



Welcome back!

4th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all and a warm welcome to all of the new families who have joined us this week. We look forward to working with you during your time at Cockington Primary School. School life is very much back in full swing and children seem to be settling well into their new classes and routines.

Please read the information below and note your invitation to the annual 'Meet the Teachers' sessions next week.

'Meet the Teachers' Sessions for Yrs 1-6 – Wednesday 10th September

On Wednesday next week, the teaching team for your child's new academic year would like to invite you in after school to meet them. This will involve the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, meet the staff, receive some information about the curriculum they will be taught this year and ask any questions. This is optional but it would be great to see many of you there. Staff will deliver the session twice if you want to visit one classroom first before moving on to another. There will be lots of staff around to help you find your way.

On Wednesday 10th September: Meet the Teacher sessions for Years 1 – 6 at 3.20pm and then the same session will be repeated at 3.45pm (to accommodate those with more children).

For those who cannot attend, there will be a 'welcome letter' sent home by every year group before the end of next week which will contain some of the key information shared in Wednesday's sessions.

New Names and Faces

We start the new school year with almost the same team which finished the previous school year in July. Miss Claire has moved on over the summer to a new role and Miss Powell is currently covering that role as part of our EYFS Team. Mrs Roderick is taking on the SENDCo role for the year while Mrs Faulkner is on maternity leave following the safe delivery of a beautiful, baby girl last month.

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Crossing Patrol News

I am delighted to report that Torbay Council have succeeded in recruiting someone to support children and families crossing Avenue Road to get to and from school. After two years without, this means we now have both Old Mill Road and Avenue Road covered. Please be patient as Jason gets used to his new role on Avenue Road and please read the attached School Crossing Patrol Leaflet. If children are waiting at the crossing point having run ahead of a parent, he will naturally assume they are wishing to cross. Thanks for your patience and support.

Term Dates

Although they are always available on the school website, the term dates for this school year are attached for your convenience and to support good attendance which is something schools and families across the country are tasked with improving. Our attendance improved significantly last year so let's work together to get children into school and learning every day!

Clubs for the Autumn Term

The club list for the term is currently being drafted and will be shared with you when ready. Our intention is to start in the week beginning Monday 22nd September.

Healthy Snacks, Drinks and Being Nut-free

As a school, we do our best to encourage children to lead a healthy lifestyle. With this in mind, we ask that you send in healthy snacks and drinks for your children. (Children in Foundation, Y1 and Y2 receive free fruit each break time at school). In terms of drinks, water is clearly the best and preferred option to ensure healthy bodies, and especially teeth. In addition, due to the allergies of some children and some adults on our school site, we try to be a nut-free school. Obviously, it is not possible to go through every child's lunch or snack to check (although we will intervene where we have to) so we are putting our faith in you to protect the whole school community by saving any nutty foods for home consumption only please. Thank you.

Medication in School

Please can I remind you that under no circumstances should the children be carrying any medication into school and keeping it in their bags. **It is important that we are aware of all medication on site in order to keep all children safe.** We understand that some children need medication with them at all times and therefore it needs to be with them on their way to and from school. If this is the case, the medication must be handed into the class teacher at drop off and handed back at the end of the day. We appreciate that this may be an inconvenience some days but it is important that we work together to keep everyone safe.

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Weather

The autumnal weather has already proved itself to be highly unpredictable with everything from a warm, sunny day to a wet, windy day being possible. With that in mind, please ensure your children have the appropriate equipment whether that be suncream applied, a hat or a named, waterproof coat. Please name all items of clothing, bottles, lunchboxes etc.

School Timings

Gates open at 8.40am with learning starting at 8.45am and gates being closed at 8.50am. The end of the school day is 3.15pm. Thanks to those who ensure their children are in class ready to go at 8.45am each morning.

Finally, I would like to thank you in advance for your support of our school once again this year and I assure you that the dedicated team of staff here will do their absolute best to ensure your children have a successful year at school.

With very best wishes,

Mr Swainson

Headteacher
Cockington Primary School

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