

— 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025 —



# Parent Newsletter

| The Bluecoat School |

**Be Responsible - Be Independent - Be Resilient**



As we move into the second half of the Autumn Term, we're reflecting and celebrating the first half term, in which we were lucky enough to welcome Mr Welsh (a student social worker who is with us until April) and four student teachers who joined us to learn from our teaching staff and gain experience working with our children.

The children have really enjoyed showing them around and helping them settle in – we know the student teachers had a brilliant time with us, so much so that we will welcome more student teachers to learn from our excellent practice in February.

In addition to all the learning and experiences that took place, we also got to welcome back some old friends too - a special highlight was seeing Mr Rankin, who came to say 'hello' and lead a fun filled singing assembly.

Thank you, Mr Rankin, for making a special visit back to us and bringing your guitar too!

We know this half term is going to be fabulous with the run up to Christmas and events such as the whole school trip to the pantomime and the Year  $\frac{3}{4}$  trip to Stanwick lakes so please make sure to follow us on Facebook to keep up with all the latest happenings!





In the first half of the Autumn Term, the children have engaged enthusiastically in a variety of activities, including swimming lessons, visits to the allotment, library trips, learning first aid techniques (like how to bandage), Hello Yellow day in which we focused on looking after our own and each other's mental health, our community Colour Run and a number of educational visits. We are extremely proud of the effort and enthusiasm all children demonstrated in Autumn 1.

Here are just a few highlights!





## Year 6 Water Safety – Swimming in Pyjamas!

Our Year 6 students took part in a special Water Safety lesson during their swimming session – and yes, that meant swimming in their pyjamas!

The aim of this lesson was to help students understand what it might feel like to be in the water unexpectedly while wearing clothes. They learned important survival skills such as:

- How to stay calm and float to conserve energy
- Safe ways to move through the water while clothed
- Techniques for helping themselves and others in an emergency

Our swimmers showed great effort, enthusiasm, and maturity as they practised these vital life-saving skills. It was an eye-opening experience and an important reminder about how to stay safe around water.

A big thank-you to our swimming instructors and teachers for leading this valuable session – and well done to Year 6 for diving into the challenge with confidence and care!





## Nursery

Nursery has been full of fun, learning, and creativity! We took part in a lovely walk to the library, where we enjoyed reading stories and singing songs – we were so lucky to have lots of parents join us. Children visited the allotment and made fantastic leaf caterpillars using natural materials. The next day was all about fine motor skills as the children finished their caterpillars and made delicious jam sandwiches, carefully spreading the butter and jam themselves. The following day, we got creative building stick houses with playdough, and some children even made little campfires with sticks, pretending to toast marshmallows together – it was wonderful imaginative play! Finally, we took our learning outside, building houses and pretending to be the Big Bad Wolf to see who could blow the houses down. It's been a fantastic week of exploring, making, and imagining together.





## Year 1 and 2 Get Creative in DT!

Our Year 1 and 2 pupils have been busy in Design and Technology making fruit cups! The children have been learning important food preparation skills – practising how to peel, slice, and chop a variety of fruits safely.

They also learned how to use the bridge hold to cut food carefully and confidently. Everyone worked really hard and showed great teamwork and independence. The best part? Enjoying their delicious and colourful fruit creations at the end!

Well done, Year 1 and 2 – you've shown that healthy eating can be fun and tasty! 🍓🍌🍇

## Events coming up



🎉 Calling All Nursery, EYFS, and KS1 Parents! 🎉

Get ready for some fun – our exciting events are just around the corner, and everybody's welcome! So, tell your friends and family, and come join the smiles, laughs, and memories waiting to be made!





## After School Clubs – Places Still Available!

We still have spaces available in our exciting after school clubs! Here's what's on offer each day:

Monday – Netball

Tuesday – Football

Wednesday – Art

Thursday – Gymnastics

Friday – Glow in the Dark Golf

To book a place, please use the Kids Club booking system. If you need any help or have questions, feel free to contact the school office.

**Football Club**  
EVERY TUESDAY - 4:30PM  
GOAL!  
OPEN TO EVERYONE

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A poster for the Football Club. It features a blue background with a red and white checkered pattern in the top right corner. The title 'Football Club' is written in a large, stylized, red and white font. Below the title, it says 'EVERY TUESDAY - 4:30PM' and 'GOAL!' in a red, jagged font. There are several circular images showing children playing football on a field. A central image shows a player in a red jersey kicking a ball. The text 'OPEN TO EVERYONE' is in the top right. The Meridian Trust logo is in the bottom left.

**GLOW IN THE DARK GOLF**  
EVERY FRIDAY - 4:30PM  
OPEN TO EVERYONE

COME AND JOIN THE FUN:

- GLOW IN THE DARK BALLS
- NEON LIGHTS
- GLOW STICKS

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A poster for Glow in the Dark Golf. It has a dark blue background with green and purple neon light effects. The title 'GLOW IN THE DARK GOLF' is in large, white, bold letters. Below it, it says 'EVERY FRIDAY - 4:30PM' and 'OPEN TO EVERYONE'. There are silhouettes of people golfing with glowing clubs and balls. A list of activities is provided: 'COME AND JOIN THE FUN: GLOW IN THE DARK BALLS, NEON LIGHTS, GLOW STICKS'. The Meridian Trust logo is in the top left.

**GYMNASTICS Club**  
EVERY THURSDAY - 4:30PM  
OPEN TO EVERYONE

- Fundamental gymnastics skills (balances, rolls, jumps)
- Floor routines and tumbling
- Vault introduction and safe landings
- Wall-bar exercises (swings, hangs, grips)
- Flexibility and stretching practice
- Strength-building activities

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A poster for the Gymnastics Club. It has a dark blue background with a red and white checkered pattern in the top right corner. The title 'GYMNASTICS Club' is in large, white, bold letters. Below it, it says 'EVERY THURSDAY - 4:30PM' and 'OPEN TO EVERYONE'. There are several circular images showing children practicing gymnastics on a mat and on a wall bar. A list of activities is provided: 'Fundamental gymnastics skills (balances, rolls, jumps), Floor routines and tumbling, Vault introduction and safe landings, Wall-bar exercises (swings, hangs, grips), Flexibility and stretching practice, Strength-building activities'. The Meridian Trust logo is in the top left.

**COME & JOIN Netball**  
EVERY MONDAY - 4:30PM  
OPEN TO EVERYONE

Ready, Net, Go!

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A poster for the Netball Club. It has a dark blue background with a red and white checkered pattern in the top right corner. The title 'COME & JOIN Netball' is in large, white, bold letters. Below it, it says 'EVERY MONDAY - 4:30PM' and 'OPEN TO EVERYONE'. There are several circular images showing children playing netball. A central image shows a player in a grey jersey celebrating. The text 'Ready, Net, Go!' is in a red, cursive font. The Meridian Trust logo is in the bottom left.

# CALENDAR DATES

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- 11<sup>th</sup> November - Year 5/6 swimming
- 12<sup>th</sup> November - Open Morning 9:30am-10:30am.
- 13<sup>th</sup> November - Year 3&4 Stanwick Lakes trip.
- 21<sup>st</sup> November - EYFS event - light up the sky.
- 11<sup>th</sup> December - whole school pantomime
- 18<sup>th</sup> December - swimming Gala
- 19<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term

# Parent Reminders

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child has their coats and a jumper with them when coming to school.

*If you have left anything within school, please be sure to check lost property which is located in the main reception.*

*If you haven't already, please download the MCAS app to keep up with important updates, schedules, trips and announcements. As always, if you have any questions or run into any issues, feel free to contact the office—we're here to help!*

