



17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

## Getting Ready for September

Dear Families,

We know this time of year is incredibly busy, but we wanted to share with you some important information and reminders to help get ready for next academic year. Don't worry – we'll remind you of everything again in September – we just want to keep you informed.

### School Meal Prices

- School meal prices will rise in September by 5p to £2.80. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive a free meal every day, provided by the government.

### Paying for School Meals

- Please remember that school meals need to be paid for in advance on ParentPay.
  - To avoid going into debt, regularly check your wallet balance on RMP app, **not** on ParentPay.

### OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

- **We will be going outside every lunchtime whatever the weather!**
- Children will need wellies or a spare pair of old shoes in school **every day** for lunchtimes.
- We highly recommend waterproof trousers for the wet days and muddy play
- **EVERYONE MUST HAVE A COAT**

### Healthy Schools

We have been accredited with the Healthy Schools award. To achieve this we agreed:

- Only water in water bottles – we have a new water cooler that has been installed for the children to use.
- Only fresh or dried fruit or vegetables for morning snack time
- No chocolate or sweets in lunchboxes

### Uniform

- Children will continue to wear PE kit for the whole day if they have PE
- PE days will be shared in September
- Trainers worn on both PE days and with school uniform **MUST BE PLAIN BLACK.**
- Football boots only to be worn at football club
- Don't forget to label/name all of your child's clothing and belongings. If things are found, we can only return them to their owners if they are named.

### Pierced Ears

- If your child is planning to get their ears pierced this summer, **please do it as early as possible** because they will not be able to take part in PE/swimming/forest school until they can remove them (normally six weeks).

### Pencil Cases

- Children in Year 1-6 are invited to bring a pencil case into school. Please make sure these are small enough to fit in a tray.

- It would be helpful to include:
  - Writing pencils
  - Colouring pencils
  - A ruler
  - A rubber and sharpener
  - Pritt sticks (glue stick)
  - Children in Years 5 and 6 are welcome to bring blue handwriting pens (no biros please) and their own whiteboard pen

### Swimming

- Swimming has been a huge success for children in years 3-6 over the past couple of years and we are delighted to be able to continue with this next year! Each Key Stage 2 class will swim weekly for six weeks. Currently, Sawston swimming pool is undergoing refurbishment so lessons will move to Abbey Leisure Pool in September.

### Forest School

- Excitingly, we have also been able to secure a minimum of six weeks of forest school again for **every class** next year. You will receive more information before your child's sessions.

### The school day

- To get off to a good start each morning, your child needs to be in school and ready to begin the school day by **8.45 a.m.**, when the classroom doors will close. The school gates will be open from 8.35 a.m. and arriving a few minutes early allows children to chat with friends, feel part of the class and get the day off to a good start.
- The gates will open at 3.05 p.m. at the end of the day, ready for you to collect your child from their classroom at **3.15 p.m.** Don't forget to let us know if you have asked a different person to collect your child; even if your child recognises the person you send, we do not let them to home unless we have specifically been informed by you.

### Allergies

- Don't forget that we are a nut free and raw citrus fruit free school, as we have members of the school community with severe allergies to both. Be careful when packing a lunch for your child as some of the chocolate spreads contain nuts.

We hope this gives you the information you need to help you prepare for your child's next year in school.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact the school office.

With kind regards,

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Headteacher