

Welcome back to another wonderful week! As we settle into the rhythm of this term, we continue to be filled with pride at the incredible achievements and positive attitudes from our children every single day. Whether it's the determination shown in our classrooms, the kindness displayed in our playground, or the enthusiasm for learning that shines through in every lesson, our pupils make us proud every day. This week promises to be another exciting one, and I'm delighted to share with you all the wonderful things happening across our school.

Week 4 Attendance

Our overall school attendance for last week is **94.1%**

Special congratulations to **Ash Class** for achieving the highest overall attendance of **100%**!

You are the first class to reach 100% and get the sweetie treat!

- **Ash (EYFS): 100%** ★
- **Elm (Y1/2): 90.4%**
- **Sycamore (Y3/4): 95.3%**
- **Oak (Y5/6): 93.0%**

House Points Update – Week 4

- **Cavendish: 48**
- **Hardwick: 50** ★
- **Arkwright: 28**
- **Allwood: 50** ★

Congratulations to **Hardwick and Allwood**, you earned the most points last week and get to cut the tuck shop queue on Friday.

Overall House Points Leaderboard

- **Hardwick: 246**
- **Allwood: 190**
- **Arkwright: 143**
- **Cavendish: 259** ★

Well done, Cavendish – you are in the lead overall!

Upcoming dates

- **Phonics Workshop for Year 1 Parents:** Tuesday 14th October at 9am in the school hall
- **Phonics workshop for Reception Parents:** Thursday 16th October at 9am in the school hall

Harvest Service at St James' Church - Tuesday 21st October

On **Tuesday 21st October**, children in **Years 1-6** will be walking up to St James' Church for our harvest service. During the service, the children will have the opportunity to share their learning about harvest with the congregation. This is a wonderful way for our pupils to celebrate the harvest season and demonstrate what they've been learning in school.

Food Donations for Clay Cross Food Bank

As part of our harvest celebrations, we will be collecting food donations for **Clay Cross Food Bank**. We know that many families in our local community are facing difficult times, and any donations will help to support those who need it most during these challenging periods.

Suitable items for donation include:

- Tinned foods (vegetables, soup, beans, tomatoes, fish, meat)
- Pasta and rice
- Cereals
- Tea and coffee
- Long-life milk (UHT)
- Biscuits and snacks
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet rolls)

Please ensure all items are **non-perishable and in date**.

Donations can be brought into school between Monday 13th October and Friday 17th October.

Birdman Visit - Wednesday 22nd October

We're excited to announce that **Alan Ames from Birdman Displays** will be visiting our school on **Wednesday 22nd October**.

Alan has dedicated his life to pursuing his passion for the natural world and adventure, working with schools, TV and film studios to bring magical, educational experiences to people all over the world.

During the visit, pupils will have the opportunity to meet Alan's magnificent team of birds: Sybil the Harris Hawk, Alaska the Bald Eagle, Basil the Barbary Falcon and Sparky the Barn Owl.

This will be an amazing opportunity for children to meet these incredible birds up close and learn about them in an engaging way.

Optional Photo Opportunity - There will also be the opportunity for your child to have a photo taken holding one of the birds at a small cost. More information about this, including pricing, will be sent out in a separate letter. We're really looking forward to this unique learning experience for all our children.

Halloween Disco - Thursday 23rd October

A reminder that tickets for the Halloween disco are available to purchase from **Monday 6th October** from **Mrs Whittingham** in the **school office**.

Speaking with Staff - Important Reminder

We want to remind you that we are always here to listen if you need to discuss anything with a member of staff. However, to ensure we can give you our full attention and address your concerns properly, we ask that you **please avoid discussing issues with staff when they are on their way into school or on their way home**.

Instead, please **speak to a member of staff in school and during school time**. This ensures that conversations can take place in an appropriate setting where staff can focus fully on your concerns and provide the support you need.