AUTUMN NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2026

A MESSAGE FROM MR VERDIN

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year and it has been wonderful to see our children return with such enthusiasm and positivity. A special welcome goes to our new pupils and families. It has been lovely to watch the children settle into school life so confidently and begin building new friendships.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, filled with learning, opportunities and memorable experiences for all of our children. Together, we are set for a successful year at Pleasant Street Primary School.

CAREERS EVENTS

As part of our commitment to providing opportunities beyond the National Curriculum, Year 6 pupils participated in careers events during July. With the generous support of local businesses and professionals, pupils were able to discover a range of careers and learn first-hand about different roles and pathways into employment. By giving their time and sharing their knowledge and experiences, members of our local community helped our pupils develop their aspirations, understand the wider world of work and begin to consider the possibilities for their own future. The generosity of our local businesses helps us provide opportunities such as these, and we encourage parents and families to support them where possible, helping to strengthen the important links between our school and the wider community.

Thank you to: Marian Cotter, Giamila, Amy, Carla, Anoushka, Cuthberts Bakery, Kaspas Deserts, The British Transport Police, Clarence News, Duke Street Market, GHOSH and Kimos

If you have not yet joined our school 'LifeSavers' bank, please speak to Kirsty to get signed up.

LifeSavers
Helping children manage money wisely

Attendance Matters
Every Day Counts....

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

The attendance figures for each class for the year are below.

- Reception - 97.6%
- Class One - 94%
- Class Two - 98.1%
- Class Three - 96.9%
- Class Four - 94.8%
- Class Five - 97.6%
- Class Six - 98.5%

Please remember that our school target for attendance is **97%**. We return to school on the the 2nd of November for Autumn 2

Trips and Experiences

The children have taken part in a number of exciting experiences, trips and visits. This has included Pumpkin Picking, Museum Workshops, a ferry trip, a visit to the Royal Court Theatre, Chester, the local Fire Station, JMU and the Imperial War Museum to name a few. . Matt has also worked with a number of children in cookery classes. We have a number of talented chefs in school who have recreated the dishes at home too!

Year Three and Year Two took part in Outdoor Learning sessions travelling back to the Stone Age and London during the Great Fire for the day.

We have also had the opportunity to work with a local poet, Roger, who has helped the children to write and perform their own pieces.

We have lots of trips and activities planned for next term and we thank parents for their contributions towards the cost.

CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to our Cross Country teams who have continued the success of recent years. They have received awards for both team and individual achievements.

We are looking forward to cheering them on when the season continues after Christmas.

We have a number of part-time and full-time Nursery places available. If your child is 3 years old or you know of any other families looking for places, please get in touch via email to find out more.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please note that these dates are subject to change. Please make sure you have the school app downloaded with notifications on for updates.

NOVEMBER

2nd - Children return to school for Autumn 2

3rd - Parent Coffee Morning - SEND

4th - Y3 Trip

5th - Flu Immunisations

9th - Parents Evening

10th - Parents Evening

12th - EYFS Open Evening

18th - Y1 Trip

23rd - Y6 Trip

25th - Nursery Trip

DECEMBER

2nd - Chocolate Bingo

4th - EYFS Open Evening

7th - Choir Trip

8th - EYFS Christmas Performance (TBC)

9th - KS1 Christmas Performance (TBC)

15th - KS2 Christmas Performance (TBC)

18th - School closes for the Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

4th - School reopens for Spring Term

We sadly say goodbye to our Caretaker, Mr Johnston who is leaving to begin a new career. We would like to say thank you for all of his hard work and wish him well in the future. Mr Griffin is our new caretaker, he is looking forward to meeting all of you.

APPLICATIONS

If your child is in Nursery or Year 6, please note that the deadlines to apply for school places is fast approaching.

Y6 - Apply for secondary school by October 31st

Nursery - Apply for a Reception place by January 15th