



# Wantage CE Primary School

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 1 of the 2024-2025 academic year! I hope that you had a lovely summer break; I have been enjoying talking to the children about everyone's holidays and adventures.

## Staff News

We have three teachers starting with us this September: Mrs Billings in Year 1, Mr Carter in Year 2, and Miss Parker in Year 3. We also have two teaching assistants starting with us: Mrs Smith in Year 1 and Year 5, and Miss Browne in Year 4. I am sure you will make them very welcome as they become part of the wonderful Wantage CE community.

Congratulations to Miss Brain who is now Mrs Hims. She enjoyed fabulous weather for her wedding over the summer and an equally marvellous honeymoon in Japan.

I am also delighted to announce that Miss Sigeo gave birth to a beautiful girl, Harriet, who was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> August. Many congratulations to her, Alex, and proud sister Flori.

## Parent and Carer Welcome Meetings

We will be holding informal welcome meetings for families after school for the next couple of weeks. This will be an opportunity for you to come into your son/daughter's class, meet their teacher and hear about their plans for this term.

The meetings will take place at 3:20pm on the following days.

Year 6 – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 3 – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 1 - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 4 - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 2 – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 5 – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

The meetings will take approximately 15-20 minutes.

## New Edge to the KS1 Playground

We are really pleased with the work that has been done over the summer to replace the rotten logs that ran along the edge of the KS1 playground with a smart new wooden retaining wall and fence.



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Please can we ask that parents and carers **do not** allow children to walk along the top of the wall on the woodchip between the edge of the wall and the fence. If children were to fall onto the tarmac path, they could hurt themselves.



## Uniform reminders

It has been lovely to see everyone arriving back looking smart and ready to learn. Please can I remind parents and carers of a number of things to do with uniform:

**Skirts** – skirts need to be knee-length or just above the knee.

**Hair** – hair should be a natural colour and no extreme haircuts, such as lines or patterns shaved into the hair, are allowed. Long hair will ideally be neatly tied back but must be kept off the eyes at all times and securely tied back for PE lessons.

**PE Kit** – must be a plain white t-shirt and plain, dark-coloured shorts or tracksuit bottoms (for colder weather).

**Coats!** – Now that Autumn has decided to arrive as soon as schools have gone back with dark skies and bucket-loads of rain, please can every pupil come to school with a coat. We try to be outside at break and lunch times as much as possible, and if the rain is light, we will be on the playgrounds.

Our wonderful Friends' Committee run a second hand uniform stall, which is currently outside the front entrance of the school. (They would love any donations of uniform that may have been grown out of too. Please bring any unwanted uniform to the school office.)

Also, if you are struggling to buy any school uniform, please do speak to us and we can help.

## School Dinners

Please may we remind you to book your child's dinners on Parent Pay; the deadline for booking is Thursday evening for the following week. If you have not booked for next week we can add your child on the dinner register each morning or you can email the office with your child's menu choices. Children who have just started school with us will receive their Parent Pay login details in the next few days.

Please note that we have the first of our "Theme" days on Tuesday when the menu is Hot Dog or Quorn Hot Dog, Chips, beans or sweetcorn, followed by Chocolate Brownie.

## Cross Country

Our annual Cross Country event for all children in Years 1—6 will take place at Wantage Park next Wednesday afternoon. If any parents are able help with marshalling at this event please let Mrs Brew know.



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## Sing out Sunday

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Wantage Parish Church are holding their next 'Sing out Sunday' event, which includes a fun singing workshop, short service sung by the children, and tea and cake! If you would like to take part or would like to know more, please contact: [music@wantageparish.com](mailto:music@wantageparish.com)

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and I'm looking forward to the first full week of Term 1 next week.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Browne  
Headteacher



## Calendar

Monday 9—Friday 13 September		6NJ swim every morning
Wednesday 11 September	1.00 —3.00 pm	Cross Country for Y1—Y6 at the Park
Thursday 12 September	9.30 am	New Year service for KS2
Monday 16—Friday 20 September		6KH swim every morning
Monday 23—Friday 27 September		Y6 residential at Woodlands
Monday 23—Friday 27 September		5 swim every morning
Monday 30 September—Friday 4 October		5 swim every morning
Monday 30 September		Flu Vaccinations in school for F1—Y6
Tuesday 1 October	10.00—11.30 am	Cross Country for Y3—Y6 at the Park



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