



October 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We may have only been back a few weeks but we've had a fantastic start to the year and it's been wonderful to see the children settling into their classes with enthusiasm and energy. We've already seen great learning, teamwork, and lots of smiling faces.

Facebook Page:



As always, we regularly put updates and news on our school Facebook page. For new parents, use the QR code to link to our group. (You will be asked to say the name of your child and we do not accept people we do not recognise on the group. Speak to a member of SLT if you've requested access but haven't been accepted).



New relationships/behaviour policy:

We have been reviewing our behaviour policy in light of the latest research and recommendations. All staff and governors have had the opportunity to contribute to the policy and we would now love to consult parents/carers and children too. You can read our policy in full on our school website - the QR code below will take you straight to the page. On the website, there is also a link to a very short survey where you can share your views on this policy. We value your feedback and we will consider all ideas before rolling out the new policy after October half term.



Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day:

On Friday 10th October our school will be taking part in the Young Minds - Hello Yellow Campaign. **Children are invited to wear yellow** on 10th October to raise awareness on Mental Health. If you'd like to donate to Young Minds, there is a link on our Facebook Page.

Wrap-Around Care:

We continue to run our Wraparound Care service with 'Early Birds' breakfast' (8-8:45am) and Twilights (3:15-6pm). Twilights offers lots of fun activities and clubs throughout the week, including: cooking/baking, arts and crafts and computing. Further details can be found on our website. If you need help booking, don't hesitate to contact the school office on 01842 860256.





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New school:



If you've driven along Station Road towards Brandon, I'm sure you'll have seen the progress of our new school building. The steel frame is now in place and the block work has started. We have been reliably informed the contractors are on schedule for our Sept. 2026 opening. Updates of the new build are published on our school website.

African Drumming:

"Anke dje, anke be" - "Everyone gather together in peace." Children across school had a great time learning about African culture and learning the rhythm of West Africa during their djembe drum workshop! Thank you to Goward and Evans and everyone that was able to contribute to ensure this experience could happen for our pupils.



Dojo Points:

One of our new systems for rewarding positive behaviour is using Class Dojo. After half term, we will be sending details out as to how parents can access their children's class pages and be kept more abreast with how your child is receiving positive dojo points!



Year 6 Leaders:

We now have rewarded 8 Year 6 children with a leadership badge for consistently using their 6R values throughout school. The first group of children to earn this also got to have a reward experience at Lakenheath Bowls Club with a former pupil who now represents England at Bowls. Thank you to the bowls club for welcoming us and giving an enjoyable experience to these amazing young people!





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Harvest Festival:

Thank you all for your harvest donations. The youngest and the oldest child in school had the important job of starting our cereal train before we had a thanksgiving assembly. All donations will be donated to local food banks! Happy Harvest!



Term Dates:

Autumn term

Starts	Monday 1 September 2025
Half term	Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025
Ends	Friday 19 December 2025
Christmas holiday	Saturday 20 December 2025 to Sunday 4 January 2026

Spring term

Starts	Monday 5 January 2026
Half term	Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026
Ends	Friday 27 March 2026
Spring (Easter) holiday	Saturday 28 March 2026 to Sunday 12 April 2026

Summer term

Starts	Monday 13 April 2026
Half term	Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026
Ends	Monday 20 July 2026



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PD days

Monday 5th January; Friday 17th July; Monday 20th July

Other dates for your diaries...

Here are some upcoming dates for your diary. Some dates may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances and further details will be shared nearer the time.

October:

10th October: Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day

15th October: KS1 Trip to Banham Zoo

17th October: PTA Bingo Event

23rd /24th October - Y4 Residential Trip Burwell House

24th October: PTA Halloween Disco

November:

Tuesday 11th and Weds 12th: Parents Evening 3:30-6:30

Monday 24th - Flu vaccinations

December:

Monday 1st - Early Years dress rehearsal 9:15am

Tuesday 2nd - Early Years Nativity 9:15am

Wednesday 3rd - Early Years Nativity 9:15am

Friday 5th - Early Years 'Little City' experience

Monday 8th - KS1 dress rehearsal 9:15am

Monday 8th - Rocksteady Concert 2:30pm

Tuesday 9th - KS1 Nativity 9:15am

Wednesday 10th - KS1 Nativity 9:15am

Tuesday 16th - 2:30pm Hedgehog Christmas Parent Share

17th: Christmas jumper / School Christmas Dinner day

Friday 19th - KS2 Christmas assembly at St Mary's Church

February:

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th: Parents Evening 3:30-6:30

March:

4th-11th March - Scholastic Book Fair: Book sale

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

May:

Mon 11th - Thursday 14th: Y6 SATS week

Mon 18th- Wednesday 20th May - Eaton Vale Y6 Residential

June:

1st June: Y4 Multiplication Screening Check (over 2 weeks)

8th June: Y1 (+Y2 retakes) Phonics Screening week

19th June: Whole Class photos

July:

Monday 6th Sports Day Carousel

Tuesday 7th Sports Day races: parents welcome 9-12

Monday 13th July: End of Year reports to parents



Polite Reminders:



- Breakfast Club - please do not park on the school grounds (including visitor bays) when dropping off your children. It is not safe with so many cars coming in and out and children walking into the club.
- Please avoid parking on School Close (private road) and on the yellow lines out the front of school.
- We have a number of children and staff with nut allergies in school. We do not allow any nuts in school so please avoid these in snacks and lunch boxes.
- **Please avoid using mobile phones when dropping off and collecting children - this is to safeguard our pupils.**

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, we are excited for the many activities and learning opportunities planned for our students. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Tingey