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Newsletter – October 2026

⭐ Attendance: Thank You for Your Support

A huge **thank you** to all our families for your continued support with attendance. Every day in school really does matter, and it is lovely to see our children coming through the doors each morning ready to learn, see their friends and enjoy their day.

As we move into the colder months, we know that coughs, colds and runny noses become much more common. **NHS guidance says that children can usually still come to school with a slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.**

If your child is well enough, please continue to bring them into school. We often find that once children arrive, settle into their routine and see their friends, they are happy to be here. If your child becomes unwell during the school day, **we will of course contact you**.

You can find the NHS advice here: **Is my child too ill for school? – NHS**

Thank you for working with us to give our children the very best opportunity to **learn, belong and thrive**.

Information will be shared next week about our upcoming November attendance challenge.

🧸 Toys & Fidget Toys from Home

Please can we ask that children **do not bring toys or fidget toys into school from home**, particularly squishy or 'squishie' toys. We have plenty of toys and equipment in school for children to enjoy together at playtimes, so personal toys are best kept safe at home. Thank you for your support with this.

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🍎 Healthy Playtime Snacks

We have noticed that some of our **Key Stage 2 children** have been bringing in items such as **chocolate, crisps and large bags of sweets** for their morning playtime snack. Please remember that these items are **not allowed as playtime snacks in school**.

We want to encourage children to make healthy choices, so please send your child with a **healthy snack** for breaktime. KS2 children should bring in fruit or cereal bars (no nuts) to snack on at playtime.

We will also be **reviewing our approach to playtime snacks** and will share further information with families once this has been completed. Thank you for your support in helping us encourage **healthy habits and choices** for all our children.

🎃 Pumpkin Competition 🎃

Get creative because our **Pumpkin Competition** is back!

🗓️ **Thursday 22nd October**

🎃 Bring a **decorated/ carved pumpkin** to school and leave it around the sign at the **front of school**.

💷 **Entry: £1 per pumpkin (cash only)**

Your pumpkin can be **spooky, funny, colourful or completely imaginative**. We can't wait to see your creations!

🏆 We will judge the pumpkins and prizes will be awarded for the top three spooky designs

Good luck everyone and happy decorating! 🎃👻🕷️

👻 Halloween Disco 🎃

We are very excited for our **Halloween Discos!** Children are welcome to bring a Halloween costume to change into at school.

🎃 **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2**

🕑 **2.00pm – 3.15pm**

Please send your child's costume into school in a **named carrier bag**.

👻 **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6**

🕑 **3.15pm – 4.15pm**

Children should bring their costume into school in a **named bag** and will get changed ready for the disco. At **4.15pm**, children should be collected from their **classroom door**.

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🍖 Tuck Shop

There will be a tuck shop at the discos. If your child would like to buy something, please send their money in a **clearly labelled purse or wallet**.

We can't wait to see everyone's spooky costumes! 🦸 🦇 👻

Half Term Holidays

School closes for half term at 3.15pm on Thursday 22nd October.

School re-opens at 8.50am on 2nd November.

We hope you have a lovely break!

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