

Friday 3rd October 2025

Autumn 1 Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Positive Start to the Year

We've had a brilliant start to the new academic year; children are happy and progressing well with their learning and parental engagement in our September opportunities has been very high. A particular highlight was the Macmillan coffee morning where Reception children shared cake with their parents.



Friends of Woodpecker

Thank you to all those parents who have signed up to support our school events through joining our PTA (Parent, Teacher Association)- known as Friends of Woodpecker. All parents are part of this group and we encourage you to take part in helping us run our events this year. Without your help we won't be in a position to run fun events for our children and community.

On **Wednesday 22nd October, 2:45-3:15pm**, we will be holding an informal coffee and cake event where we will outline the events we have planned and listen to your ideas and feedback. Please come along and see what we can do together for our children.

Ofsted Visit

This academic year Ofsted changed the framework in which it inspects schools. This new framework will roll out in November for all schools.

Our next inspection is likely to be in 2027-2028. However, we were asked by the Local Authority to support Ofsted in trialling the new framework. We have agreed to this as it's always good to get expert feedback on what we are doing well and what we can do even better.

Consequently, the school will have a full 2-day inspection on **Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October**. This doesn't change our grading and we won't get a report but we do get expert advice from the team that will be with us.

School Food Menus

As you know the school changed its menu in September. This was to ensure that we comply with all national health and food requirements. We have finished the first cycle of the new menus and have taken feedback from the children. This feedback has been handed to the Manager of the Trust Kitchens and further changes are being made to menu.

Children will be invited in the coming weeks to take part in tasting sessions where they can vote on their favourite additions to the menus.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicky Ross'.

Nicky Ross

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