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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 10th 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 th October	Hello Yellow day
15 th October	Individual School Photos
21 st and 23 rd October	Parents Evenings
22 nd October	Open afternoon for Sept 2026 New starters 1:30 – 3:00
23 rd October	Harvest Celebration
24 th October	End of Term
3 rd November	Start of Term 2
9 th December	Provisional Matinee Christmas performance
9 th December	Provisional Evening Christmas performance
11 th December	Provisional Morning Christmas performance
18 th December	Christingle at the Abbey (Year 6 parents invited)
19 th December	Last Day of Term
5 th January	Professional Day 3
6 th January	Start of Term 3
Week begin 12 th January	Open classrooms
28 th to 30 th January	Year 4 residential
10 th and 12 th February	Parents Evenings
13 th February	End of Term
23 rd February	Start of Term 4
27 th March	End of Term
13 th April	Start of Term 5
Week beg 20 th April	Open Classrooms
11 th May to 14 th May	Year 6 SATs
22 nd May	End of Term
1 st June	Professional Day 4
2 nd June	Start of Term 6
2 nd June	Year 4 MT check window opens
8 th June	Year 1 Phonics check window opens
16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service at Thorney Abbey (Year 6 parents invited)
17 th July	End of Term 6
20 th July	Professional Day 5