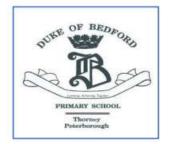


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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just like that the Summer Holidays have come to an end and the new school year has started. It was fabulous to see so many children returning to school this week with a smile and a bounce in their step. All the children settled very quickly into their new classes and have been renewing old friendships and making some new ones too. While the weather at times has been rather inclement this week, we have all adapted quickly and I wanted to thank you for your flexibility when we had to change exits quickly due to the flooding of the playground! One of the wonderful things about the Duke of Bedford is the real sense of community that we feel from our children and families and we are very grateful for your continued support. We can't wait to support the children on the next step of their school journey and look forward to sharing their learning with you throughout the year.

#### **Building**

As you are aware we have had the builders (carpenters, electricians, plumbers and every other trade possible) in over the Summer. The refurbishment of the boys, girls and EYFS toilets is now complete and we expect the new mobile classrooms to be completed by the end of September.

The toilets are clean, light and bright and have been modernised and expanded with more cubicles and urinals. We have spoken to the children about being respectful of these and all other rooms and property and I know that they have been trying very hard with this.





We will continue to upgrade and modernise over the coming year to ensure our children have a wonderful learning environment to be in.

#### **Uniform**

It was great to see the children returning to school looking so smart, we know that school uniform shopping is always quite stressful. Should you find yourself short of any items or just want a spare we do have some second hand items. There have inevitably been some lost jumpers already this week but we have been able to reunite most with their owners as they were named. For those children who wear earrings, please remember these should be small studs and not hoops and must be removed for PE and swimming. Class teachers will be communicating these days to you, for some children it is easier for them to come without earrings that day, for those who can take them out and put them back in please send a small box or bag with them so they can be kept safe during the PE session.

#### **Open Classrooms**

Our first Open Classroom events are coming up soon and details of these will be shared early next week. We look forward to welcoming you into school and continuing our partnership in learning.

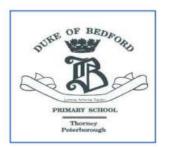
Kind regards, Mrs Hales



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### **Dates for the Diary**

1st SeptemberProfessional Day 12nd SeptemberProfessional Day 2

3<sup>rd</sup> September Start of Term 1 for children

Week begin 15<sup>th</sup> September Open classrooms (details to follow)

25<sup>th</sup> September Open morning for Sept 2026 New starters 10:00 – 11:30

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



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