



Dear Parents and Carers,

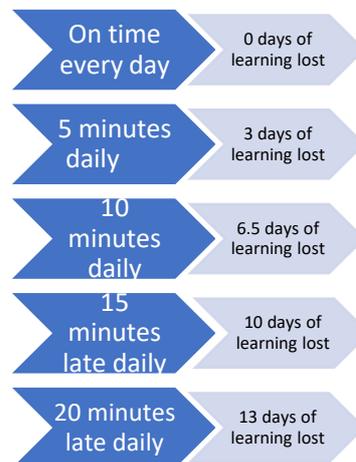
We have had a very busy start to the school year. We are incredibly proud of the children; they have adapted well to their new classrooms and have demonstrated resilience building new relationships with children and staff.

We have introduced our new Phonics scheme 'Rocket Phonics' this year. All staff have received training on the new scheme and the Senior Leadership Team are supporting staff to become familiar with the scheme. Our new home reading books are phonetically decodable, and children are enjoying reading these. We are also pleased with the launch of our new reading incentive and I have had so many conversations with children about how many circles they have coloured in already. I would like to thank you for your support with reading, it has been wonderful to see so many parents and carers at the reading sessions and reading regularly with your children at home. After half term we are looking forward to sharing more information about our curriculum with you.

Take Care,
Mrs Holmes

School timings

The school day starts at 8:50 and registers close at 9:00. Lessons start promptly at 9:00 and children who are late will often miss the introduction to a session. Thank you to the vast majority of parents that are making sure their child arrives regularly on time. Any child arriving after 9:00 will be marked as late. If a child arrives after 9.20am they will be recorded as late using a U (unauthorised absence) code with the number of minutes late recorded against the code. We have noticed that some children are regularly arriving late and are being signed in at reception. This means that they will have lost learning time and may have difficulty settling at the start of the day.



School Values

Our core values are at the heart of our school. We expect all staff and pupils to demonstrate them at all times and for pupils' behaviour to be outstanding.

Respect - Adults and pupils alike show respect for each other. We promote equal opportunities through non-discriminatory practices. We respect our belongings and the school environment.

Responsibility - Staff and children take responsibility for their actions and any disagreements are resolved in a restorative manner. We take responsibility for the world we live in and take care of the environment.

Resilience - Staff and children develop resilience in everything they do supported by those around them. We persevere when things are challenging and ask for help if we need it.

We promote our school values daily through assemblies, our curriculum and adult modelling. Certificates are awarded to children when they demonstrate one of our school values.

Dates for your diary

Friday 14 th October 3:20pm	School closes
27 th October	Flu Vaccinations (info sent via ParentPay)
2 nd November (6pm)	Phonics Information Meeting - Pre-school and Reception
3 rd November (6pm)	Phonics Information Meeting - Year 1 and Year 2
4 th November	Yellow Class Assembly
11 th November	Gold Class Assembly
18 th November	Red Class Assembly
25 th November	Orange Class Assembly
18 th November	Children in Need - children to wear brightly coloured non-uniform.
6 th December pm 7 th December am	R1 and R2 - Nativity
8 th December pm 9 th December am	R3 and R4 - Nativity

Half term Highlights

We asked KS1 children what they have enjoyed this half term!

"Maths and English - learning about less than, greater than and equal to"

"I have enjoyed handwriting"

"Art"

"R.E - learning about different religions."

"Maths - how a number can be greater than other numbers"

"P.E and learning how to play tennis"

"Learning about space in English"

Respect

Resilience

Responsibility

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes automatically receive universal infant free school meals. However, if you meet the qualifying criteria listed below, completing an application for benefits-related free school meals could help your children's school get valuable extra funding through the pupil premium.

Who is eligible for benefits-related free school meals? Families who receive:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- The guarantee element of state pension credit
- Working tax credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit.
- Universal credit with annual net earned income of less than £7,400

The easiest way to apply is online:

[Leicester City Council - Free School Meals Application](#)

Foodbank Donations

We are incredibly grateful for the donations to our Local foodbank. Thank you very much for your generous donations, it is lovely to be able to support the community in this way, especially in the current climate.



EasyPeasy App

We have been made aware of a free app to support parents of children aged 0 to 5 years.

EasyPeasy has parenting tips and activities, personalised for you and your 0 to 5 year old, from their playful community of parents and experts.

Available on both Apple and Android platforms. Follow the link to find out more:

[EasyPeasy | Give your child the best start in life \(easypeasyapp.com\)](https://easypeasyapp.com)



Lighting the hearts & minds of our community