

— 19th September 2025 —



Parent Newsletter

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What an amazing—and very colourful—week it's been! It's been truly lovely to see so many smiley faces around school, from both children and parents. The energy and excitement have been infectious, and it's moments like these that remind us just how special our school community is. And let's not forget the amazing work the children have been doing in the classroom—there's so much to be proud of.

Have a fantastic weekend, and we'll see you all on Monday!

Make sure to follow us on Facebook to keep up with all the latest happenings!



Year 5 & 6

This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils had an unforgettable trip to the Nene Valley Railway, where their learning about the Industrial Revolution quite literally came to life!

From riding on an authentic steam train to spending time with the driver in the engine cab, the children experienced first-hand the incredible impact of steam power on travel and industry.

They explored the signal box, learned how to change the direction of the tracks, and even had the opportunity to operate the gates to stop traffic – a real highlight for many!

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who made the day such a success!

Year 5 and Year 6 spent time in our allotment and wildlife garden, getting stuck into some fantastic hands-on learning.

Pupils helped to clear out the pond area, supporting our ongoing efforts to create a thriving habitat for local wildlife. They showed great teamwork and care for the environment throughout the task.

As well as their ecological work, the children also had the chance to get creative – using natural inspiration from the garden to produce some beautiful clay artwork. It was wonderful to see their artistic ideas come to life outdoors!

A big well done to everyone involved – what a great way to connect with nature and support our school's green spaces.





Our First Bluecoat Colour Run! 🌈

What an unforgettable day! Our very first Bluecoat Colour Run was a huge success, and we had an absolute blast. It was amazing to see so many happy, smiling faces –not just from the children, but from parents who got stuck in and joined the fun too!

A massive thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a vibrant, joyful occasion. Your support and enthusiasm made all the difference.

Keep your eyes peeled for more photos coming soon—and don't forget to follow us on Facebook to catch all the colourful highlights!



Nursery

This week in nursery, our literacy focus has been the book *Love makes a family*. We have been discussing who lives in our house with us, wider family, and the children enjoyed making their own family trees. Following their interests, we built a pirate ship, created a race track, painted our hands and explored mixing colours.

In maths, we have been learning about tall and short while building towers, as well as most and fewest, using practical activities to help understanding.



Meet the Teacher Evening - Thank You for Coming!

It was so lovely to see so many of you at our Meet the Teacher event this evening. Thank you for taking the time to come along – we really enjoyed the chance to share our plans for the year ahead and to start building those all-important home-school partnerships.

If you weren't able to attend, please don't worry – all the presentations will be available on the school website shortly, so you won't miss out on any key information.

We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!



Pledge award winners

This half term, our Pledge theme is 'Participation' – whether that's trying something new, getting involved in school or community life, or giving our best effort in learning every day.

A huge well done to the children who have already shown fantastic commitment and enthusiasm – you are true participation role models! Keep it up, everyone – we can't wait to see even more of you earning your Pledges this year.



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 – Dance

Wednesday – Art

Thursday – Outdoor Adventures

Friday – Glow in the Dark

Dodgeball

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.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUB

EVERY THURSDAY - 4:30PM

OPEN TO EVERYONE

The outdoor adventure club lets children explore nature through scavenger hunts, team challenges, and building fun outdoor projects.

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NEW Dance Club

EVERY TUESDAY - 4:30PM

OPEN TO EVERYONE

Dance club includes:

- Cheerleading with pom poms
- Hip Hop
- Modern
- Bollywood
- Line Dancing
- and lots of fun...

COME AND TRY SOMETHING NEW!

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COME & JOIN Netball

EVERY MONDAY - 4:30PM

Want to be part of the team?

OPEN TO EVERYONE

Join the training sessions for Y4/5/6 and participate in weekly fixtures against local schools.

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GLOW IN THE DARK DODGE BALL

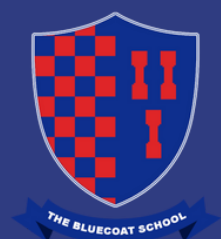
EVERY FRIDAY - 4:30PM

OPEN TO EVERYONE

COME AND JOIN THE FUN:

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

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Reminders for Families

As we settle into the school year, here are a few important reminders to help things run smoothly:

PE Kits: Please ensure your child brings their PE kit to school and leaves it here for the half term. Kits will be sent home for washing at the end of each half term.

Water Bottles: All students should bring a named water bottle each day to stay hydrated throughout the school day.

Coats: As the weather begins to cool, please make sure your child has a warm, weather-appropriate coat for outdoor play and activities.

Lunches: When packing your child's lunch, please remember we are a nut-free school to ensure the safety of all students

Attendance & Illness: If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please contact the school office as soon as possible by phone or email to let us know.

If you have any questions the please remember to talk to us as we are always happy to help



CALENDAR DATES

📣 Parent Reminders

- Every Thursday between 9.00am and 10.00am school tours
- 22nd September Y5 Library visit
- 23rd September Y6 Swimming
- 26th September - Parent Forum and coffee morning
- 26th September - Year 5/6 Assembly
- 29th September Y3/4 library visit
- 2nd October - Community Star gazing
- 6th October - Y1/2 Library visit
- 7th October - Open morning open to all

Please be sure to return any school books you may find by dropping them off at the office

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!

