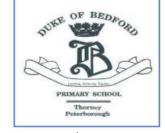


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Monday 28th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first few weeks of term have certainly been busy and the children have settled back into school brilliantly. Our Year 6 buddies have made great relationships with their reception partners and it has been wonderful to see them playing together and helping our youngest children to find their way around the school. The

### **Building**

The builders have continued to work on the classroom capacity of the school and we are now at a point where the main build is completed and we are fitting the building out with the tech and furniture needed. Inside the classrooms are bright and airy and we are looking forward to starting to use them soon.



### **PFSA**

The PFSA recently held their AGM and we are incredibly grateful for their support. If you are interested in being involved with the PFSA please do get in touch. There are lots of events being planned and will keep you updated with details as they are finalised. Children will be pleased to hear that the discos will continue this year and there are also plans for more events for the whole family. With fundraising for play and lunch equipment a priority this year we know that all these events will have an impact on all the children at the school and pre school.

# **Lost Property**



We already have a large volume of Lost Property accumulating. Anything with a name in we do our best to return but the majority of these items aren't named. Please remember to name all items of uniform and keep checking that the names have not come out. We constantly remind children to put jumpers and cardigans in trays or bags but inevitably some do get misplaced and they are much easier to return when they are labelled.

### **Nut free**

Recently the school has seen an increase in the number of children being diagnosed with a nut allergy. As you are aware, a nut allergy can be serious and sadly sometimes fatal for those who experience an Anaphylactic shock after exposure to nuts. After each allergic reaction, people can become more sensitive and the reaction can become more severe. Environmental exposure can also cause a reaction.



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No nuts or nut products are allowed in school. Whilst we can't inspect every child's lunchbox, we respectfully ask for all parents' cooperation with this. We politely request that parents avoid sending loose nuts, peanut butter, Nutella/nut-based sandwich spreads or cereal bars with nuts or any other product with nuts into school in their children's lunchboxes.

## **Open Classrooms**

Our first Open Classroom events were a huge success, with lots of parents and carers joining us to share the children's learning. We are always pleased to be able to welcome you into school and hope you also take something away from the sessions. One of our focuses this term is on reading and the benefits that reading has not just on academic achievement but also on mental health and wellbeing. Take a look at the research from the BookTrust

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/resources/reading-benefits/

### **Hello Yellow**

Once again this year we will be supporting Young Minds by wearing an item of yellow clothing on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Raising awareness of the work that Young Minds does in supporting both young people and adults to care for and understand mental health challenges. Please take a look at their website for more information and to access a range of resources. https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/event/hello-yellow/about

## **Sporting News**

This year we are continuing to take part in the SOKE partnership events with AMVC. These events provide opportunities for the children to take part in competitive events and also to try new sports with the support of sports leaders from AMVC. Last week we took over 40 children to take part in the Cross Country event, running 1.9 km our children exhibited determination and resilience. All the children who took part should be very proud of their own personal achievements. The Year 3/4 boys team came away with a silver team medal and Louis Hart also achieved an individual silver medal in the Year 5/6 boys event. Well done everyone!

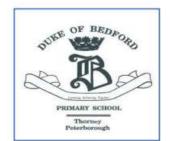
Kind regards, Mrs Hales



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## **Dates for the Diary**

10<sup>th</sup> October Hello Yellow day

15<sup>th</sup> October Individual School Photos

21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October Parents Evenings

22<sup>nd</sup> October Open afternoon for Sept 2026 New starters 1:30 – 3:00

23<sup>rd</sup> October Harvest Celebration

24<sup>th</sup> October End of Term

3<sup>rd</sup> November Start of Term 2

9<sup>th</sup> December Provisional Matinee Christmas performance
9<sup>th</sup> December Provisional Evening Christmas performance
11<sup>th</sup> December Provisional Morning Christmas performance
18<sup>th</sup> December Christingle at the Abbey (Year 6 parents invited)

19<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of Term

5<sup>th</sup> January Professional Day 3
6<sup>th</sup> January Start of Term 3
Week begin 12<sup>th</sup> January Open classrooms
28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January Year 4 residential
10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February Parents Evenings
13<sup>th</sup> February End of Term

23<sup>rd</sup> February Start of Term 4 27<sup>th</sup> March End of Term

13<sup>th</sup> April Start of Term 5 Week beg 20<sup>th</sup> April Open Classrooms 11<sup>th</sup> May to 14<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 SATs 22<sup>nd</sup> May End of Term

1st JuneProfessional Day 42nd JuneStart of Term 6

2<sup>nd</sup> June Year 4 MT check window opens 8<sup>th</sup> June Year 1 Phonics check window opens

16<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Leavers Service at Thorney Abbey (Year 6 parents invited)

17<sup>th</sup> July End of Term 6
 20<sup>th</sup> July Professional Day 5