



Newsletter 5 – 9th October 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers

On Thursday all classes took part in the National Literacy Trust & British Council aiming to set a new GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for the **most people reading online in 12 hours**. The record attempt is part of the [Take 10 to Read campaign](#) in the [National Year of Reading 2026](#). The global online event included famous children's authors reading and talking about their ideas for their characters and plots. We have yet to hear whether the world record was broken, fingers crossed.

Our new Winter Menu will go live for booking on Monday when we will send out the full two week menu with the allergen matrix sheet. Please will you take time to choose meal options with your child when you book on the School Gateway app, it saves a lot of confusion in the dinner hall.

Wishing you a happy and positive weekend.

Tina Bourne

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Autumn Term 1

03/09/26 – 23/10/26

Half Term: 26-30 October

Autumn Term 2

03/11/26 – 18/12/26

Non-Pupil Days for the year:

2nd Nov, 4th Jan, 21st July

- Wed 14 & Thu 15 Oct, Parents' Evening, 3.30-6.00pm
- Thu 15 Oct, Individual pupil photos
- Tue 20 Oct, OHSA AGM in school
- Fri 23 Oct, OHSA Pumpkin Carving competition
- Fri 23 Oct, OHSA Halloween Disco, tickets now on sale



New Winter Menu

As stated above the new Winter Menu booking options are now live via the School Comms app. The first week after half term is Week 1. There is a hot meat and a hot vegetarian option available every day, plus jacket potato with beans, cheese or tuna – as well as allergen free alternatives for pupils with declared allergies or intolerances. Here is a sneak peak at the menu for the first week after Half Term ...

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Beef Chili Con Carne with Peppers & Kidney Beans	Homemade Pork Sausage Roll	Roast Chicken	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Peas & Bacon Risotto
Vegetarian	Quorn Chili with Peppers & Kidney Beans	Homemade Vegan Sausage Roll	Roasted Vegetable & Cheese Tart	Cheese & BBQ Pizza	Peas & Quorn Risotto
Served With	Served with Jacket Potato	Served with Mash, Baked Beans or Peas	Served with Skin-on Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Served with Carrots & Sweetcorn	Served with Carrots & Green Beans
Dessert	Plain Yogurt & Fruit	Strawberry Whipped Mousse	Mixed Fruit Salad	Fruit Jelly	Red Velvet Brownie

New meals include Chicken Katsu Curry, Peas & Bacon Risotto, Chilli Con Carne, Red Velvet Brownie and Apple Raisin Flapjack Bites.

There will be no cold options after half term, children are encouraged to have a hot meal every day at lunch time. Each main meal will be served with two different veg on the plate.

A salad bar will be available every day with 8 different choices to broaden the children's palate – this will include beetroot, sweetcorn, cucumber, baby tomatoes etc.

We are working towards being compliant for the new school food standards when they come into force in September 2027.



News In Brief

- Letters went out on Friday to parents of pupils with below 90% attendance. These are to keep parents informed of their child's attendance before Parents' Evening. Your child may have been unwell, had a medical appointment, or been on holiday during the first 5 weeks of the term. Missing 10% or more of school sessions is officially classified as **persistent absence** by the [Department for Education](#). It can trigger formal school monitoring, attendance meetings, or legal penalty notices.
- Dame Rachel de Souza, The Children's Commissioner is running **The Big Future**, the largest survey of children in the UK. She is looking for children's responses to their school and local area. Please do sit with your child and answer the questions here [The Big Future](#), to help shape your local community.

A Flying Visit!

Barleylands Farm brought three owls to visit this week. Our Early Years and Year 1 pupils learned what owls eat, how they fly and how they are cared for at the farm. It was a very exciting visit, with most children keen to have an owl on their gloved arm.

It was great to see children using their new nocturnal animal knowledge from lessons to ask fantastic questions of the owl keepers.



The visit ended with an owl flying display in our hall – even more excitement!

**TELL THE TRUTH & SHOW RESPECT
THINK OF OTHERS AND TRY OUR BEST**

Talk about your Child's Learning

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school this Wednesday and Thursday to feedback on your child's progress, learning interventions and things to work on at home.

All appointments will take place in the school hall, where your child's Writing and Maths books will be available for you to peruse while you are waiting. Appointments are 10 minutes apart, please arrive on time to avoid any delays.



We invite you to sample some of the new menu choices on the same evening, as well as our new salad bar!

PHOTO DAY – THURSDAY

The school photographer is here on Thursday to take individual photos and sibling groups during the school day.



If you would like your pre-school or older children to have a photo together as a family group, the photographers will be set up by 8.15am in the school hall. The gates will be open so please come round to the hall.



WEEKLY AWARDS

Week ending 2 October

GOLDEN AWARDS

EY – Joseph
Year 1 – Chiara
Year 2 – Jasmine
Year 3 – Elysiann
Year 4 – Ralph
Year 5 – Logan
Year 6 – Sophie

OLD HEATH HEART AWARD

EY & KS1 – Bilal – Y2
KS2 – Jacob – Y4

BEST ATTENDANCE

Week ending 2 Oct

YEAR 4

95.5%