



Whitehall Park School

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Friday 11th September 2026

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Welcome Back to a Brand New School Year!

It has been an absolute joy welcoming all our wonderful children back to school this week. They have settled into their new routines (like the 3Ss and 'silent stairs') remarkably well and the vibrant energy around the school is fantastic.

I want to take a moment to celebrate our fantastic Year 6 cohort from last year - our SATs results have arrived, and they are pretty strong! We are immensely proud of the children's hard work, dedication, and resilience, and we wish them every success as they move on to their secondary schools. A huge well done to all of them!

Walking around the classrooms, I've been so impressed by how smart everyone looks. Thank you so much for your support with our uniform policy, particularly in ensuring the children are wearing either all-black trainers or traditional school shoes - it really makes a real difference to the proud tone of our school.

A few quick updates for your diaries:

Clubs: Bookings are now live via the Arbor Parents App, so please log in to secure your child's spots for this term.

Parents' Evening: We have provisionally scheduled Parents' Evening for the first week back after the October half-term. More details and booking information will follow shortly.

New Staff: Thank you for giving such a warm welcome to the new teachers who have joined our team this term. They are already feeling right at home!

We have so much excitement planned for the coming months and can't wait to share it all with you. Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support in making our school community such a brilliant place to learn and grow.

Mr T Mills-Bishop

Apply for secondary school - Year 7 - 2027

You are now able to apply for your child's Year 7 place for September 2027.

Important Information:

Secondary Transfer Deadline Date: 31 October 2026 – All applications must be submitted by this date; applications received after this date will be classed as late and not considered until all on time offers have been made.

Attached is the admissions guide from Islington. Please ensure you carefully read through the information before making your application via eAdmissions.

Apply online: www.eadmissions.org.uk This will take you to the eAdmissions site where you can apply online. Please ensure that you read the application form carefully before ticking any boxes and ensure that you provide the evidence required. Make sure that you submit your application and any edited versions by the deadline date of 31 October 2026.

We understand that children may take time out to visit secondary schools for open days, tours and possibly assessments. Please ensure you notify the Office of any absence for these reasons in advance.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Islington Admissions Team:

Tel: 020 7527 5515

Email: admissions@islington.gov.uk

Autumn Term 2026

First Day	Last Day	Half Term	First Day	Last Day
Thursday 3rd September INSET day - 2nd September	Friday 23rd October	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October	Tuesday 3rd November INSET day 2nd November	Friday 18 th December
Autumn 1 – 37 days Autumn 2 – 35 days Total: 71 days				

Spring Term 2027

First Day	Last Day	Half Term	First Day	Last Day
Tuesday 5 th January INSET day 4th January	Friday 12 th February	Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th February	Monday 22 nd February	Thursday 25 th March
Spring 1 – 29 days Spring 2 – 24 days Total: 53 days				

Summer Term 2027

First Day	Last Day	Half Term	First Day	Last Day
Monday 12 th April	Friday 28 th May	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June	Tuesday 8 th June INSET day 7th June	Thursday 22 nd July
Summer 1 – 34 days Summer 2 – 32 days Total: 66 days				

AUTUMN TERM 2026 –AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Autumn 1 2026 - ASC

Monday	Football Y3-Y4-Y5-Y6	AdHoc -	Arts & Crafts Rec- Y1-Y4	
Tuesday	Mini-Sports Nursery -Y3	AdHoc -	Street Dance Y3-Y6	
Wednesday	Gymnastic KS1 & KS2	AdHoc -	Banksy Street Art KS1 & KS2	Football Year 3-6
Thursday	Fencing KS1 & KS2	AdHoc -	Autumn - Cookery Club	
Friday	Mixed - Activities Nursery - Y6	AdHoc -	Haberdashery & Play Nursery -Y3	

- **Breakfast Clubs** starts from 7:45 until 8:45 - Breakfast will not be served after 8:30
- **After School Clubs** and Ad-Hoc Extended Care start at 3:30pm and end at 5pm (If you require later pick up, you will need to book Twilight)
- **Twilight** Sessions run from 5pm to 6pm

Autumn Term – Lunch Menu



What's on the menu?

