

WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th September 2025



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Message from Miss Taunt

Dear Families,

Welcome back!

It has been so lovely to see you all this week.

The children have had a brilliant start to the term, and we're very pleased to welcome our new children to Nursery, Reception, and other year groups across the school.

Over the next couple of weeks, all year groups from Year 1 to Year 6 will be holding **Meet the Teacher Information Sessions**. These sessions will provide you with all the information you need for the year ahead. The dates are as follows:

- **Year 1:** Friday 12th September, 2:30pm
- **Year 2:** Wednesday 17th September, 9:00am
- **Year 3:** Tuesday 16th September, 2:30pm
- **Year 4:** Thursday 18th September, 2:30pm
- **Year 5:** Monday 15th September, 2:30pm
- **Year 6:** Tuesday 16th September, 9:00am

We will be placing a strong focus on **attendance** this year. Last academic year, only 18 children achieved 100% attendance, and we are currently well below the national benchmark of 95%. Please ensure your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely unwell. In KS2, we've introduced a new **prize raffle** for all children with 95% attendance or higher, with the first prizes being drawn today! If you have any concerns about attendance, please contact a member of the SLT or Miss Payne, our Attendance Officer.

Quick reminder for next week:

Please make sure children come to school with a **water bottle** and a **waterproof coat**. We are also asking children to bring **wellies** to keep in school so they can play on the field in all weathers.

Have a lovely weekend!

Rose Taunt, Head Teacher

Dates for the week

Monday 8th September

1Q—100% attendance non-uniform day

Tuesday

New day Parent and Carers Coffee morning. 8.35-9.30

Wednesday

Thursday

Barnhill Year 7 Open Evening 4-7pm

Friday

9am SEND Hub Meet the Teacher Meeting

9am Years 1 and 2 Celebration Assembly. Families welcome to join.

2.30pm Year 1 Meet the Teacher Meeting

2.45pm Years 3 to 6 Celebration Assembly. Families welcome to join.

Dates for your Diary

We want you to be part of our school

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Autumn Term 2025

New things that have been added this week will be highlighted yellow.



Key Dates for the Autumn Term

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from Noun Project

September	Thursday 4th September	Children return to School
	Thursday 11th September	Year 6 Barnhill Open Evening
	Friday 12th September	9am SEND Hub Meet the Teacher Meeting
	Friday 12th September	2.30pm Year 1 Meet the Teacher Meeting
	Monday 15th September	2.30pm Year 5 Meet the Teacher Meeting
	Week beginning Monday 15th September	School and PSD clubs start back
	Tuesday 16th September	9.00am Year 6 Meet the Teacher Meeting 2.30pm Year 3 Meet the Teacher Meeting
	Wednesday 17th September	9.00am Year 2 Meet the Teacher Meeting
		Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Trial - by invite only
	Thursday 18th September	School Council Elections
	Thursday 18th September	2.30pm Year 4 Meet the Teacher Meeting
	Wednesday 24th September	Meet an Athlete Event
October	Wednesday 1st October	Y4 Pedestrian Training
	Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd October	Year 5 Residential to Woodrow and non-residential activities
	Tuesday 7th October	Year 5 and 6 STEM Visit to Thorpe Park
	Tuesday 21st October	Individual Photos
	Wednesday 22nd October	PTA Halloween Mufti Day and Snack Sale
	October Half Term	Monday 27th October—Friday 7th November
November	Tuesday 18th December	Year 5 Space Dome Workshop
	Thursday 20th November	Pupil Flu Vaccinations
	Monday 24th November	Year 2 Guy Fawkes Workshop
	Wednesday 26th November	1.00pm Early Finish 1.30-6.30pm Parents Evening
December	Thursday 4th December	PTA Christmas Disco tbc
	Wednesday 10th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Sing-a-long Show
	Friday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
	Tuesday 16th December	9.30am and 2.15pm Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show
	Wednesday 12th December	PTA Christmas Raffle
	Thursday 18th December	Year 6 Visiting Theatre - Macbeth
	Friday 19th December	1.30pm Finish

