

NEWSLETTER



25th September 2026

Edition 2

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to begin by congratulating all of our children and families on such a positive start to the new term. It has been wonderful to see our pupils returning to school with enthusiasm, positivity and a real eagerness to learn. I am particularly delighted to share that attendance has been exceptionally strong across the school. Excellent attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their very best, and our pupils have shown a fantastic commitment to being in school every day, ready to learn. Thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring children arrive on time and prepared for the day ahead. The excellent attendance figures we have seen so far reflect the strong partnership between home and school and demonstrate the value our community places on education. We are incredibly proud of our children's positive attitudes and determination, and we look forward to building on this success throughout the year.

High Expectations for Home Learning

Alongside excellent attendance, we also have high expectations for home learning. Home learning plays an important role in reinforcing classroom learning, developing independence and building positive study habits that support long-term success. We ask all pupils to complete their home learning to the best of their ability and to take pride in the work they produce. We know that children achieve most when school and home work together. We therefore ask parents and carers to support their children by ensuring home learning is completed on time, encouraging regular reading at home and creating opportunities for children to practise key skills. Even small amounts of time spent reading, learning spellings or practising number facts can make a significant difference.

By working together and maintaining high expectations both in school and at home, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Thank you all for helping us make such a wonderful start to the term.

Best wishes

Miss Sutter



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We are excited to share that, **from 1st November**, our school will begin using a new logo as we officially transition to become part of United Learning.

The new logo reflects our place within the United Learning family. While our visual identity will be updated, our commitment to providing the very best education and opportunities for every child remains unchanged.

Our new school logo will be based on United Learning's Child in the Cloud identity. The child, standing with arms outstretched, represents the commitment to placing every pupil at the heart of everything we do, while the cloud symbolises the support, care and opportunities that help young people flourish. Set against open, blue horizons, the logo reflects United Learning's ambition to help every child realise their potential and achieve their aspirations, whatever their individual path may be.

From November, families will start to see the new logo appearing on school letterheads, newsletters, policies, signage, our website and other communications, as well as around the school site. Over the coming months, existing materials will be updated as part of this transition.

We would also like to reassure families that school uniform will currently remain unchanged. As we move into the next phase of our journey with United Learning in the new year, we will be consulting with pupils, families, staff and the wider community about any potential future changes to our uniform. Should any changes be proposed, they will be carefully considered and communicated well in advance without any changes being enforced until the new academic year, ensuring families have plenty of notice and opportunity to share their views. We will also ensure that any proposed changes carefully consider cost implications and best value for money options for families.

We look forward to this exciting new chapter and the opportunities that being part of United Learning will bring for our pupils, staff and wider school community.

ROUTINE REMINDERS

Dawn and Dusk

Bookings are to be made on **Parent Pay by 2:00pm for Dusk and by 2:00pm for Dawn the following day.** The end of the Dusk is now 6:00pm.

Please ensure that when you've booked your child into Dawn, you bring them to the office and wait with them until a member of staff has signed them in. Thank you for your cooperation!

Lunches

Please place your orders via **Parent Pay by Midnight on Tuesday** for meals the following week.

Communication

Please remember to add your child's full name and class when emailing/leaving phone messages. Any messages regarding changes to pick up or club attendance must be completed by 2.00pm

Items from home

Please note children are not to bring in toys, football cards, notebooks etc from home, unless agreed with SLT

Reminders

Please be advised that we are a **nut free school** as we have some pupils who have nut allergies. If we do notice any food items that contain nuts we will keep them to one side so that the pupil can take the item back home at the end of the day.

DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES

PTFA

The PTFA are holding their AGM on **Thursday 15th October at 3.30pm.** We will be voting in the new team and the following positions are available should you wish to join the committee:

Treasurer: You will be responsible for the banking, accounts, payments and cash handling. Previous experience is helpful, but not necessary.

Secretary: You are responsible for answering emails, working with the team to create the agenda for the upcoming meeting, send agendas out to the committee before the meeting, take minutes during the meeting and general administrative duties.

Social Media: You will work in conjunction with the other committee members to create social media posts detailing upcoming events, monies raised and what our fundraising has been spent on.

Committee Member: You will work in conjunction with the other committee members to plan and execute events and fundraisers for the school, all committee members are required to attend at least 3 meetings per year and please let the secretary know ahead of time if you cannot make a meeting.

There are 5 positions available including the positions above. Please note, we have not included the Chair Person position at this time. The committee members can chair meetings between themselves depending on the context of the meeting, eg, a meeting based around requests for funds would be chaired by the treasurer as they would have the most information. The role of the chair person is to ensure that the meeting stays on track. They would also get the casting vote in the event of a tie.

If you would like to join the team but cannot make the meeting, please email the PTFA at **ptfamanorsideacademy@gmail.com** with your name and the position you would like to be considered for and we will list your name as one of the candidates during the meeting for the attendees to vote on.

Arbor

Please check and make sure your details are correct and up to date.

Uniform

Please note uniform orders will need to be collected from the school office. This does not include PE kit from Stars Sports Wear

Smoking/Vaping

Please do not smoke or vape directly outside the school grounds

New School Gate

We are pleased to inform you that the new school gates are now fully operational.

To support safe and secure access to the school site, the gates will be programmed to unlock automatically during the following times:

7:30am to 9:00am each morning

2:55pm to 6:00pm each afternoon

Outside of these hours, the gates will remain locked to help maintain the security of the school premises. If you need access to the site outside of the automatic opening times, please use the intercom to contact the school office.

We appreciate your cooperation as we continue to enhance the safety and security of our school community.

Please be patient as there is not always a member of staff in the office to answer the intercom.

Parking

Once again we need to remind you about parking outside the school. PLEASE leave our neighbours driveways clear and do not park on the zig zags, they are there for a reason. It gets extremely busy and congested both at the start and the end of the day and a little bit of patience will ensure that all our children can cross the road safely.

There are many roads around the school where it's possible to park, please use them. Also please remember to park responsibly and for safety reasons do not do 3 point turns outside of the school.

Please follow the one way system around the school. See map attached which was drawn up by BCP. Thank you.

The red lines show where it is not legal or safe to park. There are lots of places around to park if you really have to drive. Let your children have 5-10 minutes walk before you get to school! The circle shows how far 5-10 minutes walk is.



Walking keeps you fit too, saves you money and will help your children to be more alert. What would you say about the pollution someone's car journey will cause? Babies and toddlers are at exhaust height.

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