



12th September 2025

Orchid

What a fantastic start to the new school year! The class has settled in beautifully, and we've already packed so much into our first week. It's been a joy to see the children reconnecting with each other, exploring new routines, and diving into learning with enthusiasm.

We've placed a strong focus on sharing and turn-taking, especially during group activities and play. The children have been learning how to listen to each other, wait patiently, and celebrate one another's successes. These skills are vital for building a positive classroom community, and we're proud of how quickly they're developing.

In Maths, we've been exploring number work across the year groups. Reception have been matching numerals to representatives, while Year 1 and 2 have been working on number formation and place value. We've used games (snakes and ladders was a favourite), manipulatives, and practical tasks to keep learning active and engaging. Our English sessions have focused on name writing or sentence writing. We've been encouraging children to use capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops. Handwriting and

letter formation is a main focus at the moment. We've introduced activities to help build listening skills, including circle time stories, sound games, and following multi-step instructions. These are helping children tune in, respond appropriately, and develop their concentration. We have shared many books over the week, it's lovely to see the children enjoying them. They have been 'reading' to each other too! Role play has been a clear theme throughout the week, from playing families with the dollshouse, cooking the school lunches in the outside mud kitchen and setting up a car wash for the ride on toys outside.

In Geography, we've been looking at aerial views of our village, helping children understand maps and the layout of familiar places. We've discussed landmarks, homes, and how our school fits into the wider community. The children loved spotting places they recognised!

Our PE sessions have focused on throwing skills as part of our cricket unit. Children have practised underarm throws, aiming at targets and working in pairs to develop accuracy and control. It's been great to see their coordination improving already. To strengthen fine motor skills, the children have been busy with stamping, peg boards, and creating shapes with lollypop sticks. These activities help build the dexterity needed for confident writing.



ASH CLASS

This week in Ash Class has been exciting as we continue to get to know each other and settle into our classroom. The children have been engaging in various activities to learn about the different routines at school, fostering a sense of community and camaraderie. In English, we've dived into the lovely book "The Midnight Panther," sparking imaginations and encouraging discussions about the beautiful illustrations. I'm thrilled to see the children so captivated by the story!

Additionally, our art lessons have launched a fantastic topic on printmaking. The students are proud to share their very first monoprints, showcasing their creativity and unique styles.

We're also excited to announce that the children have started learning to play the guitar with a visiting music specialist. It's wonderful to see them exploring their musical talents!

A special mention to our Year 6 children who participated in the Bikeability course. They learned essential cycling skills and earned their certificates, building confidence on the road.

Here's to a fantastic week ahead!







Reminders / Important Info

Celebration Assembly @ St Peter's Church 1st October at 2.45pm

Parking available at the Martlett Inn

Correct school uniform

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SCHOOL PHOTOS ON DOJO

Gates open at 8.40am



Message from Mr Moise-Souch ...

We are delighted to welcome all our children back after the summer holidays. It has been wonderful to see classrooms and playgrounds full of happy faces, ready to learn and share their summer stories.

The children have made an excellent start to the new term. They have returned looking so smart in their school uniforms, and we are very proud of how well they are presenting themselves. Thank you for supporting them in being ready for school each day—it really does set a positive tone for learning.

Already, the children are beginning to settle back into familiar routines. From lining up in the mornings to showing great focus in lessons, they are quickly remembering the expectations and values that make our school such a special place. Teachers have been so impressed by the enthusiasm, good manners, and effort the children are showing as we begin our new learning journeys together.

We are excited for all that lies ahead this term and look forward to working with you to support your children as they continue to grow and thrive.

With best wishes, Mr Moise-Souch

Learning outside the classroom

It is going to be a bumper year for nuts and berries and we would love to get a little tree nursery going. Donations of compost and empty two litre plastic bottles would be much appreciated. Thank you! In preparation for a year of learning outside the classroom in all seasons, rain or shine, please can we ask that you ensure that pupils are dressed for the weather? We all enjoy our time outdoors so much more, no matter our age, if we feel comfortable.

We have emergency waterproofs and wellies in school if needed, as well as some spare clothes. We always appreciate donations of plain, good condition clothing and equipment such as warm hats, gloves and thick socks. If your child does need to borrow any clothing do please return it promptly and clean.

You should have received a forest school kit list earlier in the term.

It's attached below, just in case!



Our Value for this term

Curiosity

The Story of Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1–10)





Wellbeing Support

 Click here for Support for Families



Calendar Dates

Dates for the next fortnight:

Weekly Swimming for KS2 12th September

> Apple Day 25th September

Celebration Assembly @ St Peter's Church

1st October @ 2.45pm

Full school calendar coming soon to our website.







Website Information

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Contact Details

SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS -

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mr Moise-Souch. Our deputy leads are Mrs Davidson and Mrs Hickman Click <u>here</u> for all Safeguarding details.

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