18th September 2026

It has been lovely to see the colder weather hold off a little longer. This has meant that many of our classes have been able to take full advantage of our wonderful outdoor spaces. Our Reception children, in particular, have been busy exploring the outdoor areas and listening carefully to all the different sounds they could hear.

Mrs Irwin

Water Bottles

A reminder that all children need to bring a named water bottle into school each day. Once children have finished their water, we have drinking taps available in school so that bottles can be refilled when needed. Please ensure that water bottles contain water only and not juice or other drinks.

Second Hand Book Sale

We will be holding a Second-Hand Book Sale on Tuesday 6th October. The sale will take place during the school day, and all children will have the opportunity to visit with their class and choose a book**.** All books will be 50p**,** and all proceeds will go towards purchasing new fabric to make costumes for our Nativity play. We hope this will be a lovely way to encourage a love of reading while also supporting our school productions. If your child would like to purchase a book, please send their money in an envelope clearly marked with their name**.**

Harvest

This year, our Harvest Festival will take place in school on Friday 2nd October. The children will take part in lots of fun activities and learn more about harvest and the importance of giving to others. Once again, we will be donating food to our local food bank, who are always incredibly grateful for the generous donations from our school community.

If you would like to contribute, cans and packets of food can be brought into school on Friday 2nd October**.** Donations can be left in the main entrance, or children can take them directly into their classroom.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support.

Free School Meals

A reminder that if you are in receipt of Universal Credit, you may be eligible to apply for free school meals.

To apply, please use the link Free School Meals

When completing the application, you will need to register and provide:

- Your **National Insurance Number** or **National Asylum Support Service Reference Number**
- Your **last name**
- Your **date of birth**

Applying for free school meals is important even if your child is already entitled to a universal free school meal. The school receives additional funding for eligible pupils, which helps us to provide teaching assistants, additional learning support and mental health interventions.

This funding is a vital source of support for schools, particularly in light of the ongoing financial pressures and budget cuts facing schools.

Thank you for taking the time to check your eligibility and apply if you are entitled to do so.