



Nunnery Wood Primary School



Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Monday 8th September 2025

Welcome back! I hope you are all safe and well. Last week it was lovely to see many of you on the school gate, despite Thursday's weather!

The children have returned to school very smart and keen to share their Summer adventures. The staff and I are really looking forward to the year ahead and we are hoping that 2025-26 will be another exciting year. Please find attached to the email this term's diary dates.

Welcome to our new families and children who have joined us across the school. It has been lovely to meet all our new reception children and their parents. The children are settling in well.

Reminder - SEPTEMBER 2025 MEET THE TEACHER EVENTS DATES:

These meetings are an opportunity for parents/carers to meet the staff and find out about the routines and expectations of the new school year group. These meetings will be held in one of the year group classrooms.

There will be a year group presentation from the teachers as well as an opportunity to visit the classrooms and ask questions. Please enter the school via the main entrance.

- New to Year 5 (Maple & Mulberry) Meeting in Maple classroom on Monday 8th September at 5.00pm
- New to Year 4 (Lime & Lilac) Meeting in Lilac classroom on Tuesday 9th September at 5.00pm
- New to Year 2 (Apple & Aspen) Meeting in Aspen classroom on Wednesday 10th September at 5.00pm. This will still go ahead despite Miss Sanghera's absence.
- New to Year 6 (Hazel & Holly) Meeting in Holly classroom on Thursday 11th September at 4.45pm

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP:

You will usually find myself and Mr Bidwell on the playground at the start of the day even when the rain is torrential. If you have any questions or queries, please come and speak to us as we want to help and support as best we can.

At Nunnery Wood Primary School, we are extremely fortunate to have incredibly supportive and friendly parents, and we are proud that we are community school that supports the needs of all children. We are proud of our open-door policy and of being considered a listening school. We are keen to answer any questions or solve any worries promptly to support the children so please speak to your child's class teacher.

Teachers are happy to answer any small queries, however, if you need to talk more fully to them, please contact school after 8.30am either via phone or at the school office to make an appointment.

Alternatively, please contact Mrs Wheeler, Assistant Headteacher for Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) or Miss Anderson, Assistant Headteacher for Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2).

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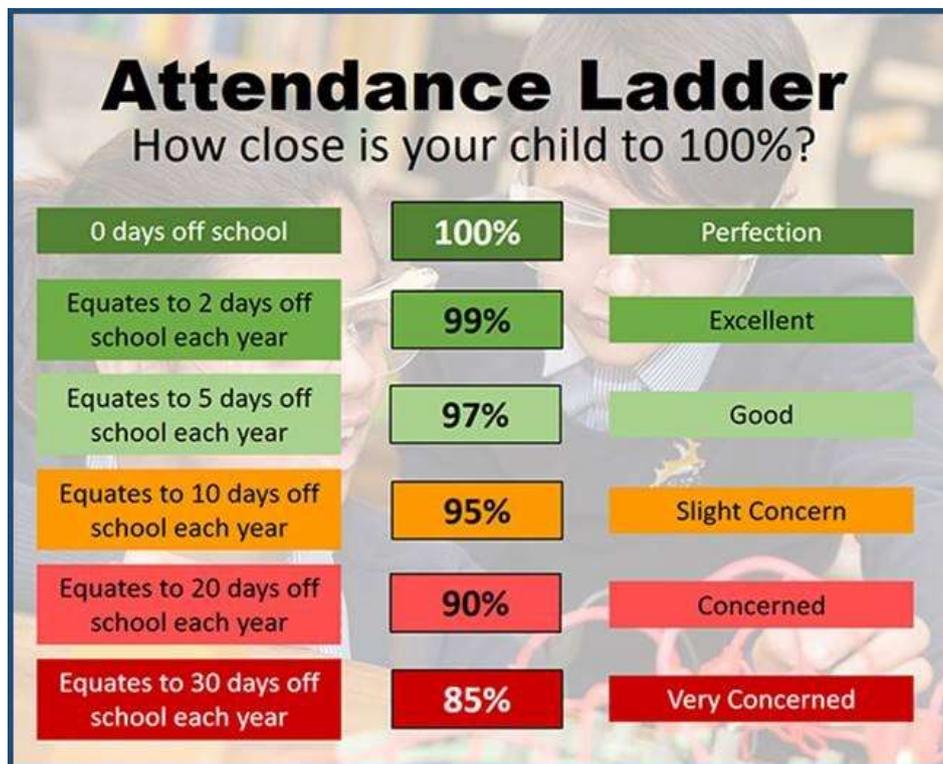


SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

As you are aware, we have high expectations for every pupil's attendance at school. We are committed to improving achievement through attendance and we continue to monitor the attendance of all pupils. If a child's attendance continues to be poor, we will invite parents/carers to attend an Attendance Improvement

Meeting. We would like to remind you that leave of absence is not an entitlement. Pupils will only be given permission for leave if there are exceptional circumstances. It is your responsibility to advise if your child is absent from school and you will be contacted if we have not been informed why your child is absent as this is part of our safeguarding procedures.

May we also respectfully remind you we do monitor lateness and early collections as it is essential children are in school for the whole day.



Children in Years 1 to 6 (inclusive) are welcomed into class from 8.35am with lessons starting promptly at 8.40am. Children in Oak and Willow are welcomed into class at 8.40am. The gates close between 8.40am and 8.45am. We ask that parents/carers leave the school grounds promptly after dropping their children off at school.

A big thank you to the vast majority of parents who make sure their children attend school regularly and inform us when they are on holiday. We have 12 school values, and we focus on developing honesty and truth with the children.

Last year, we became more aware of parents who stated that their child/children were off sick but we had clear evidence that the children were on holiday. Please be honest and transparent so that it does not put your child in a difficult position and enables your child/children to share with their experiences with their friends.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM



It is lovely to see the children return looking smart in their school uniform. The Year 6 children are very proud to wear their hoodies.

As you are all aware we believe that school uniform helps to create a sense of community within our school. Please ensure that your child attends school appropriately dressed even during hot weather. We ask that parents ensure all items are clearly named.

Our school uniform consists of the following items:

- Sweatshirts/cardigans in the school colour (bottle green) with or without the school logo.
- White shirts or polo shirts are worn underneath the sweatshirts or on their own in warmer weather.
- Black or grey skirts, pinafores, trousers or shorts. In warmer weather, dark green striped or checked dresses are an acceptable option. Skirts should be appropriate length for school.
- Sensible black shoes. Trainers or pumps are not appropriate school shoes. We discourage the wearing of shoes with heels of a height that may compromise children's safety on the playground. Staff will ask a child to change into their P.E. pumps or stay off the playground if these are worn to school.
- P.E. uniform consists of a white T shirt and black shorts, with a pair of black slip-on pumps for certain activities. For safety reasons, we ask that T shirts are long enough to tuck into shorts and that shorts are not too baggy. Children also need outdoor P.E. kit – trainers rather than pumps, plus jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt or a tracksuit. All children must have a small P.E. bag in which to keep their kit.
- We actively encourage children not to wear earrings. If earrings are worn, they should be small studs and children will be asked to remove them if it a P.E. or games lesson.
- If for any reason your child has to attend school with trainers, skirt which is not knee length or the wrong uniform due to unforeseen circumstance, please discuss with your class teacher or write a note to the class teacher, stating the reason. A child not wearing the appropriate school uniform should only be a short-term measure.

May I respectfully remind you, we are here to help and support if you have a concerns or issues around school uniform.

SNACKS:

All children need to bring a bottle of water to school. Please ensure the water bottle is appropriately sized approximately 500ml. There is no room to store large bottles and children can always refill their bottles during the day.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to have fruit supplied by the government fruit scheme.

Children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 upwards) can bring a small snack for break time which is either fruit or vegetables. If there is a medical reason why your child requires an alternative, please speak to your child's class teacher to enable us to provide appropriate care.



