

17TH OCTOBER 2025



Our Year 6 children enjoyed a session in the hall taking part in First Aid Workshops run by Flat Stan on Tuesday as part of this half term's PSHE learning. The children all refreshed the skills they learnt taking part in the workshops during Year 4 and will now be able to use these skills, if required, in an emergency. We are incredibly proud of how well they behaved in these sessions and how seriously they took the training, giving thoughtful responses to any questions asked.

We are seeing an increasing number of parents dropping off hot meals for children at the school office during the morning for school dinners. I am afraid that this is taking up time for our staff who have a lot of work to do. **As we asked last year, if you wish to provide a hot meal from home for your child, please send it to school with them in a container that can keep it warm until lunchtime.** There are many different types of food containers that can be purchased to do this (see images below).



Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests this year and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.

Kind regards,
Mrs J Hill

Diwali Day

We are looking forward to celebrating Diwali Day in school on Monday: Mrs Gallagher has organised lots of exciting activities for us all before she went off on maternity leave! The children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities related to the way in which people from Hindu and Sikh faiths celebrate Diwali, such as making a diya (diva) lamp. **We would love the children of Hindu and Sikh faith to wear or bring their own traditional clothing to show.**

In keeping with the colourful spirit of Diwali, we would like to invite all children to come to school on Monday wearing something bright and colourful to help us celebrate!

The children will have the chance to taste vegetable samosas. Year 4 and 5 children will need to wear something suitable for PE ready for their Bollywood dance workshop!

Harvest Collection

Thank you all for your kind donations for this year's harvest collection. The Padley Centre staff were thrilled to collect such a huge wealth of food from the office this morning, all of which will go to those in need over the coming months.



Week Beginning 20th October

We are looking forward to meeting with you all next week for your Parent/Teacher meetings on either Tuesday 21st or Wednesday 22nd October. Please remember that the Book Fair will be in school and open in the hall on both evenings for you to visit.

If, for any reason, you are now unable to make the appointment that you booked, please contact the school office and they will try to rearrange a time for you.

Clubs

Some clubs next week will be affected by Parents' Evening or Halloween Movie Night. Please check to see which clubs are still running:

Monday

Girls Football—ON

Year 3 Homework Club—ON

J&J Scooter Skills—ON

Tuesday

Lego Club—Cancelled

Warhammer Club—Cancelled

Homework Club—ON

J&J Football—ON

Thursday

Choir—Cancelled

Homework—Cancelled



School Bags

Please remember that we have moved to book bags only this year—thank you to those of you who have purchased book bags to help us with this. As we have explained previously, this particularly helps us at this time of year when we also have the addition of warmer, heavier coats on pegs for the autumn and winter: larger bags cause coats to fall off onto the floor much more easily and these then become a trip hazard and are picked up on fire and health and safety walks and inspections. We know you are spending a lot on coats and they will certainly last longer if they can stay hung up all day without being knocked off pegs!

2025/26 DATES

Monday 20th October	All Day	Diwali Day
Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd October	3:30-6:30pm	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 23rd October	3:30-5:10pm	Halloween Movie Night—see below
Friday 24th October	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all children
Friday 24th October	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Friday 31st October	Midnight	Deadline for secondary school applications for 2026
Monday 3rd November	All Day	INSET 3
Tuesday 4th November	8:55am	Autumn Term 2 Begins
Friday 19th December	3:30pm	Break up for Christmas Holiday
Monday 5th January 2026	8:55am	Spring Term 1 Begins
Thursday 12th February 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Friday 13th February 2026	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 23rd February 2026	8:55am	Spring Term 2 Begins
Friday 27th March 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 13th April 2026	8:55am	Summer Term 1 Begins
Friday 15th—Sunday 17th May 2026	TBC	Year 6 PGL Residential
Friday 22nd May 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Monday 1st June 2026	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	8:55am	Summer Term 2 Begins
Thursday 23rd July 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday



School Dinners

Next week, we will be back to our Week 1 menu. Please remember that school dinners cost £2.80 and **MUST** be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE**. [Week 1 Menu](#)



Halloween Movie Night—Thursday 23rd October

We will be showing **K-Pop Demon Hunters** for our Halloween Movie Night on **Thursday 23rd October (as requested by the School Council)**. Tickets can be purchased in person in the hall from Monday 20th October before school or online via your School Money accounts from the same day (tickets paid for online will be issued to children in class). **Tickets cost £3 per child and must be purchased in advance.**

We will have small ready made sweet bags available for £1 if children wish to purchase them on the night (children may bring their own snacks if they wish). **All children MUST be collected by an adult at 5:10pm.**





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