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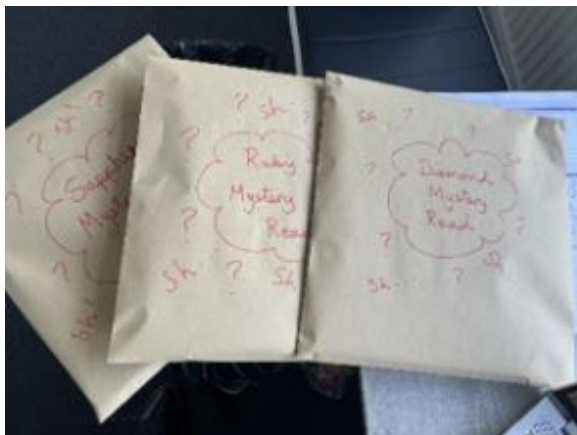
Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to school! The children have all settled into their new classes, and learning is well under way. We are enjoying a fabulous start to a great school year to come. Please check the following dates carefully as this is a busy half term.

Harvest Festival 28/9/26



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Festival in church. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together through songs, poems and prayers to celebrate this important time of year.

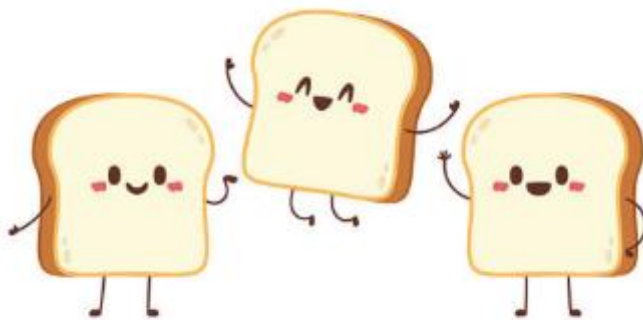
We would also like to thank families for their generous donations of canned goods for the local food bank. Your kindness and support will make a real difference to members of our local community, and we are very grateful for your contributions.



The National Year of Reading 2026

We are continuing our support for The National Year of Reading 2026. It is a UK-wide campaign designed to inspire people of all ages to discover the joy of reading and make it part of everyday life. If your child brings home a 'Mystery Read' book please share it with them and do a little review in the notebook. Bring it back to pass on and please keep it secret from the class! We are also taking part in the National Poetry Day 1/10/26 with the theme this year of 'Wonder'. <https://forwardartsfoundation.org/national-poetry-day/> Please see the dates below for visiting your child's class to share story time. Happy reading everyone!

Toasty Thursday



Last year, our Year 3/4 pupils raised money for a local charity as part of the Young Leaders Award. Through this project, they developed a greater understanding of their place in the world and how their actions can make a positive difference to others.

This year, we are delighted to extend our Young Leaders initiative to all pupils across the school. Each term, the children will choose a charity to support and will lead fundraising activities to help make a positive impact in the wider community. Through this, we hope to encourage empathy, compassion and social responsibility. To support this fundraising initiative, toast will be available to purchase every Thursday break time, starting on Thursday 8th October. Toast will cost 30p per slice (maximum of two slices per child) and will be prepared by Rob and Sue in the kitchen.

As a special treat, on the last Thursday of each half term, children will be able to purchase a sausage sandwich for £1.50 instead of toast.

We hope you will support this initiative, helping our pupils to develop empathy, compassion and a sense of responsibility towards others while raising money for worthwhile causes chosen by the children.



The Spelling Bee

This year, we are focusing on improving our spelling skills. We are holding a Spelling Bee to improve confidence in spelling. Please look out for a letter confirming when the spelling bee will take place, along with a list of tricky words for your child to learn during the term. Certificates and bee-themed prizes will be awarded. Good luck spellers!

Growth Mindset Afternoon 5/10/26

Key Stage 2 are looking forward to an afternoon creating art and learning all about Growth Mindset in a wellbeing art session with 'The Doodle Bug'. They will learn valuable messages of resilience and perseverance that they can apply to their learning throughout the year.

Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

We are delighted to let you know that this year we will be visiting Buxton Opera House on Monday 14th December to watch the afternoon performance of Sleeping Beauty. This promises to be a wonderful festive experience for the children and an exciting opportunity to enjoy a traditional pantomime together. We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of School, whose fundraising efforts have made this trip possible. Their generous support will cover the cost of the entire event, including coach transport, meaning there will be no cost to families. We are incredibly grateful for all they do to enrich the children's experiences.

Autumn Term Dates for your Diary:

- Thursdays, Y3/4 swimming
- 28/9/26 Harvest Festival 9:15 am in church
- 29/9/26 Children's flu vaccination
- 19/10/26 + 7/12/26 + 8/2/27 + 15/3/27 + 24/5/27 + 12/7/27 Story time in school 3pm
- 1/10/26 National Poetry Day and start of Black History Month
- 1/10/26 Lady Manners Open Evening
- 5/10/26 Doodle Bug visit to KS2
- 10/10/26 The Tideswell Fell Race
- 12/10/26 Parent/carers evenings take place
- 15/10/26 family and individual school photos
- 26/10/26- 1/11/26 HALF TERM BREAK
- 2/11/25 INSET DAY, no pupils in school

- 16/11/26 Anti-Bullying Week
- 19/11/26 School disco
- 20/11/26 FoS Uniform sale 2.40pm
- 27/11/26 Christingle Service 2pm
- 9/12/26 9.30am and 6pm Diamond class production
- 14/12/26 Visit to Buxton opera house
- 18/12/26 Finish for Christmas -class parties and visit from Father Christmas

More dates to follow.

If you have concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

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Fiona Hall- Head of School