ANNUAL REMINDER: NO NUTS POLICY

As you are all aware we have several members of our school who suffer from a severe nut allergy. Our school endeavours to have a "No Nuts Policy." This means that the following items **should not** be brought into school:

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- Packs of nuts
- Nutella bars
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts.
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts.
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts.
- Chocolate Spread (We are aware that not all chocolate spreads contain nuts, however, due to the fact many do, we ask this product is not in school in any form)

Your child will not be allowed to consume these products if they are found with them in school.

Please support us as we have several members of our school community who are allergic and require medical support if they encounter these products.

FIRST AID:

Parents with children that may require inhalers and Epi-Pens must ensure that this medication is returned to school and that it is in date. If your child's health needs have changed during the summer holidays, please contact Mrs Lindsey Salisbury so that we can update their care plan or put one in place.

We have recently received further guidance and reviewed our policy of Medicines in Schools. Schools can only administer prescription medicines (antibiotics) to a child when they have been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist. **All medication must only be administered to a child under the age of 16 where written permission for that particular medicine has been obtained from the child's parent or carer.**

Written permission by the parent/carer must clearly state what time, dosage and storage instructions. It is the responsibility of parent/carer that the medication is handed into school via the office and collected at the end of the school day via the office. **Medication should not be sent in to school via the child.**

Obviously, children should only be in school if they are well enough to do so which is likely to be at the end of the course of medication.

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU! 'ASPIRE TO BE' ASSEMBLIES:



A big thank you to the parents who have supported us by leading an aspire to be assembly last year. The children have enjoyed finding out about becoming a plumber and a design technician to name a few.

We want to continue to inspire children by inviting parents in to share what they did to become a (dentist for example), what subjects they enjoyed, qualifications are required and what it is like to be (a dentist). We know amongst our school community

we have plumbers, doctors, scientists, taxi drivers, hairdressers, beauticians, gardeners, carers, nurses, computer analysts, retail assistants.... the list is endless. If you are interested in supporting us and are willing to talk to the children, please contact the school office. The assembly will be no longer than 20 minutes and either myself or Mrs Wheeler will help facilitate the assembly. We are flexible with days – Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday as we appreciate parents have work commitments.

Please contact a member of school team if you are willing to help us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Reminder: OPERATION ENCOMPASS:

May I respectfully remind you that Nunnery Wood Primary continues to take part in a national project, which is being run locally in partnership with Worcestershire Safeguarding Team and West Mercia Police called Operation Encompass. Police and the County Council will inform the Designated Safeguarding Leads at our school if a child has experienced any domestic incident. Information sharing between professional agencies enables school staff to provide emotional and practical support to the children who are experiencing domestic abuse.

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY BARRIER:

Although the barrier is not fully functioning after last terms incident, access to the school drive is still only limited to those children and parents/carers who require support or have a disability badge.

Please ensure you follow the direction of traffic signs displayed.

You will also need to present your disability badge to the office, for access this term.

May we also respectfully request that you switch your **car engine off** whilst waiting for your child at the end of the day.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

We now have a new school emailing address. Currently all emails are being forwarded to our new account.

Our new office email account is: nwpsoffice@villagestrust.co.uk

I am also delighted to inform you that Villages' Multi Academy Trust have commissioned a new school website, further information will be shared once it is completed.

DATES FOR DIARIES:

Along with this newsletter please also find attached a 'dates for autumn term' document with some key dates of events happening across the school this term. There will be more information sent to you directly by the teaching team with specific arrangements where applicable.

VACANCY:

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor.

The role is required for one hour a day, Monday – Friday to support children with their lunchtime routines. If you are interested in the role and would like more information on how to apply, please visit our website:

<https://www.nunnerywoodprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=142>

Please note that applications close on **Tuesday 9th September at 9.00am**

Finally, ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD FOR SEPTEMBER 2026?

Tour dates are available on the school website. Please contact us to book a place on a tour to see us at work and tell your friends within the community.

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