

# Billingborough Primary School Newsletter

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## Clubs, clubs, clubs

We have a number of exciting clubs at school. Since term started, children have been enjoying LEGO club, art club, board game club, reading club, cricket, circuit training, basketball and hockey as lunchtime clubs. We are now launching football club for Y5/6 after school on Mondays, and Tag Rugby for Y3–6 after school on Wednesdays. It is lovely to see so many children enjoying a wider range of activities.

## Harvest festival

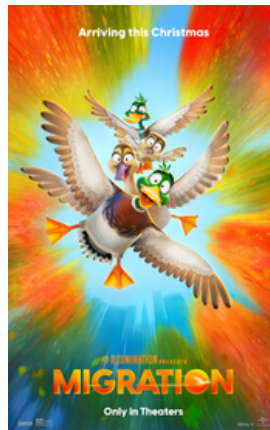
We will be celebrating the Harvest Festival in school on Friday 11th October. We will mark the day by collecting donations of dried and tinned food to donate to the local food bank. As a thank you for supporting the cause, children are invited to wear non-school uniform for the day.

## Forest school

Forest School lessons continue with Water Voles and Buzzards on Thursday mornings, and Roe Deer on Thursday afternoons. Remember old clothes that can get dirty. Children will need wellies or boots and a warm waterproof coat.

## Cinema trips

We have 2 exciting school trips coming up. Children in Nursery–Year 4 will be going to see Migration, and children in Year 5–6 will be going to see Inside Out 2. The trips are organised as part of the Into Film Festival where schools are able to enjoy films at the cinema. A letter has been emailed to all families with further details.



# Updates

## Clothes

The seasons are definitely changing. Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat for school every day. Often the weather can change throughout the day and we are keen for children to be active during their social times whenever possible.



## Parent/carer consultations

On Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October, we will have our first parent/carer consultation evenings. All parents/carers are invited to book a 10 minute appointment with their child's teacher. Appointments can be face to face or virtual.

## Pantomime trip

Keep a look out for information coming soon about our whole school trip to the pantomime.

## Y3/4 visited Flag Fen

At the end of September, Buzzards class had a wonderful day finding out all about the Stone Age. They visited Flag Fen near Peterborough where they took part in lots of outdoor learning experiences. They had to throw a spear to hunt for food, make pots out of clay, construct shelters from natural materials, make paint from berries, and they got to handle artefacts from prehistoric times.





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## Attendance

Thank you to all Billingborough families for supporting their children and the school with good attendance. Every school day matters. Our school curriculum is designed to build on prior learning, and when children are absent, it can create gaps in their knowledge. Regular good attendance is the best strategy to ensure children do not miss out.

Here is the school attendance for September:

Water Voles	96.99%
Roe Deer	97.22%
Buzzards	97.94%
Nightingales	98.06%
Barn Owls	96.39%
Whole school	97.40%

When should my child attend school and when should they stay home?

Here is helpful information from the NHS about when a child should stay off school, and when they can still go to school.

Is my child too ill for school?

[www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/](http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)

## NSPCC - Speak Out, Stay Safe

We have been working with KS1 and KS2 to deliver the NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe message. This teaches children to know how to identify safe and trusted adults, and when they should be speaking to an adult about concerns they have. The children in KS2 have also learnt about abuse and the rights that all children have. Children have learnt about the Childline service too.



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## Online Safety Day

On Thursday 3rd October, all children from Year 2-6 will have online safety workshops through the Lincolnshire Stay Safe partnership. We commit to regularly ensuring children know how to be safe online and when they are using devices. The digital world is ever changing. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns about your child's online usage.

## Mental Health Day

Thursday 10th October is Mental Health Awareness Day. We will be working with the children to identify mindful activities and other ways they can look after their mental health and wellbeing. On the day, children are invited to wear something yellow to demonstrate their commitment to promoting positive mental health.



## Early Years Open Afternoon

If you have a child who is turning 5 between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026, please visit our Early Years open afternoon on Wednesday 16th October (1:30-2:30). It will be an opportunity for you to visit the classroom and meet the staff. Also, if you have children who are turning 3 and would like to visit our pre-school, please join the Early Years open afternoon.

## Half term

A reminder - the half term holiday is Monday 21st October until Friday 25th October. Monday 28th October is also an inset day. Children will return to school on Tuesday 29th October.

