



UPPER KEY STAGE 2 AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 1



Having just started a new school year, we have been extremely impressed with the dedication of our UKS2 cohort to re-establish our school routines, show dedication to their learning and work together to keep each other safe in school.

All the adults in UKS2 have noticed how well the children have settled into their new classes and how they have worked as a team to display a superb attitude to learning. As we continue through the Autumn term, we are keen to maintain and develop the excellent standards displayed so far.

Reading, Writing, Maths and Science

We are starting the new term with a brand new text, 'Cosmic', which all our curriculum will be centred around. In our writing lessons, we will be focusing on developing our spelling and grammar skills through genre writing. We will begin by writing a letter of complaint, moving onto a persuasive leaflet; all based around the themes and characters of 'Cosmic'. In Maths lessons, Year 5 will be building upon their place value knowledge to understand negative numbers and rounding, whilst

Year 6 will be understanding the place value of numbers up to 1 million before applying their place value knowledge to multiplication and division. In Science, we will be learning about the Solar System, including the features of the main planets, how the Earth orbits the Sun and importance of light and dark within the universe.

We will be focusing on using scientific vocabulary to describe out-of-this-world concepts and debate scientific space theories.



Curriculum

In History, we will be learning about the space race and its importance within the period of the Cold War. The children will be able to order events chronologically, as well as studying historical sources and evaluating their reliability. In Geography, we will be learning suitable locations for a rocket launch. The children will explore the human and physical features of various locations across the globe using various geographical resources.

During our Computing lessons, we will be exploring the importance of a 'digital footprint' to build awareness of using the internet safely and apps. In addition to this, in PSHE children will explore online and offline discrimination to understand the importance of treating themselves and others with respect.

PE Information

Class 5 - Thursday

Class 5/6 - Friday

Class 6 - Tuesday

Children will come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days. Please ensure kits are fully labelled and follow the school uniform guidance.

Key dates

Homework due on Mondays (extra dojos for bringing back early)

Trip details for this term will be communicated in the coming weeks via MCAS.

Please see the school calendar below.

Homework

Homework will continue to be provided on a weekly basis. Each child will receive their homework on a Tuesday, and it is expected to be returned on a Monday. If returned on time, each child will be awarded with 2 dojo points.

Homework consists of 5 spellings, maths, reading and grammar to ensure our children are retaining the skills they are learning. Please also encourage your child to read each day as this can have a huge impact on your child's learning and progression.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's progress and learning.

Feel free to arrange an appointment to discuss anything if necessary.



Miss Kinlough, Miss Leyland-Brown and Mr Bayliss

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 29th 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	LKS2 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