

We are now over halfway through the autumn term – it's hard to believe how quickly it's going! While we have already achieved so much, there's still plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks.

In this newsletter, we wanted to share a couple of important updates about our approach to mobile phones and devices in school so please do take a moment to read through the information.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to chat, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mobile Phones

We would like to remind parents that we are a mobile phone-free environment. This follows the Department for Education's statutory guidance on mobile phones in schools, which came into force on 1 September 2026 and the expectation is also set out in the updated Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026 guidance.

Children must not have mobile phones on them during the school day. We understand that some families have co-parenting arrangements or children may need to go home with different carers on different days. If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school for these reasons, parents/carers must hand the phone into the school office at drop-off. The phone will be stored securely during the school day, and parents/carers will need to collect the phone from the office at the end of the day.

Smart Watches

We also want to clarify our policy regarding watches and smart devices to ensure all pupils can focus on their learning in a safe and distraction-free environment.

Children are allowed to wear simple analogue or digital watches only to help them tell the time throughout the day.

Smart watches or any device with additional functions are not allowed. This includes watches that can:

- Send or receive messages
- Make calls
- Access the internet
- Take photos or videos
- Use apps or games

Smart watches have many of the same functions as mobile phones and can pose similar safeguarding risks.

If your child currently owns a smart watch, please ensure they leave it at home or swap it for a simple watch. If you're unsure whether your child's watch is suitable, please check with a member of staff at drop-off or contact the school office.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a focused and safe learning environment for all our pupils.

Upcoming Dates

Monday 5th Oct – INSET Day – school closed to children

Wednesday 7th Oct – Phonics workshop for Reception parents – 2pm

Thursday 8th Oct – World Mental Health Day

Monday 12th Oct – Phonics workshop for Y1 parents – 2pm

Thursday 15th Oct – KS2 Harvest Visit to Church

Wednesday 21st Oct – Halloween disco – **Session 1** - 3.45pm – 4.30pm, **Session 2** - 4.45pm – 5.30pm (letter with more information will be sent out nearer the time)

Friday 23rd Oct - INSET Day – school closed to children. School closes for half term.