HARRISON
food with thought

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE w/c 31 Aug w/c 21 Sept w/c 12 Oct w/c 02 Nov w/c 23 Nov w/c 14 Dec	Butternut Squash, Spinach & Lentil Lasagne with Chef's Salad Indian Style Vegetable Biryani with Chef's Salad Sweetcorn / Green Beans Apple Crumble with Custard	Piri Piri Chicken with Sweetcorn Rice Sweet Potato & Red Pepper Pattie with Sweetcorn Rice Glazed Carrots / Peas Lemon Shortbread with Orange Wedges	Chicken Sausages with Potato Wedges Vegetarian Sausages with Potato Wedges Savoy Cabbage / Sweetcorn Berry Swirl Sponge Cake with Custard	Beef Bolognese with Penne Pasta Tomato & Basil Penne Pasta with Optional Cheese Topping Broccoli / Carrots Fruit Jelly with Fresh Fruit Slices	Battered Fish with Tomato Ketchup & Chips Cornish Style Vegetable Pasty with Chips & Tomato Ketchup Peas / Baked Beans Strawberry Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit Slices
WEEK TWO w/c 07 Sept w/c 28 Sept w/c 19 Oct w/c 09 Nov w/c 30 Nov	Italian Style Tomato & Basil Pasta with Optional Cheese Sweet Potato & Chickpea Korma with Rice Glazed Carrots / Green Beans Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Thai Style Salmon Fish Cake with Potato Wedges Macaroni Cheese with Chef's Salad Broccoli / Sweetcorn Apple Flapjack with Custard	Chicken Tikka Massala with Rice Baked Onion Bhaji with Red Bean Dhal & Rice Peas / Cauliflower Wholemeal Lemon Shortbread with Fresh Fruit Slices	Cottage Pie with Gravy Wholemeal Cheese & Spinach Quiche with Herby New Potatoes Vegetable Medley Marbled Sponge Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Battered Fish with Tomato Ketchup & Chips Chilli Bean Fajita with Chips & Tomato Ketchup Peas / Baked Beans Fruit Jelly with Fresh Fruit Slices
WEEK THREE w/c 14 Sept w/c 05 Oct w/c 26 Oct w/c 16 Nov w/c 07 Dec	Margherita Pizza with Sweet Pepper Pasta Side Oriental Style Vegetable Stir Fry with Rice Coleslaw / Peas Parsnip & Apple Sponge with Custard	Chicken in Barbecue Sauce with Rice Red Pepper & Herb Jambalaya Glazed Carrots / Green Beans Oatmeal Cookie with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Chilli Beef Soft Taco with Cheese & Mexican Style Rice Vegetable Bean Soft Taco with Mexican Style Rice Sweetcorn / Broccoli Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake Japanese Style Chickpea & Vegetable Curry with Rice Thyme Roasted Carrots / Green Beans Fruit Jelly with Fresh Fruit Slices	Breaded Fish Fillet with Chips & Tomato Ketchup Cornish Style Vegetable Pasty with Chips & Tomato Ketchup Peas / Baked Beans Pear & Chocolate Crumble with Custard

Available daily: Freshly Prepared Salad Selection, Freshly Baked Bread, Jacket Potato with Various Fillings, Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Platter

Please ensure that you are booking your child's lunch option via the **Arbor Parent App**.

If no lunch option is selected, your child will be assigned an office-issued meal choice. Your child will always be provided with a meal; however, it may not be their preferred option.

To help us ensure your child receives their chosen meal, please make your selection the evening before. If you are unable to book a lunch, please contact the school office for assistance.

For guidance on how to select meal choices in Arbor, please see the link below:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/6956696271261-Meal-Menu-choices-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App>

DATES COMING UP!

All diary dates will now be saved on our [website](#). Please import dates into your calendar or bookmark the page for quick access: <https://www.whitehallparkschool.co.uk/Calendar/>

INSET DAYS 26/27

Mon 2 Nov 2026

Mon 4 Jan 2027

Mon 7 Jun 2027

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Our amazing PTCA have organised a second-hand uniform shop which is now live! All are in good condition and at unbeatable prices.

