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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

It's great to see how well the children have settled back into school following the half-term break. They have embraced our new writing scheme with enthusiasm, and I have had the pleasure of seeing some fantastic writing across the school this week. Many pupils have been keen to share their work, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence and enjoyment growing.

Next week marks the start of our Parent Interview Week. If you have not yet done so, please ensure you book an appointment. We look forward to welcoming you into school and discussing your child's progress and achievements.

Please continue to check the dates in the newsletter regularly to keep up to date with the many events and activities taking place this half term. Thank you for your continued support.

THINGS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Week beginning Mon 9th Nov: Parent interview week
Monday 9th November: in Harmony week 6
Tuesday 10th November: Year 3 cinema trip
Friday 13th November: Non-Uniform day for Children in Need. £1 donations via cash or Parent Pay.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school target for attendane is **96%**. The following classes achieved the target this week:

2B, 2FC, 3F, 4S, 5C, 6HW and 6P

A special well done to **2B** who had the highest attendance across the school this week for the second week in a row. The attendance trophy will be staying with you again!



Drinks in school:

A polite reminder that children should only bring water to school in their water bottles.

Fizzy drinks, energy drinks, and Lucozade Sport should not be brought into school. Water is the healthiest choice and helps children stay hydrated and ready to learn throughout the day.

Attendance mattters:

Regular attendance is one of the buggest factors in a child's success at school. Being in school every day helps pupils make the most of their learning, develop positive relationships and feel part of our school community. Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve the best possible attendance for all children.

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AUTUMN 2 DATES

** More dates may be added below as the term progresses*

Week beginning 16th November: Parent interview week
Thursday 19th November: Open Orchestra day (parents/carers invited)
Tuesday 17th November: Year 6 cinema trip
Wednesday 18th November: New reception intake open evening
Week beginning 23rd and 30th November: Year 5 swimming (look out f
information on ParentPay on Monday 9th November).
Tuesday 24th November: Year 3 swimming experience
Tuesday 24th November: Year 4 and 5 cinema trip
Friday 27th November: Malinslee Christmas Light Switch on
Week beginning 30th November: Assessment week
Friday 4th December: Full governors meeting
Wednesday 16th December: Christmas lunch day
Friday 18th December: Last day of term

TERM DATES FOR 2026/2027

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Holidays
Staff PD Day (school is closed to pupils)

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

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NEW LIBRARY

We thought we would share some photographs of our new library, which was recently installed. We are also extremely grateful to **Dawley Town Council** for providing us with a grant to purchase a large number of new books.

It has been wonderful to see so many pupils enjoying the library during their lessons and making use of it as a quiet place to read at lunchtime. We hope this fantastic new space continues to foster a love of reading across our school community.







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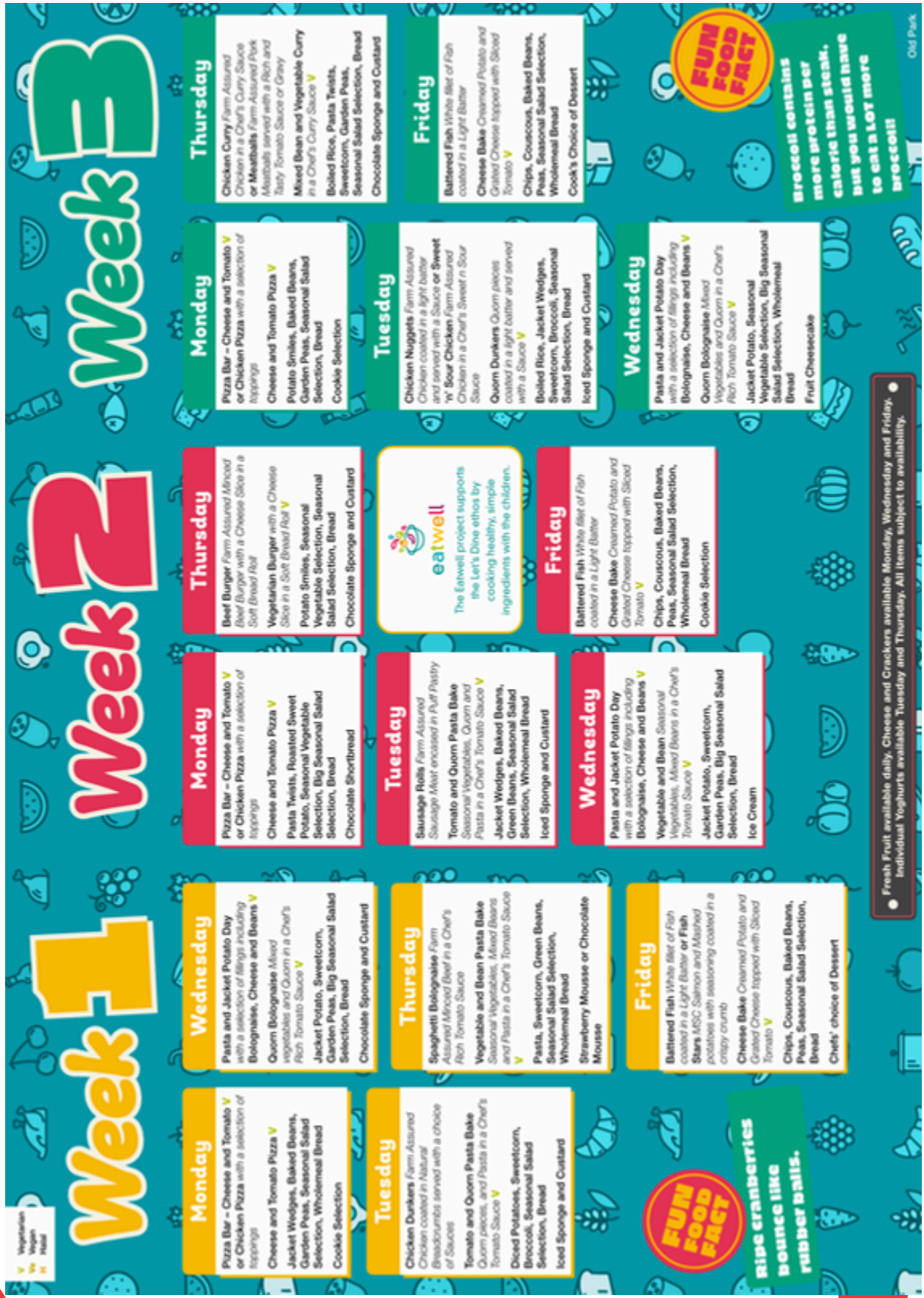


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WEEK BEGINNING 09.11.26 WEEK 1



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A great start to a brighter future!

New Reception Intake 2027

OPEN EVENING

Come and see what makes our school special!

Starting primary school is a significant milestone for your child's learning and development. Children usually start the reception year at primary school at the start of September following their fourth birthday.

Children born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023** will start primary school from **September 2027.**



Parents need to apply for a reception place by **15 January 2027.**

If a child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) the application closing date is **31 October 2026.**

You are strongly advised to apply to four local schools including your nearest or catchment area school. You can use our **Catchment Area School Finder Tool** to check which school are your nearest or catchment area schools.

Please read the **Guide to Primary School Admissions** booklet for more information on the process of applying for a primary school place and to understand how places are offered.

Our Open Evening Dates

- Wednesday 16th September at 3:30pm
- Wednesday 14th October at 3:30pm
- Wednesday 18th November at 3:30pm
- Wednesday 9th December at 3:30pm

For further information, please contact the school office on **01952 387250**

We look forward to meeting you!

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