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5th September 2025

From the Headteacher:

Welcome back! I hope that you all managed to have a fabulous summer and a relaxing break. It has been wonderful to have the children back and there has been a real buzz of excitement and anticipation about the year ahead. It is also lovely to be able to welcome our new starters, they are already settling into the Aston Rowant family extremely well.

I am delighted to say that three of our four Diocesan projects have been completed with a new roof over the entire main building complete with insulation and new skylights. The new fence which will keep children and staff safe looks amazing and the extended groundworks in EYFS have created a large accessible play area. The new fire alarm system should go in later in the Autumn term. In addition, the school has paid for a new floor in the hall which is cleaner brighter and easier to maintain.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

We will once again be holding our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this year. It is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher in person, meet other families who will be in class with your child, preview the curriculum and ask any questions that you may have. It will also allow you to spend some time in your child's classroom. Please see the calendar at the end of the newsletter for dates and times.

Attendance and Punctuality

We will continue to monitor and tackle attendance levels. Our target for next year is to meet the school's and OCC's target of 97% attendance and reduce the volume of both unreported and unauthorised absence. Please note that we will be working closely with OCC not only looking at the whole school levels but also implementing family support plans for those with unacceptable levels of attendance. County are now ensuring that fines for holidays are implemented consistently. These will be charged per day, per child and payable per parent.

Please also note that the children need to be in school ready to line up at 8:45, therefore, school gates will close at **8:40** each morning. We ask that **all** children are in school by this time as entering via the school office takes valuable personnel time to sign them in and walk the children across to their classrooms. Our school registers close at 9:00am and so any child arriving after this time will be marked as late.

Uniform

It was great to see the children looking so smart in their school uniforms this week. Our uniform policy remains unchanged from last year and is available on the website for guidance. Please note children should **only** be wearing sweatshirts and cardigans with the school logo on **not** plain jumpers or cardigans. Footwear should be black school shoes (no trainers) worn with black, grey or white socks (no trainer socks) or black, red or grey tights (not navy). Only **small** red or neutral hair accessories should be worn.

We have noticed a few items of clothing that have not yet been named as well as having a number of identical water bottles, none of which are named. Please can we ask that all items brought in to school are clearly labelled to avoid them being lost or children being confused about what belongs to them.

Equipment

Please can we remind everyone that they need to have a coat with them every day and keep a pair of wellies in school. We do go out for play times and enjoy Forest Friday in all weathers and do not want children to miss out as they do not have the appropriate clothing. Please note that all children should also have their PE kit in school Monday to Friday each week. All children in KS1 and KS2 also need to bring a fully stocked pencil case with them to school each day, including glue sticks.

Collective Worship

We are delighted to continue to welcome parents to join us for our Celebration Assemblies at 2:30pm each Friday, starting on Friday 19th September in school. Please enter and exit via the hall door. We will be holding a 'New Year' service in church on Friday 12th September at 9:15am to mark the start of the school year and welcome our new starters.

Finally... Young Enterprise

Last week, Sienna, Year 1, embarked on a fun project by making her own lemonade and setting up a stand to sell it, all to raise funds for the school library. I'm delighted to share that she raised an incredible £103! We are impressed with her initiative and very proud of her hard work.



Kind regards

Mrs France

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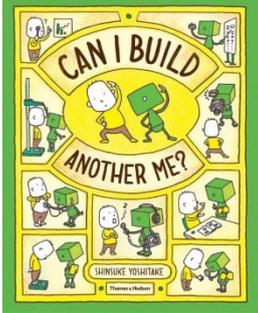
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Teaching and Learning in the Classrooms this week:



This week all classes have all been looking at the book 'Can I Build Another Me?' by Shinsuke Yoshitake. It follows a child's hilarious, wildly inventive train of thought as he decides to make a clone of himself – and starts to ponder what makes him HIM. Is it the scar on his knee or his sticky palms? Is it his love of acorns or the way he winks? The more he thinks about it, the more complicated it become. The book is a creative and thought-provoking way to remind us all that we are unique, special and loved. It has also been a wonderful introduction to our whole school topic for the Autumn term, 'What Makes Me Me?'

We have used these first few days back at school to allow all of the children the time and space to settle and share their own unique experiences, thoughts, feelings, reflections and questions. The children have engaged in an incredible range of activities to help them make sense of their experiences, their relationships with each other, the school community and the wider world around them.

Do ask your children about what they have learnt and enjoyed this week. Normal timetables start next week!



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Growing Together

Emails and Letters Sent this Week

Date	Email/Letter	For	From	Concerning
03-09-25	Email	Squirrel	Mrs Biggin	Cuddly toys
03-09-25	Email	Fox	Mrs Healy	Reading books
03-09-25	Email	All	Office	Choir

September

w/c 9 th	Meet the teacher meetings. Mon 9 th Owl 2:45pm Tues 10 th Fox 2:45pm Wed 11 th 1:00pm Hedgehog 2:45pm Squirrel
Wednesday 10 th	Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 12 th	09:15 New Year Service in Church – everyone welcome
Thursday 18 th	Rock Steady Music group
Friday 19 th	Jeans for Genes Day (wear your jeans with school sweatshirts and make a donation to this charity) 14:30 First celebration worship in school for parents
Friday 26 th	14:30 Harvest in school celebration worship (donations for local food bank)
Monday 29 th	Individual, sibling and class school photos

October

Wednesday 1 st	Open Morning #1 for Reception 2026 09:30-10:30
Thursday 9 th	Open Evening / Morning at LWS for Year 7 intake 2026
Monday 20 th	Open Morning #2 for Reception 2026 09:30-10:30
Friday 24 th	Be Bright Be Seen Day (wear bright clothes for Road Safety Day)

November

Friday 7 th	Open Morning #3 for Reception 2026 09:30-10:30
w/c 10 th	Anti-Bullying Week Power for Good
Mon 10 th and Tue 11 th	Parents' Evenings (Mon O, F, S) (Tues O, F, S, H)
Friday 14 th	Children in Need (wear spots and dots and make a donation to this charity)
Wednesday 26 th	Full Governing Body Meeting

December

Thursday 5 th	Fox – Pre-Historic Workshop with British Museum
Tue 9 th 14:00 & Wed 10 th 17:30	EYFS Nativity in school hall
Wednesday 17 th	18:00 Christingle in church
Friday 19 th	Christmas Party School ends 13:30

Academic Year Calendar 2025-26

Autumn 25

Mon 1 st Sept – Fri 24 th Oct	Autumn Term (1) INSET 1 st and 2 nd Sept
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 3 rd Nov – Fri 19 th Dec	Autumn Term (2)

Spring 26

Mon 5 th Jan – Fri 13 ^h Feb	Spring Term (1) INSET Mon 5 th Jan
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 23 rd Feb – Fri 27 th Mar	Spring Term (2)

Summer 26

Mon 13 th April – Fri 22 nd May	Summer Term (1) INSET Fri 22 nd May
Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th May	HALF TERM
Mon 1 st June – Fri 17 th July	Summer Term (2) INSET Mon 20 th July

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