

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I want to thank you for your support and positivity. The children have settled quickly, and there's a real sense of focus and kindness across school. Staff have worked hard to make learning engaging while maintaining calm, purposeful classrooms. I hope the half term break gives everyone a chance to rest before we move into the busy run-up to Christmas.

Student Council Update: Harvest and Community Support

Following our recent harvest collection, members of the School Council helped to sort and bag all the donated goods here at school, ready for delivery to Manna House. The team at Manna House were very grateful for the support, from pupils and parents, and have invited the School Council to visit their shop soon — with the opportunity to help sort more donations in the near future.




Wrap Around Care – Games Donations

Our Wrap Around Care team is looking to add more activities and games for children to enjoy after school. If you have any good-quality board or card games such as Uno, Snakes and Ladders or Connect 4, that you don't need any more, please send them in. Make sure all pieces are included. These small additions help make wrap-around sessions even more fun and sociable for the children.

Help! PTA Volunteers Needed


Events like tonight's Halloween Disco are only possible thanks to our dedicated PTA. However, we urgently need more volunteers. Parents have said they'd love more events, but these can't happen without enough help. You can give as much or as little time as you're able - every bit counts. Without extra support, we'll have to scale back these lovely activities. The PTA will be planning a few socials for next half term, so please keep an eye out and consider joining in.

School Trips



We understand that some parents are concerned about the rising cost of school trips. The main cause is the sharp increase in coach hire prices, which are far higher than in previous years. We always aim to keep costs to a minimum and only include essential expenses. Trips are a vital part of a child's education, helping bring learning to life and creating lasting memories. If cost is a barrier, please contact the office in confidence - financial support is available for eligible families.

Remembrance Day



After half term, we'll begin our Remembrance commemorations. From the first day back, charity items such as poppies, wristbands and reflectors will be available for pupils to purchase at play time, with proceeds going to the Royal British Legion. Our assemblies will focus on remembrance, gratitude and peace.

Anti Bullying Week

Next half term, we'll take part in Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year is about making a difference through small, kind actions. Classes will explore how kindness, respect and standing up for others can help everyone feel safe and valued

Autumn Half Term Reading Challenge

Our Autumn Reading Challenge is back for the holiday! We're encouraging every pupil to take part by reading regularly and tracking their progress over the break. Paper copies of the challenge sheet will be sent home today, and a digital version will also be emailed to parents. Each time your child reads (or you read to them), please sign a box on the sheet. Completed challenges can be returned after half term, and children will earn 3 Track-It points as a reward. It's a simple and enjoyable way to keep up regular reading at home.

Star Write

We have a new writing approach in school which is having a great impact on children's writing. To add a bit more 'sparkle' to our weekly Friday 'Star Write' session, we invite children to wear a small star. This might be a badge, a sticker or hair slide etc. It's not compulsory, but would be nice to get into the spirit!

Remembrance Assembly

In the week leading up to Remembrance Day, we'll be holding a special assembly to reflect on the importance of remembering those who served in past and present conflicts. This year, we'd like to make it more personal and inclusive by inviting parents, carers or grandparents to share a short five-minute talk about a family member who served in the armed forces or supported the war effort in any way, here in the UK or overseas. We'd particularly welcome stories that highlight the diverse experiences and backgrounds of those who contributed. If you'd like to take part, please contact the school office after half term.

Staying Safe in the Community



You may be aware of a number of concerning incidents in the local area recently. We've been in touch with our local police to request any specific advice for families, and we'll continue to share updates as we receive them.

In the meantime, please remind children who walk to and from school alone to stay with friends where possible, keep to main, well-lit routes, and let you know their journey and expected time home. Useful personal safety apps such as **Hollie Guard** can provide extra reassurance for families, and free personal alarms are available through West Midlands Police (visit www.west-midlands.police.uk or call 101 for advice). Thank you for helping us keep our community safe and vigilant.

Special Mentions Assembly

It was lovely to end the term with our Special Mentions Assembly on Wednesday. Well done to all the children who were recognised for their extraordinary effort, kindness and commitment this half term. Thank you also to the families and friends who joined us to celebrate - your support means a great deal to the children and staff alike.

Happy Half Term

Thank you once again for your support and involvement this half term. I'd also like to thank our brilliant staff for their endless hard work and commitment, our dedicated governors for their ongoing support, and of course our wonderful children for their enthusiasm, kindness and effort every single day. Enjoy the break - you've all earned it.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back on **Monday 3rd November**.

House Points Winners

















Well done to **Pankhurst House** who earned the most points this term, and won a non-uniform day today.

Well done to all of the other houses too. Collectively, you earned almost 10,000 green Track-It points this half term. Amazing!

Have a wonderful half term!
Miss Wilson



Attendance Autumn 1

 Apple - 97.78%	 Cedar - 97.12%	 Hawthorn - 93.29%	 Pine - 92.75%
 Apricot - 95.93%	 Cherry - 96.67%	 Hazel - 94.5%	 Poplar - 95.81%
 Beech - 98.2%	 Elder - 97.79%	 Larch - 97.97%	 
 Birch - 95.34%	 Elm - 95.18%	 Lime - 97.25%	

House Points



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Special Mentions

Beech - Theo
 Birch - Cruz
 Cedar - Raja
 Cherry - Thea
 Elder - Mya
 Elm - Theo
 Hawthorn - Zach
 Hazel - Heidi
 Larch - Ben
 Lime - Kieran
 Pine - Oscar
 Poplar - Seb