

# Newsletter 2025-2026 No.1 - 5th September

## Welcome Back

We hope you had a lovely Summer break and your child was looking forward to coming back. It has been an excellent first week back and there is a really calm and purposeful atmosphere across the whole school. Our new Reception children in John Coles and Neeld have settled in really well and have quickly become familiar with the new routines and expectations. All the classes have made a great transition back into the school year and there are so many smiley, happy children.

## New School Year Changes

Firstly - **new staff**. We welcome Mrs Graham to our teaching staff. She will be teaching Y3 in Brunel. Ms Webb is our new Sports Coach on a Wednesday. **The children in KS2 have been delighted with the KS2 toilet refurbishments**. The new toilet rooms are amazing - one child likened them to hotel toilets! Our **new website** has gone live - we hope you like it. The home page shows off our grounds really well. This new version is also more mobile friendly.

## Meet the Teacher

Over the next few weeks there will be an opportunity to meet the teacher and hear about some of the expectations for each class. These are:  
15/09 at 2.40pm - King Alfred (Y2) and Brunel (Y3)  
17/09 at 2.30pm - Wren - Y1  
22/09 at 2.40pm - Maud Heath - Y4/5  
23/09 at 2.40pm - Priestley - Y5/6  
For John Coles parents - we know that you have already met the class teachers in the Summer Term, but there will be a short meeting for you on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm which will introduce Phonics and how we teach early reading.

## Year 6 Buddies

Our Year 6s have been amazing buddies to the new reception children. The younger children look for their buddies at break and lunch time and this has made them feel so much more happy and safe outside when the whole school are there.

## Bikeability - Y6

All Year 6s have the opportunity to take part in Bikeability. This will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the consent form which has already been sent to you via email.

## Reception - John Coles

Our new Reception children in John Coles have settled in really well. A reminder that next week, they will be in school full time.

## Reception - Neeld

Our new reception children in Neeld Class have also settled in really well. Next week they will be staying for lunch and collected between 1.00-1.15pm.

## Free School Meals - Applications

If you believe your child may be entitled to Free School Meals please contact the office for an application form, or you can access it direct from Wiltshire Council website. If you are in receipt of any benefits listed below, we would be grateful if you could complete an application form. Even if your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2 please complete the form if you meet the criteria. This will ensure our school receives further funding and during your child's time in school we can continue to provide financial support for uniforms and trips. We will issue a £50 voucher towards the cost of uniform for all successful applications.

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to
- Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

## Summer Reading Challenge

If your child has completed the Summer Reading Challenge they can bring their certificates into school next Friday and we will celebrate their achievements with them.

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