



NEWSLETTER

9th October 2026 Issue 5



Ofsted School Letter: Please see the letter on the website from the Trust regarding New Ofsted visits. The Ofsted framework and grading has altered and this letter explains it in more detail. Its new grading is “expected” instead of using working such as “good”. It is not supposed to be a direct comparison the last inspection or the last report. It is very different and the new report card breaks judgements into different areas.

Please read the letter for further explanations.

SEND/Wellbeing Coffee drop-in session, Friday 16th October 2.45pm – 3.15pm: Come along for an informal chat/coffee and meet our mental health practitioner Amelia, our Educational Psychologist and Dottie the school dog!

Cams Lane Forest School: Miss Wallwork and Miss Gilfedder are working their way towards the end of the Forest School Leader training course. They have shown real dedication and hard work! They will be working with a group of 10 children on a Thursday afternoon on our Forest School site after half term for 6 weeks as part of their assessment.

These children are a mixed group and have had parental letters already. After Christmas we will then be hoping to arrange our class visits to our very own Cams Lane Forest School led by our own staff which will be fabulous!

School Councillors: The Games session with the residents of Hollybank we had this week was a great success. The children did themselves proud! We have never taken such a large group over before and they all did brilliantly. See **Facebook/Instagram** for an update and photos. 5th November – we have a Remembrance workshop with Hollybank making poppy wreaths



Congratulations!

Golden Book Award: YR: Honey Y1: Amelia Y2: Jacob

Y3: Marley Y4: Lily Y5: Shaniya Y6: Alex

Lunchtime awards: Naimal Y1 Penny Y3

Attendance Awards: Y2 97.3% Y5 99%

Reminders:

Earrings: Please remember for safety purposes and in line with our Uniform policy – **we do NOT allow dangling or hoop earrings**. Only stud earrings are allowed. For PE lessons, earrings need to be removed or covered with micropore tape.

Red bands for Head Injuries: For some individuals with sensory issues – we also have “ouch head bump” badges to alert to head injuries.

Maths Workshop - Wednesday 4th November 2pm: These are maths workshops for KS1/Reception parents to come and work with their children in a maths workshop with staff.

ARBOR: Please ensure you have allowed push notifications on the Arbor app so you don't miss any important information.

27/28 School Dates Calendar: Please note that these dates have slightly altered and have been reposted on the website. We have altered the September start dates in line with Government guidelines to improve attendance. It has been proven that broken weeks of 2-3 days in September often encourages families to take extra days holiday instead of attending school. All the schools in our Trust are now following this pattern.



School Trips:

Y3 Workshop, Thursday 5th November, 9am – 3.15pm payments can now be made on Arbor.

Pupil Voice – Year 2:

“I like making new friends – I also made some new friends at Hollybank when we visited next door as part of the School Council – especially a lady called Lily who I chatted with and played a card game Snap!”

“I like doing my work in Year 2 – my favourite is my maths lesson.”



Parents That Lunch: We are again hosting parents that lunch. Here are 2 dates for your diary
Year 5, Tuesday, 13th October and Year 3, Friday, 13th November 2026.

Diary Dates

Monday 12th October	Reception Stay & Play 9am – 10am
Monday 12th October	Year 1 Stay & Play Pre-registered slots via Tapestry
Tuesday 13th October	Year 5 Parents that Lunch
Friday 16th October	SEND/Wellbeing Coffee drop-in session 2.45-3.15pm
Monday 19th October	Bury Immunisation Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 22nd October	Harvest Assemblies Parents/carers welcome to attend Reception & KS1 2.15 pm KS2 2.45 pm
Thursday 22nd October	School Closes for Half Term At 3.15pm
Monday 2nd November	School Re-opens
Wednesday 4th November	Maths Workshop for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 parents 2pm
Thursday 5th November	Y3 School Workshop Stone Age

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%

How do **YOU** measure up?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons



The poster above shows what percentage attendance means to your child in terms of *lost learning*. Excellent attendance at school is linked to better academic progress and attainment by ensuring your child has access to a broad, balanced and knowledge-rich curriculum. It also ensures that your child can benefit from the extra-curricular activities on offer at school that promote good social and emotional development.

80% attendance over 5 years = 1 whole year of education lost.

Just a couple of minutes late each day = Lost Learning

Minutes late each day	Lost learning time each year
5 minutes	3 days
10 minutes	6.5 days
15 minutes	2 weeks

Please note: Article 28 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states: **“Every child has a right to an education.”**



The NSPCC has also cited, **‘failure to ensure regular school attendance which prevents the child reaching their full potential academically’** as one of their six forms of neglect.



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WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.

Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.

The fine is £160 but if you pay it within 21 days it will be reduced to £80

£160



2

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution

1 day = 2 sessions

A PENALTY FOR EACH CHILD



+£160

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4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

4

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+£160

+£160

+£160

+£160

4 children &
2 parents =
£1,280

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within 21 days

5

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

SECOND TIME

2 parents and

1 child = £320

2 children = £640

3 children = £960

4 children = £1,280

No discount for early payment



THIRD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given.

Instead your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000