

Newsletter

June 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

It is always great to welcome you into school to share the great things our pupils have achieved. We have taken on some recent feedback about the amount of notice needed so that you can make any necessary arrangements to attend school events and from September, we are hoping to be able to start each term by sharing all key dates for the coming weeks and months with you. We will communicate in early September those key dates that parents and carers look forward to including sports days and performances. We hope you find this useful. Please do have a look at the dates below for various events; we hope to see as many of you as possible in attendance at our upcoming sports days and transition meetings in particular.

Can you help? We are looking for toy, construction, dolls and figure donations for Mrs Holtby who is planning for her Play Therapy sessions for September. If you have any of the above in good condition then please can you drop them off at the office in a bag for the attention of Mrs Holtby. Thanks in advance.

As summer appears to finally be here please remember to apply sun cream, remember those water bottles and a hat where needed.

Kind regards,

Mr McAlinden

School day timings

Following several recent requests, we would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the key times of the school day:

- Breakfast club opens at 7:30am and closes at 8:50am
- The school day starts promptly at 8:50am. Pupils should be on the school grounds by 8:45am to ensure a prompt start to the day.
- Any pupils arriving after 8:50am will be given a late mark. All gates will close at 9am.
- The school day ends at 3:20pm. After school clubs start at this time and run until 4:20pm. Please collect from the classroom detailed in the clubs document sent earlier this term. Pupils attending teatime club do so from 3:20pm until 4:20pm for the early collection. All pupils leaving at the early collection time will receive a snack. The late session finishes at 5:45pm. All pupils staying for the late session will receive a full meal.
- All pupils attending breakfast and teatime club must be prebooked and we can unfortunately not accept any drop offs on the day as we only have the staff to pupil ratios for the required bookings.
- If a day or session is not available on the Arbor APP then it means that session or day is fully booked.
- Please note the school office closes at 4pm. After this time our fabulous office team may no longer be around to answer the phones in person. Please ensure you leave a message if you need to speak to us and someone will get back you as soon as practical.

The importance of punctuality:

Phonics and guided reading are one of the most important subjects at primary school. We work hard to teach our children to develop both a lifelong love of books and reading and also the necessary skills they need to be able to read the information required to access the rest of the curriculum. Our day begins with these vitally important reading and phonics sessions; therefore it is important that all children attend every day, ready and on time.



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However, we understand that things don't go to plan every day. Therefore, if you are running late then please ensure you enter the school via the main gate off Green Lea and sign in at the office.

Jane Tomlinson Fun Run

We are honoured to support the upcoming Jane Tomlinson Fun Run. This is a wonderful cause; the legacy of the late inspirational Jane Tomlinson CBE and exists to support children's health and wellbeing and to improve the lives of people with cancer.

This year the run takes place on Tuesday 1st July at 6.30pm. It is a 1.5 mile flat Fun Run, and is suitable for any age. It is a well marshalled event with the course being along the towpath, over 2 bridges. There will be medals, water and chocolate for all runners. Within the race there is the famous School Competition; the first 2 boys and first 2 girls count towards the winning shield. The course is well marshalled from Rothwell Harriers running club.

This race has been established for nearly 20 years and money raised from the event goes the Jane Tomlinson Appeal. There is a raffle, BBQ and cake competition after the race back at the Commercial Pub beer garden in Methley.

More information can be found following the link below:

<https://racebest.com/races/wkeyr>

Diary dates

Key dates for your diary

Friday 20th June – School closed for training day 5

25th – 27th June – Year 6 residential to Buckden House

30th June – Year 1 and 2 Sports' Day

1st July – Years 3 and 4 Sports' Day

2nd July – Years 5 and 6 Sports' Day

3rd July – Nursery and Reception Sports' Day

9th – 11th July – Oulton Academy transition days for Year 6 pupils

15th July – Year 6 leavers production in the PM (time TBC but around 2pm)

16th July – Year 6 leavers production in the evening (time TBC but around 6pm)

Tuesday 22nd July – Last day of term. School closes at 1:30pm

Transition Information

Below are the dates for this year's transition information meetings. Further information will be sent nearer the time including information about which class(es) your child(ren) are in next academic year.

Welcome to Early Years: Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at 5:00pm

(for children starting in Nursery or moving into Reception)

Welcome to KS1: Wednesday 9th July 2025 at 3:30pm

(for children moving into Year 1)

Welcome to LKS2: Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 3:30pm

(for children moving into Year 3)

Welcome to UKS2: Monday 7th July 2025 at 3:30pm



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(for children moving into Year 5)

Attached to this email is information about the MindMate Support Team and a session they are running for parents and carers about supporting children with transition and change. This will take place in school on **Wednesday 16th July at 2:15pm**. If you would like to attend, please register here: <https://forms.gle/BKzpZ2WbyQC4Jte46>

Arbor Parent and Carer APP

As you know from previous communication we have now moved over to Arbor. Thank you for your understanding as we iron out any issues over the coming weeks. Please ensure you download the APP for Android and Apple devices as this will be the only way to book after school clubs, Breakfast and Teatime club places, as well as giving consent and paying for school trips and residential.

Download the Android APP [here](#)

Download the Apple APP [here](#)

School End of Year Reports

Whilst I can't believe I am saying it, it is nearly time to share with you the end of year school reports for your children; how 2025 has flown by already! End of year reports are always a delight to read. It is a fantastic opportunity to share and celebrate all your children have achieved across the course of this academic year. We hope the reports bring a smile to your face as you enjoy reading about all the progress your children have made. They will be sent home in mid-July with the pupils. In future years reports will be sent electronically via the Arbor school APP.

Training days for 2025-26

Schools statutorily must dedicate 5 days to staff training per academic year. These days are used to complete internal and external whole staff training and preparation. For the academic year 2025-26 the training days have been confirmed as:

Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Monday 1st June 2026
Monday 20th July 2026
Tuesday 21st July 2026



PE Partners Holiday Clubs at Oulton

Summer just got active!

PE Partner's famous holiday clubs are back this summer. There are currently 21 clubs online and ready to book, and even more clubs coming soon! So, we're bound to have a club in your area.

How good are our clubs?

Well, don't take our word for it – listen to the real stars, you the parents!:

"My daughter came home buzzing every day!"

"Affordable, fun, and staff I trust 100%."

"We booked again before we even got home."

These are just some of the positive reviews we've had from parents just like you. So why not book your child into our clubs, and help keep them active over the half term school holiday. It's fun, it's active, it's £20/day

Book here: <https://tinyurl.com/HC-List>

FREE DAY!

Would you like a FREE taster day? If you've never used our clubs before, simply email kidsclubs@pepartner.co.uk to ask about booking one of these.



FREE TASTER DAY

Not been to one of our clubs before?

Email kidsclubs@pepartner.co.uk and ask about our FREE taster days.

BOOK A TASTER HERE

ALREADY BOOKED?

If you've already booked, then why not share code RAF5 with a friend. They can save £5 on their first booking, and we'll then add £5 to your account as a thank you! Spread the word and become one of 1000's of parents helping keep #MoreChildrenMoreActiveMoreOften this half term!



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EARN £5 CREDIT

EVERY TIME YOU

RECOMMEND A FRIEND

£

