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Newsletter

Friday 6th November • Autumn Term 2026

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Philippians 4:13

UPDATES

Celebrating Diwali



Today we celebrated Diwali – the Festival of Lights! We welcomed an external company into school to deliver Indian drumming workshops for children across the whole school. The children had the opportunity to experience traditional Indian rhythms and learn about different drumming techniques. Another workshop focused on the story of Diwali**,** where the children discovered why people celebrate the victory of good over evil and light over darkness. The children designed and created their own cards to share. They created and decorated boxes, inspired by the tradition of giving gifts and sharing sweets with loved ones during Diwali. The children also had the opportunity to explore Indian food and traditions by making traditional sweets.















Christmas Artwork

If you have purchased any cards or gifts through the Cauliflower Cards website, please remember to return your child's artwork to school, along with the completed form, by Monday 9th November at the latest, to ensure it can be sent off for printing.

Breakfast Club – Thursday 12th November

We will be hosting a special surprise activity during Breakfast Club on Thursday 12th November, in support of the Children in Need appeal. Any children wishing to take part are asked to bring a spare pair of trainers if Thursday is not their usual PE day.



Children in Need - Friday 13th November

Next week on Friday 13th November, it is 'Children in Need Day'. As such, our School Council has discussed and decided upon the following events to raise money for this worthy charity.

1. Wear non–uniform for a donation of £1 or more. Children could come dressed in the colours of Pudsey Bear or spots. Pudsey T-shirts can also be worn – shop bought or homemade designs.

2. Cake Sale. Please bring in shop bought or home-made cakes to be sold during the school day, between 20p – 50p.

3. Pudsey Bear - Design-a-T-shirt competition. Prizes will be awarded for the best in each year group.

For this day to be the very best it can be and to raise the most money we can - we need your help and support.

What You Can Do:

1. Shop bought or home-made cakes for selling would be greatly appreciated. For health and safety reasons, we kindly request that any home-made cakes brought in for the sale include a list of ingredients. This helps us ensure the safety of children with allergies and dietary restrictions. As you are aware, there are children in school with severe nut allergies – so please kindly check the ingredients before sending them into school. Thank you.

2. Provide your child with money to spend on cakes and a £1 non-uniform donation.

3. Wear a T-shirt (any colour) designed at home, around the Children in Need theme. Felt tip pen works well, fabric pens will produce longer lasting results but are not necessary.

Thank you in advance for your support. We're excited to make this fundraiser a success and a memorable, enjoyable day for the children.

Odd Socks Day – Monday 16th November

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and reminds us that being different is something to be proud of. Together, we can celebrate individuality, kindness, respect, and inclusion for everyone. On Odd Socks Day, we're encouraging everyone to wear their brightest, funniest, and most mismatched socks to school. Be proud of who you are. Stand up to bullying. Celebrate what makes you unique.



Operation Christmas Child

We are delighted that one of our Year 6 pupils, Ruth**,** is taking the lead in organising our school's involvement in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is an opportunity to spread kindness and Christmas joy to children around the world who may otherwise receive very little. The idea is simple: fill a shoebox with small gifts such as toys, stationery, personal care items and other treats, which will then be sent to a child overseas. We are incredibly proud of Ruth for showing such initiative and enthusiasm in leading this project and helping our school community make a difference.

If you have collected an empty shoebox from school, here's what you need to do:

1. Fill your shoebox with a selection of suitable gifts for a boy or girl in one of the following age groups: 2–4, 5–9 or 10–14 years.
2. Include a mixture of items such as small toys, cuddly toys, colouring pencils, notebooks, pens, hats, gloves, socks and other fun surprises.
3. Please check the Operation Christmas Child guidelines before packing, as some items cannot be included, including sweets, toothpaste, soap, liquids and toy weapons.
4. Once packed, secure your box with an elastic band (rather than wrapping paper) so that it can be checked before dispatch.
5. Please return your completed shoebox to school by Monday 16th November
6. A suggested contribution of £5 per shoebox helps cover the costs of processing and transporting the gifts.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to one of our Year 5 parents, Mr Cliff, who kindly volunteered his time and skills to repair an area of fencing on the junior playground this week. His support helps us to maintain a safe and secure environment.

Have Your Say – Ofsted Parent View

A big thank you to all the parents who have already taken the time to complete the Ofsted Parent View survey. We really appreciate your feedback and support. If you haven't had a chance to complete the survey yet, we would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to share your views about our school. Your feedback is valuable in helping us celebrate what we do well and identify areas where we can continue to improve. Thank you once again for your time and continued support. You can complete the survey here: https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/

Poppy Appeal

Our School Council will continue to sell a selection of items next week to raise money for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal Items include poppies, zip pulls, reflector poppies, wristbands and snap bands. Please bring your exact donation amount in a named envelope.

- Zip pull – suggested donation 50p
- Pencil - suggested donation 50p
- Reflector poppy – suggested donation 50p
- Wristband – suggested donation £1
- Snap band – suggested donation £1.50



Winter Uniform Reminder

Our winter uniform is should now be worn, this applies to PE uniform. Jogging bottoms should be worn instead of shorts. Please refer to the uniform guidance below to ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform and appropriate clothing for the winter term. Thank you for helping us maintain our school uniform standards.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast Club Our Breakfast Club is free of charge**.** Children may be dropped off between 8:00am and 8:20am**.** There is no need to book in advance**.** Breakfast is served until 8:20am. This allows children time to eat, get settled and be ready for the start of the school day at 8:50am**.** If your child arrives after 8:20am**,** please wait at the main gate, which will open at 8:40am**.**

After School Club Our After School Club will continue to be run by ClubsComplete**,** Monday to Friday, with booking options between 3:30pm and 6:00pm**.** Bookings for After School Club should be made directly through the ClubsComplete website**.**

Safeguarding - School Drop-off and Pick-up

We would like to remind all parents about the importance of parking safely and considerately during school drop-off and pick-up times. We strongly encourage use of the Village Hall car park or Brookfield. These areas provide safer alternatives and help to keep the area around the school clear. The school car park should not be used.

School Uniform



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
Friday 13th November	Children in Need
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day
Friday 20th November	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for chocolate
Friday 27th November	PTA Chocolate Bingo event – Details to follow

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