



Owls Class Newsletter

Autumn term 2026

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. We have had a great start to the term and we are looking forward to the year ahead.

Drop off / *New* Pick up location

In the morning, we will welcome Owls into the classroom between 8.30 and 8.45am. The children will come into the classroom through our external classroom door, accessed via the churchyard. At 8.45am, the gate will be closed and the register will be taken. If the gate is closed when you arrive, this means you will need to take your child to the school office and sign them in.

At the end of the day children should be collected from the same location – **Owls' external classroom door at 3.20pm.** Please let the office know of any alternate pick up arrangements.

PE

During the Autumn term, Owls will be taught PE every Wednesday by Coach Luke and every Thursday by Miss Stroud so please ensure your child comes to school wearing weather-suitable **PE kit every Wednesday and Thursday.**



Reading

The children will choose their own reading books from the book band they will be allocated and these will be coming home on Monday 14th September. Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ensure your child brings their reading book to school every day. Children should record their nights of reading in their reading records as part of the reading challenge. When the children reach each milestone (every 25 nights), this will be celebrated in assembly. If your child reaches 250 nights of reading by the end of the year, they will be invited to a very special tea party with Mrs CC. Please note; the challenge is for 250 separate nights of reading so each day counts for one night only, even if your child has read more than once that day. Adults in school will not be writing in recording records, it is used only as a record for the reading challenge. We understand that the children may prefer to read to themselves, but we would still encourage you to hear your child read as often as possible. This

will provide opportunities for discussion about their book and to practise reading skills such as inference, prediction and recall. It will also build their confidence when reading aloud.

Have you got an hour to spare? We would warmly welcome any volunteers who would like to come into school and hear the children read. Please come and speak to us if you are able to help.

Spelling

On Friday 18th September, children will bring home their first set of spellings to learn. There may be 4, 5 or 6 spelling in each set, depending on the spelling rule. Most children will be given words from the Key Stage 2 word list, unless we have discussed an alternate arrangement with you. The words on the list are words that children commonly misspell. Unlike phonetically regular words, most of the words have patterns that need explicit teaching – a tricky vowel spelling, a silent letter or an unusual suffix. All children will be tested every Friday in the back of their spelling books so please ensure spelling books are in school every Friday.

Coats and Water bottles

Please ensure your child brings a **coat and a named water bottle to school every day**. Children are also encouraged to bring a healthy snack to have during morning playtime.

Pencil Cases

Children do not need to bring pencil cases or stationery into school. Everything they need will be provided.

Toys

Please leave all toys, including fidget toys, at home unless an SEN arrangement has been discussed with us.

Next week

Next week the Year 5s are off to residential for a very exciting week of activities with Miss Stroud, Mrs Miles, Mrs CC, Mrs Crossman and the other Year 5s and 6s. The Year 4s will remain in school with Mrs Mills, Mrs Marks, Mrs Marshall and Mrs Sarsfield. On Wednesday the Year 4s will be attending a re-scheduled event at Oysters Coppice, along with the Year 3s from Doves. Please see separate letter regarding this trip.

We are looking forward to a very exciting year ahead. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Sarah Mills and Miss Beth Stroud

Owls Class Teachers