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Autumn Term

Newsletter 8

24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Half Term has finally arrived. Children return on WEDNESDAY 5th NOVEMBER.

Thank you for all your help and support through what has been an extremely challenging 8 weeks.

We must reflect all the successes achieved and keep further improving when we return. Over half-term, please be safe and with darker evenings, children **MUST** wear bright clothes!

Golden Mile

Despite the drizzly conditions, overall success with our first Golden Mile of the year. Strangely with 2 sharks at the start (former pupils dressed in inflatable costumes – thanks girls!) just to add to the occasion. Well done to all children who did extremely well and thank you to Mr Bawden and marshals who did a great job!



Positive visitor feedback!

This week, several headteachers and teachers have visited from other schools to see what we do. The feedback received has all been overwhelmingly positive! We offer such an excellent provision, and other schools want to learn from us! **My staff do a great job - our school continues to shine!**

Lyngford Park is the place to be!

FOOD TASTING – Huge Success

Thank you for the amazing number of parents who enjoyed the food tasting session, lead by our meal providers RD Johns this week. Feedback was very positive from all. **Genuinely, this is always the high standard of our meals.** Children appear to want chicken casserole every day now! Click on the link.

<https://rdjohns.co.uk/nourished-a-new-approach-to-seasonal-nutritious-school-menus>

Lockdown Drill – Successful

Children took part in a Drill early this week. We carry out both Lockdown Fire Drills on a termly basis to ensure we are prepared. A stray animal entering the site is used as the reason, knowing some of the older one know other threats. All were excellent. A sad reflection of the need to do this these days, but we must be prepared.

Year 6 SATs presentation – excellent attendance

Thank you for all who were able to attend the excellent SATs presentation delivered by Mr Upham and Mrs Loasby-Seal. We hope you found it helpful and have given you more understanding about the tests and how you can further support your child. Succeeding in the SATs will give your child more confidence when they move to Secondary School.



Poppies on Sale in Office

In preparation for Armistice Day (11th November), we are selling poppies and other related items in the office.



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Using kind words to solve problems

As a school we work hard to support children in all areas, a key area we are driving is for children to use kind words to solve problems. **Conflict resolution is a key skill all of us need in life to be successful.**

We have created a script we are using for all children throughout the school to follow, this is present within classes and on the playground.

It would also be useful to have up at home to support your children and provide a consistent approach (if you would like a copy of this script, please ask your child's class teacher). As adults we must teach the children these important skills for this to be successful, we must all model this. The script looks like this:

Using kind words to solve problems



How to kindly ask someone to stop

Steps	What to say?
1	Ask them kindly to stop " <u>can</u> you please stop"
2	Tell them how you are feeling "I feel sad/worried/cross"
3	Say what is making you feel that way? " <u>when</u> you push me/say I can't play/use those words"

How to respond when someone asks me to stop

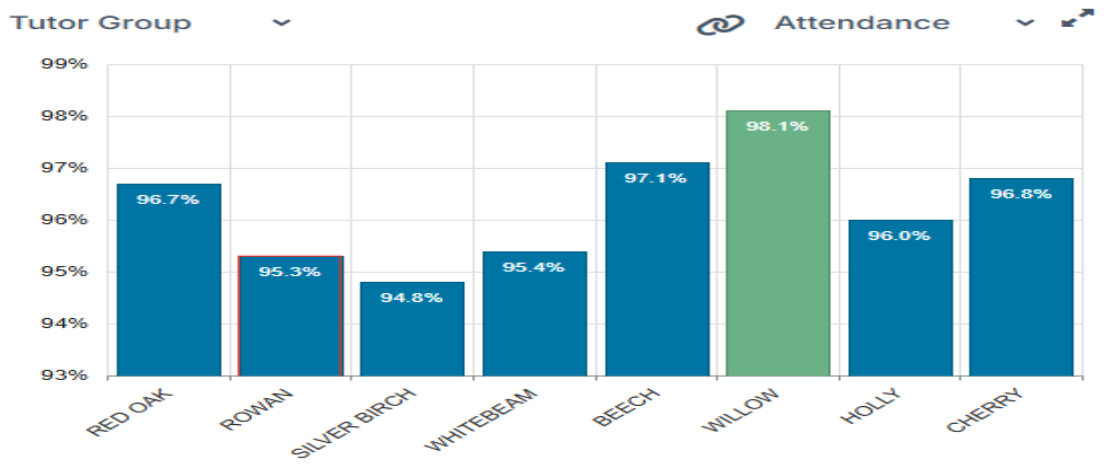
Steps	What to say/do?
1	Listen carefully Look at them and stop what you're doing.
2	Say sorry and show you have heard their concerns "I'm sorry I didn't realise it made you feel.... I'll stop" "I'm sorry I have upset you, I will stop now"
3	Stop the behaviour and offer words of kindness "Thanks for telling me, I will be more careful" "Are you okay now?" / "Shall we do.... instead"



Attendance – AMAZING! Overall, 96.2% Proud.

(We are above National Average)

Overall for this half-term: 1st Willow, 2nd Beech, 3rd Cherry and 4th Red Oak.





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School Lunches

Thank you to all the parents who have ordered dinners for the 5th, 6th and 7th November. The numbers are still lower than normal so a reminder - if you have forgotten to order dinners for these days then you will need to send your child in with a packed lunch.

Packed Lunches

Whilst our hot meals are nutritional and pass all food standard checks, it is concerning when we notice packed lunches which are not containing anything of much nutritional value. A healthy diet is directly linked to behaviour and concentration. [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#) For lots of great and cheap ideas!

PTFA

AMAZING DISCO SUCCESS LAST WEEK!

My thanks to the PTFA and my staff for their excellent effort at last Friday the school disco. All children seemed to enjoy themselves and top marks for the DJ too (although he had just returned from Yr6 residential!) The highlight was the excellent behaviour of all children – it made the event even more special – thank you!

Our PTFA need new members. They do an amazing job organising money raising events throughout the year and without them we wouldn't be able to hold the school discos and fayres the children enjoy so much. If you feel you would like to join the team, then please do contact the school or the PTFA direct via their facebook page. All help will be very much appreciated.

Hair colour - children

Please refrain from adding colour to children's hair - it distracts from them in smart uniform. Thank you.

Medication – a reminder

- If your child has a medical appointment, please call the office so we can update records.

Menu Design Competition - Reminder

Details on dojo and website. **Closing date is 14th November.**

Site Improvement works over half-term

It never stops - site improvement works continue during holidays:

- Our hall is having a new ceiling. (The floor is being stripped, sanded and resealed in February half-term)
- Foundations for a new shed are being prepared.
- On KS1 playground, the planters are being removed (they are rotten).
- Drainage is being improved along the KS2 playground (by the bottom gate).

For those who are off, have a lovely half-term. Don't forget, clocks go back (Fall back into Autumn) 1 hour on Sunday (1am), and **children return to school on Wednesday 5th November.**

Nick Arnold