



Welcome Back to the Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone after the Easter break.

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday and are ready for the busy and exciting term ahead. The Summer Term is always a productive and rewarding one, full of learning, opportunities and special events.

I am sure you all enjoyed reading about what the children had been up to last term in the children's newspaper – **The Wren**.

This newsletter is perhaps a little less entertaining, but it has got some important information for parents so please do take the time to read the important notices.

Shout out to our Year 6 Pupils

A very special welcome back to our Year 6 children as they begin their **final term at Wren Park**. This will be an important and hopefully very memorable term for them. We look forward to supporting them as they take on new challenges of SATS with confidence and enjoy their residential trip as well as making the transition from primary to secondary school ready! I hope they enjoy being the oldest children in school and they are the finest version of themselves at this time (the finished article of Wren Park!) We hope to celebrate and support them through the transition from Wren Park towards being ready for their next exciting steps.

Uniform, Labelling and Daily Essentials

As we move into the warmer months, please can we remind families of the following:

- Children should attend school wearing **correct school uniform** each day -we have lots of pre-loved very good condition clothing free for collection at the school office- just pop in and take what you want or ask if you need a certain size. We are delighted when we can save parents a bit of expense and be environmentally and ethically responsible.
- **All clothing items**, including jumpers, cardigans and coats, must be clearly labelled, we have limited space for lost property so if everything is labelled it won't be lost for long!
- Children should bring a **fresh water bottle** to school every day.

Medications

If your child suffers from **hay fever**, any required medication should be administered **at home** before school. In anticipation of sunnier days, please also ensure children apply an **all-day sun cream** before arriving at school. Staff are unable to apply sun cream during the school day. All other prescription medicine must be taken to the school office, and the necessary forms need to be completed.

Drop-Off and Collection Expectations

We would like to remind all parents and carers that **consideration, care and courtesy** must be shown at all times to:

- Children
- Other parents and carers
- Local residents

This applies particularly at **drop-off and collection times** around driving and parking close to school.

We do have a very small number of parents who are authorised to use the school car park due to specific needs. Other than those parents we do not allow parents to drive or park in the school grounds either at the start of the day, end of the day or from collecting from afterschool clubs. We appreciate the difficulties around parking around school, but we need to do our best to keep children safe and therefore cannot allow other vehicles on the school site. Thank-you for your understanding on this issue.

Parent Behaviour- Keep Calm- No Carry On!

Parents must not, under any circumstances, approach or confront another parent about a child. Should this occur, we will write to those involved requesting that school procedures are followed. Any concerns must be raised directly with school staff so that they can be managed appropriately and safely. We understand that from time-to-time parents can be upset, concerned or annoyed if something isn't going well; after all being a parent is a protective and emotionally involved process! However, do not let emotions lead to inappropriate behaviour towards other parents or children. We want everyone to feel safe and welcome. All children are special, need our care and understanding even when they make mistakes as part of growing up. We do need adults to conduct themselves in a respectful and safe manner. Do not let your behaviour be a cause for concern

Punctuality

There has been some **slippage recently** with arrival and collection times. It is essential that:

- Children **arrive on time** for the start of the school day
- Children are **collected promptly** at the end of the day

Punctuality supports learning, wellbeing and children's sense of security, and we appreciate your support with this. We do have a small number of children with "soft starts" to the day, but these are based upon specific need of the children – these will continue but please do arrive on time unless there is a valid reason.

Learning This Term

This term promises to be a highly productive one, filled with exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. **Curriculum Spotlight information sheets** outlining your child's learning for the term will be sent home shortly. These provide a brief overview. Should you require a more in-depth

look at what your child will be learning then head on over to the website for lots of information on our curriculum.

Please also keep an eye on the **school website**, where you will find updates on learning and forthcoming events, including **Chocolate Bingo, Sports Day, school trips**, and more.

Online Safety and Gaming

We are sharing some very important messages around **Safer Internet use and online gaming**.

Many games are **age-rated for a reason**, and all children are vulnerable when playing online. Risks include exposure to inappropriate content and **online grooming**.

We are increasingly concerned by the number of children reporting that they are staying up very late, in some cases **into the early hours of the morning**, playing games such as Roblox and other online platforms. This is **not in children's best interests** and has a serious impact on their health, learning and wellbeing.

Parents must be proactive and vigilant:

- Use **parental controls**
- Set **clear boundaries** around screen time
- **Monitor online** interactions

Call of Duty, Grand Theft Auto as well as platforms including TIKTOK are not appropriate for children and have age restrictions for a reason.

Failing to take appropriate safeguards leaves children vulnerable to harm, exploitation and abuse. While it may be seen as the “norm” to allow children some time to chillout online, it is **not normal** for them to see and engage with content which is harmful to a child's healthy development.

Recently we have been alerted to many children communicating with others through online gaming. This is a very serious issue, and attempts have been made to groom children by older adults. All children are vulnerable and statistically children with SEND are even more vulnerable. Keeping children safe in the current climate is a huge issue and we cannot stress enough about the dangers, horrors and inappropriate content many your children have been exposed to online-most likely without you even being aware. Please, please, please take this issue seriously and take the necessary steps to keep your child safe even if this is difficult to enforce and unpopular with your child. Let's keep them enjoying their childhood safely.

Further advice can be found from:

www.ceopeducation.co.uk (Child Exploitation Online Protection)

www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-oftypes-of-abuse/grooming

www.commonsemmedia.org -This website gives a step-by-step guide to most social media and games.

Sleep and Wellbeing

Despite the longer daylight hours, it remains vital that children get enough quality sleep. The **Sleep Charity** recommends that primary-age children receive **10–12 hours of sleep per night**.

We are aware that some children are currently receiving **significantly less than this**, which can negatively affect concentration, behaviour, learning and overall wellbeing. We strongly encourage families to prioritise consistent bedtimes and good sleep routines. It is easy to see the children who are alert and engaged in their learning and those who are not getting enough sleep.

Staff Updates

We are delighted to welcome **Mrs Graham** back from maternity leave. She will be teaching in **Year 6**, and we are equally pleased to welcome **Mrs Glynn back from early retirement** to teach in **Year 3** this term.

We will bid farewell to **Mrs Cobley**, our Teaching Assistant, who will be taking **early retirement** to enjoy spending more time travelling on her boat, she will be leaving Wren Park next Friday. We thank her sincerely for her dedication and wonderful support for the children and staff she works with and wish her every happiness and great adventures ahead.

I will keep you posted over other staffing changes during the weeks ahead.

Building Works

We are excited to share that building work for our **new classrooms** is expected to begin at the **end of June**, with completion scheduled for **next March**. This is a very exciting development for our school, and we will keep families informed as the project progresses. Our new 4 classroom block and multi-use games area (MUGA) will be a great addition and replacement for our failing Year 1 classroom block. It will provide valuable extra space and capacity for us to teach and support the children within a lovely new block.

Looking Ahead

The Summer Term is always eventful and rewarding, and we are very much looking forward to all that lies ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We will keep you posted with other exciting news over the coming weeks.

We wish you and your family a **happy, healthy and successful Summer Term**.

Best wishes,
Alex Buckley



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“Wren Park, One School, Kind and Resilient Together”