



6th September 2024

Dear Parents

Welcome back to you all, I hope that you have had a wonderful summer holiday. It has been lovely to welcome the children back and to see our youngest children start with us in Reception!

Attendance

You may have noticed in the news that schools are now expected to monitor children's attendance at school even more closely than before. Since the Pandemic, children's attendance at school has dipped dramatically and the impact of this on children's well being and life opportunities are immense.

We will be making swift contact with parents if their child's attendance starts to dip in order to prevent this dropping to a point where the child's well being and/or progress with their school work is being affected.

PLEASE ensure that your child is in school every day. If they are unwell, please remember to inform the school office by calling 01536 203805 OR reporting it on the My Child at School app. Please do not use Dojo to message your child's teacher regarding absences.

Term Dates

2024-25

School Opens to Pupils	School Closes to Pupils
Tuesday 3 rd September	Friday 18 th October
Monday 4 th November	Friday 20 th December
Monday 6 th January	Friday 14 th February
Monday 24 th February	Friday 4 th April
Tuesday 22 nd April	Friday 23 rd May
Monday 2 nd June	Thursday 24 th July
Staff Training Days	2 nd September 3 rd January 7 th April 27th June – in the middle of the term. 25 th July



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Events This Term

Day/Date	Information
Friday 12th September	Roald Dahl Day: The PTA will be hosting a 'Wonka Bar' sale in school. Children will have the chance to pre order a chocolate bar for £2 with the chance of winning a prize if they find a special ticket in the chocolate bar! These will need to be PRE ORDERED via My Child at School and all proceeds will be going to the PTA.
Saturday 21st September	Open morning for parents looking for a Reception Place for September 2025.
Week Beginning 30th September	Year 6 Assembly and MacMillan Coffee Morning – date to be announced.
Wednesday 2nd October	Year 4 trip to the Theatre
Saturday 5th October	PTA are hosting a Car Boot Sale on the school playground for £5 per pitch. More details to follow.
Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th October	Parents' Evenings 3.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 9th October	4-5pm: Opening evening for parents looking for a Reception Place for September 2025
Friday 18th October	Half Term
Monday 4th November	Children return to school

Staffing

We have welcomed two new teachers to our team. Miss Geraldine Ludlow has joined us from St. Brendan's to teach in Year One. Miss Francesca Johnson has come from Corby Primary Academy to teach in Year Six.

I am delighted to let you know that Miss Lawrie has had her baby! A little girl named Rosie, we wish the new family all the very best. We also congratulate Mr. Clark our P.E. teacher who has become the father of a little boy called Henry.

Governors

We current have some vacancies on our local Governing Body. We are seeking to recruit a parent governor representative and a Foundation Governor. A Foundation Governor needs to be someone who is not directly related to any employees at the school and regularly attends church and who would be able to provide a character reference from their Parish Priest.

If you might be interested in either of these roles, please don't hesitate to speak with me, or contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs. Donna Gallagher on dgallagher@olicatschools.org



Sporting Information

We have many competitions coming up this half term:-

Year 5/6 Football tournament: - Thursday 19th September at Tresham College. 1.30pm-3.30pm

Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby:- Wednesday 9th October at Brooke Weston. 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

KS2 Cross Country:- Wednesday 16th October at West Glebe field. 10.30am - 3pm.

This half term Year 4 and 6 will be enjoying cricket coaching on a Friday. Sessions begin on Friday 13th September.

Chance to shine cricket will be running a playground leadership course for our Year 5 children. We have 15 places available. Please contact Mrs Wilson if your child is in Year 5 and interested in taking part. This course will run on a Friday after school for three weeks on the following dates: - 20th, 27th of September and 4th October.

Chance to shine will also run a cricket club for the last two weeks of term! More info on this to follow!

Sports Clubs this half term will commence on Tuesday 17th September. This half term we will be offering:

Tuesday - Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby

Wednesday: FS, Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics (with the help of our sports crew)

Thursday - KS2 Cross country club

Clubs are bookable through the MCAS APP.

LM academy begin their afterschool clubs on Monday 9th September.

KS2 - Monday after school 3.15-4.15pm

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - Friday after school 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

Follow the link to book places!

<https://lmacademy.org.uk/school-clubs-camps/>

Finally, our Year 5 children have begun their swimming lessons. We wish them the best of luck as they continue on their swimming journey.



Uniform

A reminder that the school uniform is as follows:

- White or light blue shirt
- Tie (optional for children in Reception and Years 1 and 2)
- **Grey** trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore.
- School jumpers or cardigans
- Plain black shoes – no trainers and no logos
- Blue and white dresses during the warmer months
- Grey tights; grey or white socks

P.E. Kit:

It has been lovely to see some of the children looking so smart in the new P.E. uniform. Parents are welcome to continue using 'old' PE kit until their child has outgrown the current one. The new P.E. kit consists of:

- Dark blue polo shirt with school logo
- Dark blue shorts
- Dark blue jogging bottoms for colder months
- Plimsoles
- Trainers for outdoor sports
- Please remember that the children cannot wear earrings during P.E. lessons and should be able to remove them themselves.

Please let us know if there is a reason why your child is not in the designated uniform and we will do our best to support. Uniform, including the new P.E. kit can be purchased online using [this link](#).

Kind regards

Mrs. Hayes