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Wednesday 1st October 2025

Newsletter 4.

Dear Families,

How is it October already?

We have had great fun in the Academy over the last week or so. Our books and brekkie session was very well supported as always, and the next chance to join us for a story and a bagel is Tuesday November the 18th.

We are hoping to expand and revamp our Breakfast club provision over the coming weeks. Please look out for a parent consultation form with a chance for you to contribute ideas towards the development of this. We are looking at possible alterations to timings, food choice, activities and cost; and would value your ideas and suggestions as to what would be useful to parents, carers and families.

I would like to inform you of a change to our arrival arrangements each morning. This is to ensure classes get off to the most efficient start each day, maximise learning time, strengthen safeguarding and develop pupil independence.

From tomorrow, 2nd October:

- All pupils will enter the Academy building each morning through the top hall door.
- The door under the veranda and the door to Foundations and Class 1 will remain closed.
- A member of staff will be on the door each morning, rather than the gate to welcome the children independently into school. This will usually be Mrs Bacon, who will have a notebook and be able to pass on any messages to class teachers that may be needed.
- The children will then make their way into class.

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- There will be additional staff members in the hall to escort and support any children into class where this may be required, particularly for our younger children.

We ask that you support us by preparing and encouraging your children for this change to ensure a smooth, safe start to the day. As with all changes, there may be a few children who take longer to adapt. Don't worry if it takes a few days, we will work with you over the first week or so whilst children get used to the new arrangements.

Year 6 parents – Please remember that our SATs parents meeting is this week on Friday 3rd October at 2.45pm. Please come along if you can, to find out what the Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tests are all about.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan coffee afternoon. We raised just over £200 including online donations. It is all greatly appreciated.

A letter about our impending visitor will be out this week. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to meet a real-life Olympic athlete, raise money and keep fit all at the same time. Look out for further details.

Finally, just a reminder that individual photos are next Friday 10th October. Individual and sibling shots will take place during the school day. Older and younger siblings, not at the academy, may join us from 8.30.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Mrs Sarah Bacon
Principal

<p>Term dates 2025-2026</p> <p>8th September – 24th October</p> <p>3rd November – 19th December</p> <p>5th January – 13th February</p> <p>23rd February – 27th March</p> <p>13th April – 22nd May</p> <p>1st June – 23rd July</p>	<p>INSET days</p> <p>4th and 5th of September 2025</p> <p>28th November 2026</p> <p>20th March 2026</p> <p>19th July 2026</p>
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