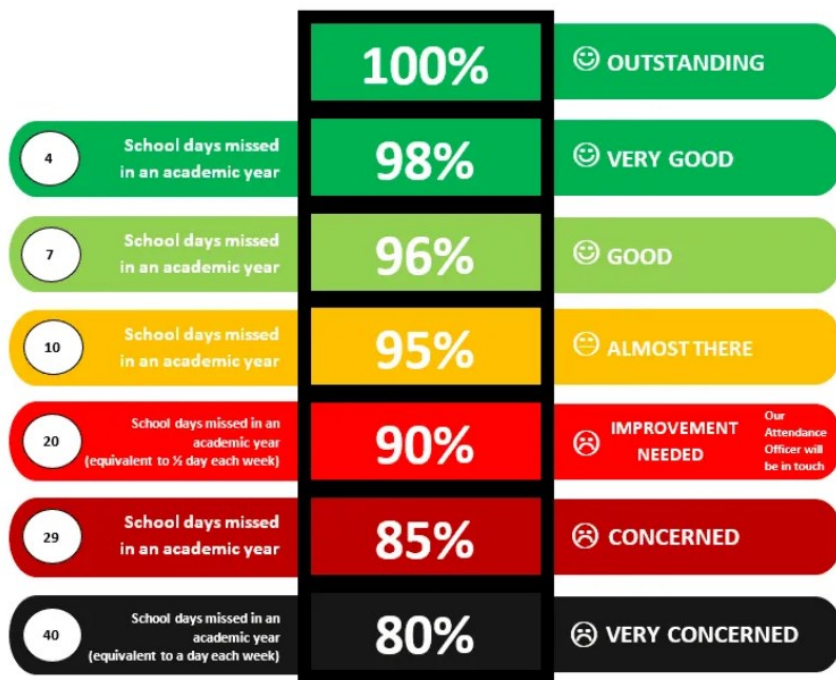
24-25 ATTENDANCE

*Attend today, Achieve tomorrow
Every day counts!*

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If your child is unable to attend school for any reason it is important that you phone the school **before 8am** on the first day of absence and leave a message on the absence line **by calling 01895 462364** and choose option 1.

**Well done 1Q,
100% Attendance**
**You can have a non-uniform
day on Monday!**



Attendance from Sept—July

Class	Attendance
NAM	
NPM	
ALL DAY	
EINSTEIN/WARHOL	100%
RCW	
RR	
RW	
1O	86%
1Q	100%
2D	91%
2K	83%
2R	91%
3A	89%
3F	88%
3H	95%
4CH	93%
4CL	92%
4Q	85%
5E	85%
5F	91%
5L	95%
6L	93%
6M	88%
6R	90%

Top Attendance Classes

The classes claiming the Attendance Cup for the best attendance this year are:

Lower school - 1Q and Hub

Key Stage 2 - 3H

95% club winners - Sofia & Yuvraj



**This week's whole
school attendance**

91%

Our target is more than 95%

**Number of children who had 100%
attendance this Week:**

253

CELEBRATIONS & AWARDS

*We ASPIRE to be
the best we can be*

Star Pupil

This is given to one pupil per class every week and recognises a child who has done particularly well linked to our school's values.



Reader of the Week

This is a new certificate given out weekly to someone who has tried extra hard with their reading that week. All the winners will be entered into a prize draw at the end of each half term to win a



Attendance Winners

In KS1 week, 3 children with 100% attendance from the week before are chosen to receive prizes of attendance stickers, pencils and wristbands.

In KS2, all children who have 95% that term are entered into a raffle with 2 children being picked to win toy shop prizes.

PSD Sports Champion

PSD award a sports champion every week to a boy and a girl who have tried particularly hard in their PE lessons.



Pupil of the Term & Right Choice Award

These are awarded at the end of the term to someone who has worked particularly hard and made amazing progress and someone who has been noticed as always making the right choices. Parents of the winners are invited in for the assembly and pupils receive a reward.



Out of School Achievements

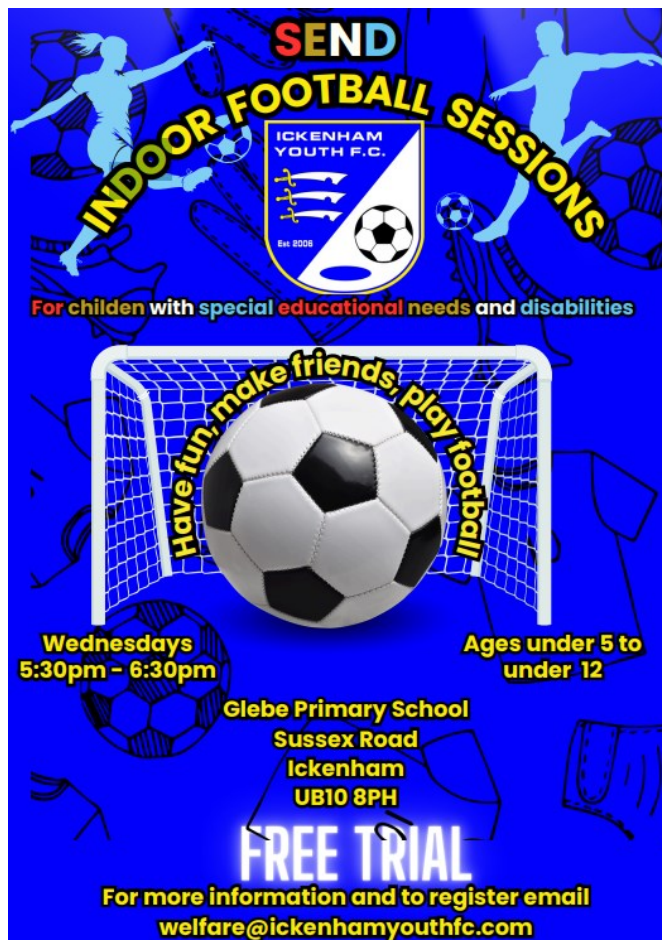
This year, we would like to celebrate achievements that children have earned outside of school.

