



RECEPTION AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 1



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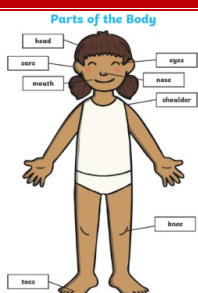
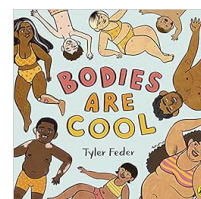
JUNIOR, INFANT
& NURSERY SCHOOL

Welcome to the start of a new school year and your child's first experience of full-time education. We will do our utmost to help them settle into school life and achieve their potential academically, as well as socially and emotionally.

Please contact school if you have any concerns or questions.

Our Topic

Our first topic for the new school year is 'I wonder who we are?' It would be fantastic if you could support your child with relevant conversations about your own family and the roles that people play within it. Our key Canon books this half term will include **Bodies are cool, My family, Your Family, It's a no money day.** We will be discussing our own families and the families of others. As historians, we will create our own personal timeline and discuss how we have changed over time. Then as geographers we will investigate our local area by discussing maps of school and our wider community. As artists we will then create self-portraits and discuss what makes us unique.



MCAS

At Orchard Head we use a digital platform known as MCAS. This is a communication platform for anything and everything that goes on around school. Any important notices will be announced through this platform. Those new to school will need to make sure they have downloaded and logged into the app. You should receive an email with login information. If you have any problems accessing the app, please do see a member of the admin staff in the office.

PE Information

Children will need to come dressed in PE kits on Fridays, **starting from Friday 19th September.** PE kits should include a white round neck t-shirt, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers (preferably velcro).

Homework – W/C 29/09/25

Every child will soon be given a plastic wallet containing phonics and number sheets, which should be returned to school every day. Please support your child with these at home and encourage a love of stories by sharing a bedtime story every night. Once children have settled in school, we will also introduce a library system for you to borrow a wider selection of books to share at home.

Key information

Please make sure that all items of clothing/belongings are labelled with your child's name. Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of unflavoured still water each day. Fruit snacks are usually available at school each day. Please note that for safety reasons any grapes must be cut in half lengthways before being sent into school for snacks or in packed lunches and no items can be brought into school that contain nuts.

Due to a number of allergies within the setting it is vital that any snacks brought into school are fruit only.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's progress and learning.
Feel free to arrange an appointment to discuss anything if necessary.

Mrs Stubbs, Mrs Taylor, Miss Clements, Mrs Smith, Miss Rowbottom.



Autumn Term Diary Dates 2025

September

Tuesday 16 th September	EYFS Phonic Parent Meeting 5-5.30pm
Thursday 18 th September	Year 1 Phonics Parents Meeting 5-5.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd September	Meet the Teacher 4-5pm
Thursday 25 September	KS2 Cross Country competition
Friday 26 th September	European Language Day
Monday 29 th September	EYFS Autumn Harvest Workshop with Parents 2-3pm
Tuesday 30 th September	KS1 Autumn Harvest Workshop with Parents 2-3pm

October

Wednesday 1 st October	LKS2 Autumn Harvest Workshop with Parents 2-3pm
Thursday 2 nd October	UKS2 Autumn Harvest Workshop with Parents 2-3pm
Wednesday 8 th October	Y5/6 Football Festival
Wednesday 8 th October	SEND Parent Meetings 3.30-6pm
Friday 10 th October	Mental Health Day
Tuesday 14 th October	Individual School Photos
Wednesday 15 th October	SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am
Thursday 16 th October	Y5/6 Boys Football Competition
Tuesday 21 st October	Diwali
Thursday 23 rd October	Y5/6 Boys Football Competition
Friday 24 th October	Half Term Holiday begins (one week)

November

Monday 3 rd November	Inset Day – School Closed to children
Tuesday 4 th November	First Day of Autumn term 2
Monday 10 th November	EYFS Open Classroom 2.45-3.15pm
Tuesday 11 th November	KS1 Open Classroom 2.45-3.15pm
Tuesday 11 th November	Armistice Day
Wednesday 12 th November	UKS2 Open Classroom 2.45-3.15pm
Thursday 13 th November	UKS2 Open Classroom 2.45-3.15pm
Thursday 13 th November	Y3/4 Football Festival
Wednesday 19 th November	International Men's Day
Thursday 20 th November	Reading by Fire Side 4.45-5.45pm
Friday 21 st November	Non-uniform for the Christmas fair
Friday 21 st November	Children In Need Bake Sale
Thursday 27 th November	Y5/6 Active Curriculum Festival

December

Thursday 4 th December	Christmas Fair 2-3.30pm
Wednesday 10 th December	KS1 Football Skills Festival
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15 th December	EYFS Nativity 9.30am
Monday 15 th December	EYFS Nativity 5pm
Tuesday 16 th December	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Tuesday 16 th December	KS1 Nativity 5pm
Wednesday 17 th December	KS2 Christmas Carols
Thursday 18 th December	Present delivered by Santa
Thursday 18 th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Parties
Friday 19 th December	Start of Christmas Holiday