# **Autumn Term 2025**

# **October Newsletter**

It has a been a great and calm start to the new school year. The children have settled in well and our learning is in full swing.

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival with a service in school for the children on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October led by Reverend Janet and Mrs Gilbert,

playing guitar who join us every Wednesday to lead collective worship. We are asking for harvest donations that will be given to 'Feed Fenland.' They are an initiative fighting food poverty by providing a hot meal to anyone who needs it. They provide food, clothing and sanitary products to anyone, no questions asked. They offer all kinds of help to all kinds of people. Please send in donations from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

The cost-of-living crisis is still paramount in everyone's lives. Located in our reception area is second hand uniform, forest school uniform, forest school clothing and food. Please help yourself to any of these items, they are all free.

If you are finding things particularly challenging or just need some help, please let me know as I can provide food bank vouchers and other support if needed.

# Start & End of the school day

For health and safety reasons, please can all children disembark from their scooters/ bikes at the gates as you enter the carpark when arriving at school and walk them down to the racks. When leaving school please ensure children walk their scooter/bike to the main gates to ensure the safety of everyone.

Scooters and Bikes are left at your own risk on the school grounds.

The school doors and gates do not open till 8:25am and people are arriving into the car park extremely early and the car park becomes heavily congested. The weather is now turning autumnal and there is no shelter if raining or cold so please arrive for 8:25am where possible when gates open. Please ensure your children are close to you and are not running around the cars, carpark or in the reception area

If you arrive after 8:30am then your child will be marked as late with the minutes they are late so please try to avoid this as this all adds to their attendance.

## **School Photographs**

These will take place in the morning of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. This is also Children in Need Day so we will **NOT** be dressing for children in Need this year to ensure all children have their photograph taken in school uniform

#### **New Catering Company**

The trust catering contract was recently up for renewal and a new company has been appointed. Caterlink will take over after half term. Miss Knight will still remain as the school cook. New menus will be available shortly

## **Magdalene Residential trip**

Please ensure all payments for Caythorpe court are paid at the correct time as these have to be paid to PGL. Late payment may result in your child not being able to attend and loss of the deposit.



#### **Applying for secondary School Places**

Parents of current Year 6 children need to apply for a secondary school place by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. Please apply for your children's place by following the link below

Secondary school admissions - September 2026 | Cambridgeshire County Council

## **Applying for a Reception place for September 2026**

If you have a child that is due to start school in reception in 2026 then you will need to apply for a school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Primary school admissions - September 2026 | Cambridgeshire County Council

#### **Cinema Trip**

Children from Reception to Year 6 will be attending the Light Cinema as part of the Film Festival on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November in the morning, returning to school in time for lunch. They will be watching 'The Smurfs.' They will have a snack before they leave for the cinema and will be taking their water bottles with them.

#### Magdalene Class - Hockey festival

Magdalene class will be taking part in a hockey festival at Wisbech Grammar on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 10:30-1pm. Please send the children to school in warm PE kit and a coat, along with a packed lunch and drink. They will be provided with a hot dog before they return to school.

#### **Parents Consultations**

Parents Consultations for parents of children in Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Please book you time slot on the MCAS app. Please can we ask that you arrive 10 minutes before your time to look at books before seeing the teacher.

#### **Career Talks for Magdalene Class**

Over the next school year, we are arranging for people to come in and talk to Magdalene Class about different careers. If you would be interested in sharing about your career or experience, please let the office know. We are also arranging a visit from Peterborough University.

#### **FROGS Bake off**

FROGS are holding Guyhirn Bake off for each class

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Moreton and Nene class

Friday 10th October- Marriott Class

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Magdalene Class

Each class brings in cake on their selected class day. These are sold after school and the class which makes the most money wins



# Forest school/ Outdoor learning sessions

Monday – Marriott Class

Tuesday – Moreton Class / Pre-school

Friday – Magdalene Class

Please ensure children have their full kit and appropriate clothing for the weather conditions on their forest school day. They will go out in rainy and cold weather.

#### PE / Dance

PE sessions will normally take place on Wednesdays and Dance on Thursdays. The weather is turning colder so please ensure children have long trousers for PE.

Please ensure children have the correct PE Kit in school for these sessions. A reminder that PE kit is black shorts or jogging bottoms and a red T-shirt and sweatshirt. Children must have a change of shoes for PE. Earrings must be removed for PE, Dance and Forest School



## **Keeping you up to date**

Each month along with newsletter we will send out a termly diary dates list each term (which may be subject to change) as well as information on safeguarding and attendance. The board located at the entrance will be updated on a weekly basis and regular emails are sent. We will continue to post on our Facebook page and X. Please follow us on these so you don't miss any important information. Also our school website is packed full with information about all aspects of school life and the curriculum.

