzling) so please do send in light coats and jumpers/cardigans each day now as the weather could change at any time over the next weeks.



Many thanks.

DOGS

Please can we remind you that we do not allow dogs into the playground (even if carried)! If you bring a dog with you to collect your children, please arrange for it to be looked after outside the school grounds and well away from the gate.



Thank you.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Don't forget our page on the Uniformd website www.uniformd.co.uk is well-stocked with clean, good condition pre-loved uniform available at very affordable prices. This is updated as we receive stock so please keep an eye on it and grab a bargain! If you wish to donate uniform that is outgrown but in good condition, please bring it to school.

GET INVOLVED WITH THE STRATEGIC RUNNING OF THE SCHOOL

We will shortly be asking if any parents / carers may be interested in standing as a parent representative on our school Governing Body. This is an interesting and exciting opportunity to give some of your time to support the school but does have a level of time commitment, mostly evening meetings, around 10-12 a year. If you would like to put yourself forward as a parent governor, please speak to myself or a member of staff in the school office and we can give you further information. We could also put you in contact with one of our other governors who would be able to tell you more about the role and their experience.

READING AT THE AVENUE

We are very proud of the progress all the children made in their reading last year and look forward to this continuing this year. Well done to all those children who participated in Wellingborough Library's Summer Reading Challenge (there is still time to finish this if your child started it). We were so impressed with the number of The Avenue participants this year and look forward to seeing the certificates and medals in



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Celebration Assembly. Please remember; the Book Shed is available before and after every school day, on the front playground; please help yourself to a book (or two) and return it once your child has enjoyed it.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TODAY

In Celebration assembly today, we said well done to the following children, who received a **Special Award** and gold Headteacher's sticker.

Aarna (Beech class) - for showing confidence and always trying her best in her learning.

Stefan (Hazel class) - for settling into Year 2 so well.

Liria (Maple class) - for trying her hardest to be a brilliant role model.

Zofia (Cherry class) - for showing great kindness to everyone and being a super role model.

Class accolades:

Cherry Class - Mr Davies has been so impressed with how you have settled into Year 1 - a fantastic first week!

Maple Class - Mrs De La Salle and Mrs Bolter are impressed with the brilliant start you have had in Year 1, following the Golden Rules well.

Hazel Class - Miss Morris is so proud of you all - you have settled in so well and all been superstars!

Beech Class - Mrs Mason and Mrs Brown are so impressed with your super start in Year 2, showing great enthusiasm for learning.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY- Dates for your diaries this term are included at the end of this letter.

We look forward to an exciting school year ahead and working with you all. Please remember that staff are always happy to answer queries / worries.

Yours sincerely
Helen Morrall
Headteacher

AUTUMN TERM 1

School opens to Y1 and Y2 pupils for start of Autumn Term	~	Wednesday 3 rd September
School opens to new Reception pupils (part time sessions)	~	Monday 8 th September
Reception pupils in part time including lunchtime	~	Monday 15 th September
Year 2 Family Reading	~	Friday 19 th September 8.50 – 9.10am
Reception children in full time 8.50 – 3.10pm	~	Monday 22 nd September
Year 1 Family Reading	~	Friday 26 th September 8.50 – 9.10am
Cake sale for MacMillan Cancer Care	~	Friday 26 th September 3.15pm
Year 2 Family Reading	~	Friday 3 rd October 8.50 – 9.10am
Reception Information Evening	~	Tuesday 7 th October 6.30pm
Year 1 Family Reading	~	Friday 10 th October 8.50 – 9.10am
Year 2 Family Reading	~	Friday 17 th October 8.50 – 9.10am
Parents evenings	~	Tuesday 21 st and Thursday 23 rd October
Year 1 Family Reading	~	Friday 24 th October 8.50 – 9.10am
School closes for half term break	~	Friday 24 th October 3.15pm
School <u>closed</u> to pupils for staff training	~	Monday 3 rd November
School <u>opens</u> to pupils for Autumn Term 2	~	Tuesday 4 th November 8.50am