If your child has received certificates or awards - for example, in swimming, gymnastics, sports (such as player of the match), music exams, martial arts, or any other activity - we'd love to hear about it and celebrate their success in assembly.

Please send the award in with your child on a **Friday**, and we will share their achievement during our assembly.

SEND FOOTBALL

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FOR CHILDREN AGED 8 - 12 (YEAR 4 - 7)

SCAN TO BOOK



SATURDAYS | 10AM - 11AM

SUMMER @ WEALDSTONE FC
WINTER @ GOALS RUISLIP

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES OR TO REQUEST A FREE TRIAL EMAIL
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ROAD SAFETY

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We have seen the traffic and parking getting worse in Owen Road.

Cars are parking and driving on the pavements, neighbours driveways are being used and blocked.

We are seriously worried that a child will get hurt by a car outside our school.

Please do not drive down or park on
Owen Road



Play at Belmore – Monthly Highlights

Each month, the Play Team will share exciting updates on how Belmore children are engaging in play. Look out for photos, quotes, and examples of how our play reflects Belmore values.

Bingo Challenge!

Each class will get a Bingo sheet. The first to collect donations for every item wins an extra session of outdoor play! Good luck!

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO

Acorns 	Baking pans 	Cake moulds 	Measuring spoons 	Strainers 
Baskets 	Cable spools 	Cones 	Containers 	Corrugated pipes 
Dress up items 	Fabric 	Funnels 	Nets 	Old electronics 
Pool noodles 	PVC pipes 	Ropes 	Shovels and spades 	Sinks and tubs 
Tires and wheels - big, small and weird 	Pots 	Colanders 	Wheelbarrow 	Watering cans 



Belmore's Play Policy.

Please take a few minutes to read through our new Play Policy, written to ensure that all children have fun, inclusive, and high-quality play opportunities. [Click here.](#)

Please bring in named wellington boots to keep at school. This will mean that your child can play outside whatever the weather.

Please ensure you send your child into school in an appropriate waterproof coat if it might rain. This will ensure their uniform stays dry whilst they enjoy their outdoor play.

KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

We are **RESILIENT** and
learn from our mistakes

We are getting more and more children who are using online games and social media inappropriately. Make sure you have the right information to keep your child safe online.



Created by Scott Desmond
from Nyan Project

[Zoom in to read and find out more information about keeping safe online on our website—here](#)

internet
matters.org



Click on
the icons
above for
more info
about
how to
keep your
child safe

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT**
Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like Cyberpunk 2077 and Elden Ring have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.
- IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES**
The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases—including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases—without parental approval.
- UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES**
While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like Fortnite or Splatoon 4 allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.
- GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION**
GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.
- CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS**
The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.
- POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS**
Nintendo's mascot, Mario—along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others—remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, 'The Super Mario Bros. Movie' (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**
Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the rating matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.
- REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS**
Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their and require a PIN for purchases. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.
- REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS**
Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider using funds on prepaid cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.
- ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS**
Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert
Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including iGK, TechRadar, and plenty more.

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Introducing Nintendo Switch Parental Controls
Nintendo Switch Parental Controls
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Click here for a short video about how to set up parent controls on your Switch



Please let us know if they are any concerns regarding bullying online so that we can support children in school. As parents, it is your responsibility to monitor and check children's usage and devices.

READING MATTERS

Books build a stairway to your imagination

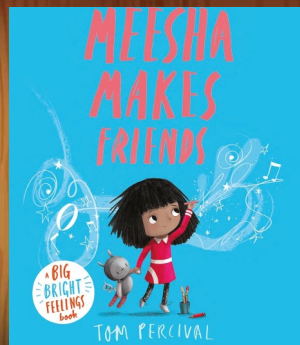
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September brings fresh starts!

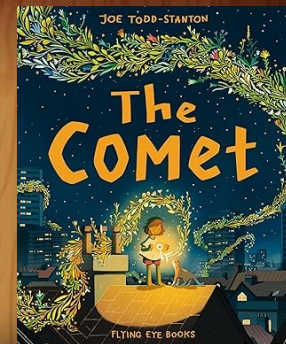
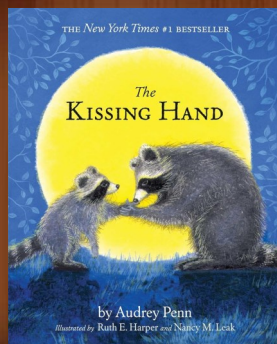
It's normal for us all to feel both excited and a little bit nervous. These recommended books help children explore those feelings and show how change can lead to new adventures, learning, and friendships.

September 2025 Recommended Reads

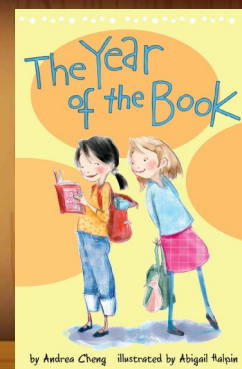
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KS1



KS2



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