

# Billingborough Primary School Newsletter

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## Welcome back to school

We are thrilled to welcome all our children and families back to school for another exciting year of learning and growth. As we embark on this new academic journey together, we are filled with anticipation for the wonderful experiences and achievements that lie ahead. We are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and stimulating environment where every child can reach their full potential. Our dedicated teachers and staff are looking forward to working with you to create a positive and enriching learning experience. We hope you have a wonderful and productive school year!

WELCOME

## Welcome to the team

We are delighted to welcome several new members to our dedicated team of staff.

- Miss Boden will be joining us to teach in both the Nightingales and Barn Owls classes.
- Miss Gullidge will be joining our teaching team as a teaching assistant in the Water Voles class.
- Mrs Rogers will be working as a teaching assistant in the Roe Deer and Buzzards classes.
- Miss Hare will be a teaching assistant in the Nightingales class.
- Mr Corpe will be taking on the important role of caretaker and cleaner.

We are excited to have these talented individuals join our school community and look forward to the contributions they will make to the education and well-being of our students. Please join us in welcoming them to the team!

## New fence and security measures

We are pleased to announce that we have recently installed a new fence around the school grounds to enhance the security and safety of our children and staff. This new fence will help to create a more secure learning environment.

Please be aware that due to the installation of the new fence, there is now only one pedestrian gate that opens onto Victoria Street. This gate, along with the large double gates, will be open at the beginning and end of the school day. Important: All school gates will be kept closed during the school day. If you need to access the school during school hours, please use the intercom located on the new pedestrian gate to speak with the school office.

We appreciate your cooperation in following these new security procedures. Your support helps to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community.

# Updates

## School hours reminder

Please be reminded that the school day begins at 8:45 AM and ends at 3:20 PM. To ensure that your child arrives on time and is ready to learn, please make sure they are at school by 8:45 AM. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Bike and scooter safety

To ensure the safety of our students, we would like to remind parents and carers that if your child rides a bike or scooter to school, they must wear a helmet. Helmets are essential for protecting your child's head in case of an accident.

Please note that children should not be riding bikes or scooters in the playground. There is a designated bike rack and scooter storage area at the end of the playground. If your child brings a bike or scooter to school, please ensure that they bring a lock to keep it secure.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and enjoyable learning environment.



## No dogs allowed on school grounds

To ensure the safety and well-being of our children and staff, we kindly request that dogs are not brought onto the school grounds.

We understand that dogs can be wonderful companions, but for the benefit of everyone, it is important to keep them off school property. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



## Medication policy reminder

Please be reminded that our school can only administer medication that has been prescribed for a child. We cannot administer any medication that has not been prescribed by a healthcare professional.

If your child requires medication during school hours, please complete the necessary paperwork in the school office. This will ensure that we have the appropriate information and consent to administer the medication as needed.

Thank you for your cooperation in following our medication policy.



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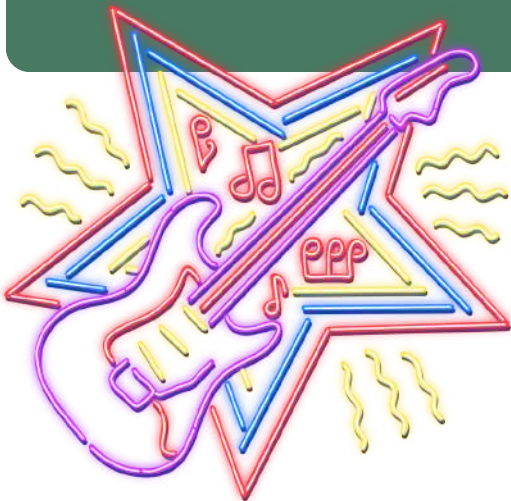
## Nut free school

To ensure the safety of all our children, we are a nut-free school. This means that no nuts or nut products should be brought into the school grounds, including snacks, lunches, or treats. We understand that allergies can be serious, and this policy is in place to protect the health and well-being of our children who may have nut allergies. Thank you for your cooperation in following this important rule.



## Times Tables Rock Stars Day

Get ready to rock out with Times Tables Rockstars! On Friday, September 13th, we will be celebrating Times Tables Rockstars Day. To get into the spirit, children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a rockstar! We will be filling the day with exciting and engaging maths activities to help our children learn their times tables and number bonds. Let's make this a day to remember!



## Inset Day Reminder

Please note that Friday, September 27th is an Inset Day, and the school will be closed to all children on that day. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your understanding.







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## The importance of school attendance

As the Department for Education emphasises in their document "Working Together to Improve School Attendance," regular attendance is crucial for a child's academic success and overall well-being. Missing school can lead to gaps in learning, difficulty forming friendships, and a negative impact on their future prospects. Every day counts, so please make sure your child is attending school regularly. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. Together, we can ensure that your child receives the education they deserve.

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## Breakfast and After School Club

We are pleased to offer Breakfast Club from 7:30 AM each morning and After School Club until 5:00 PM each afternoon.

Breakfast Club is available for £5 per session, while After School Club is £6 per session.

To help us keep costs down and avoid increasing prices this year, we are kindly requesting that children attending After School Club bring their own snack to enjoy during their time with us.

Thank you for your understanding and support.





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## Forest School

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We are excited to announce that our popular Forest School classes will continue this half term! Forest School provides a unique outdoor learning experience that benefits children in many ways. It helps to develop their confidence, self-esteem, and problem-solving skills. It also fosters a love for nature and encourages a sense of responsibility for the environment.

To ensure your child is fully prepared for their Forest School adventures, please provide them with appropriate outdoor clothing, including warm, waterproof layers and clothes that they don't mind getting muddy.

Forest School Schedule for This Half Term:

- Water Voles Class: Thursday mornings
- Buzzards Class: Thursday mornings
- Roe Deer Class: Thursday afternoons

Please ensure that Water Voles and Buzzards classes come to school dressed in their Forest School attire. Water Voles will then need their PE kit and Buzzards will need to change into their school uniform. Roe Deer class should wear their school uniforms in the morning and bring their Forest School clothes to change into for lunchtime.

We look forward to another fantastic Forest School season!

## Upcoming dates

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Here are upcoming dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 4th September – First day back at school for all children
- Tuesday 10th September – Online Safety day for all classes
- Friday 13th September – Times Tables Rock Stars Day. Children can dress as a rock star for the day.
- Monday 16th September – NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe day
- Thursday 26th September – Y3/4 School Trip to Flag Fen
- Friday 27th September – Inset Day – School closed for all children
- Thursday 10th October – Mental Health Awareness Day
- Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th October – Parents' Evenings
- Monday 21st October – Start of the Half Term holiday