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Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Newsletter 6.

Dear Families,

### Harvest

Thank you to everyone who attended our KS1 harvest festival and supported our youngest children in their visit to church. For many of them, it was their first time singing to an audience in that setting and despite being a little overwhelmed by the church and the audience, they did a fantastic job. I can't wait to see how much their confidence has grown when we visit again later in the school year. Many thanks too, for your harvest donations for the local foodbank.



### Christmas

How can we already be talking about Christmas? Class 3 and 4 will be visiting the church for their Christmas service on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm**. This is a slight change from our initial planned date as Reverend Karen has informed us that the original date is no longer available.

I hope you have all received the sample Christmas card that has been designed by your child this term. If you have not yet received this, please check with your child's class teacher or with Mrs Milner in the academy office.

### Halloween

On a much more seasonal note, we are getting ready for Halloween. Mrs Coleman had originally planned to hold a movie night this year as outlined in our annual diary letter. However, as she is not with us at the moment, our wonderful ladies of the PTA (parent teacher association) have offered to hold a Halloween disco instead. This will take place in the hall on the last afternoon of the Half term – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 1-2pm for Key stage 1 and from 2.15-3.15pm for Key



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stage 2 Tickets will be £3 each and this will include a drink and a snack. Our KS1 pupils (Foundations, Y1 and Y2 may come in Halloween costume that morning if they wish. KS2 pupils should come in uniform for their morning lessons but may bring their Halloween costume to change into after lunch. A quieter break out area will be provided with a range of activities for any pupils who may wish to access this at any point during the disco. All pupils should be collected at the normal time in the usual way. Please complete the allergy information and send your remittance through parent pay by 1pm on Monday 20th October so that refreshments can be purchased. If you have any issues with parent pay, please see Mrs Milner in the academy office.

### Plea for support

If anyone would like to join our PTA to support the work of the academy through events and fundraising for our wonderful pupils, please contact the academy office. We are aiming to have some fundraising events each term and would appreciate additional members to share the organisation. Meetings can be arranged to suit the commitments of our volunteers.



### Breakfast club consultation

Please hand any final consultation responses into the Academy by the end of the day on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October so that we can collate these and share any changes with you prior to the half term break.

### Sponsorship

Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored our wonderful children in their fitness challenge with Amy Smith the Olympic swimmer who visited us Monday. She was very inspirational to meet and we have been overwhelmed by your support. Please hand any outstanding sponsorship money into the office by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October so that this can be sorted prior to the half term break.

### Staffing update

I am extremely sorry to inform you that Ms Milner will be leaving us at half term to take up a new position in the inclusion team at her new setting. I know she will be great asset in her new role and wish her all the best. Some of you will remember Claire Driver who worked with us prior to Ms Milner, and I am delighted to let you know that she has agreed to return for a few weeks until a permanent appointment can be made.

### After school Clubs

After school Clubs will start week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Monday	Bassett Business Kids (by application letter only)	Year 5 and 6	Mrs Bacon	3.15 – 4.15pm
Monday	Singing club	Year 2,3, and 4	Mrs Trevenna	3.15 – 4.00pm
Tuesday	Mindful Yoga	All pupils	Ms Agatowska	3.15 – 4.00pm

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Thursday	Fitness and wellbeing	All	Mrs Coles	3.15 – 4.00pm
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A copy of the after school club timetable and a permission slip will be brought home by your child. This should be completed and brought back to school by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November if you wish your child to attend. Should a club be oversubscribed places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and a waiting list set up.

A reminder that the academy breaks up for half term at 3.15 on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October and reopens on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Mrs Sarah Bacon  
Principal

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