To purchase uniform for September, please use this link:

<https://app.uniformmd.co.uk/items/46>

All pieces of uniform have been washed and packaged!



Help Support Our School!

Support our school effortlessly with the 'easyfundraising' app! Just shop online as usual and a portion goes to us.

Join now

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fowwhitehallpark>

Funding Cashback App or scan the QR code.

Simply by using the app, you can contribute to our cause without any extra effort or cost to you. Whether you're a returning parent or new to our community, your support makes a significant difference.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their names. If you are missing any items of uniform, please check the lost property box located near the Office.

PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

We have noticed that several vehicles have been repeatedly parked in the restricted area outside the school gate on Hornsey Lane and Ashmount Road.

We kindly ask all drivers to avoid parking on the main road, particularly in front of our neighbours' driveways, on the zig-zag lines, or on the pavement, as this can obstruct the bicycle lane.

Parking in these areas creates safety risks for pedestrians, particularly children and families who use the narrow pavement, and can also cause significant inconvenience to local residents.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and considerate environment for everyone.

HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES

If your children are having packed lunches please ensure they contain healthy foods and snacks. Any unhealthy snacks such as crisps, chocolates and sweets will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Please also ensure lunches do not contain nut products as we have multiple children with severe allergies.

RECEPTION & NURSERY

A Wonderful Start for Parsley and Sage

What a wonderful start our youngest children have made! Following their half-day settling-in period, the children have embraced full-time school with growing confidence and independence, supported by our caring and attentive EYFS team.

Morning routines are becoming well established, and it has been lovely to see the children confidently exploring their new learning environment, engaging with activities and seeking support from adults when needed.

Lunchtimes have also been a great success! The children are enjoying trying new foods and are already showing their appreciation to our fantastic kitchen team for preparing their delicious school lunches.

This term, our main focus is on the three prime areas of the EYFS: Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED), Communication and Language (C&L) and Physical Development (PD). These areas provide important foundations for all future learning.

We are incredibly pleased with how well Parsley and Sage Classes have settled and look forward to seeing each child continue to grow in confidence and make progress from their individual starting points.

Well done, Parsley and Sage – a fantastic start to an Amazing year!

YEAR 1/2

It has been a great start to Autumn Term in Jasmine Class. We have been practising lining up silently in and out of our classroom and attending assembly. Our favourite assembly was singing assembly, where we sang Try Everything by Shakira.

In class, we have been phonics stars! All of our group leaders have been so impressed with our phonics retention and progress so far.

In Maths, we have been developing our counting and sorting skills, within 10 and 20. We have enjoyed using practical resources and working together to show our understanding.

In Science, we went on a materials scavenger hunt around our classroom! We worked together to spot and name different materials, such as wood, plastic, metal and glass, and talked about the objects they are used to make. We had lots of fun becoming materials detectives!

We are really looking forward to another week full of learning and fun!

YEAR 2/3

Lavender Class has made a fantastic start to the new academic year!

We have been exploring place value and learning about the different ways that numbers can be represented. using manipulatives, drawings and numerals. We have begun reading our class story 'Stone Age Boy' an exciting adventure story written by Satoshi Kitamura and will be writing in role as characters from the book over the next few days.

We have taken like ducks to water to our new routines and are impressing Ms Daley-Smith with our zest for life and enthusiasm for learning!

YEAR 4

In English, students will be writing a Narrative story and an advert based on the book Arthur and the Golden Rope. Pupils will be able to understand what is persuasive writing and how writers use emotions to call for customer's attention.

In Master readers we will be reading The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo. By the end of the half term, students will be able to make accurate predictions, question, and understand the author's style and the context of the book.

During Maths we will be looking at numbers and place value, going all the way up to 10, 000. We will also do some revision on addition and subtraction. Children will be able to draw connections between operations to further use them across year 4.

YEAR 5

We have had a very positive start to Year 5, in which we have been practising new routines and have embraced the expectations on us as we have moved up to Upper Key Stage 2.

In English, we are enjoying reading, discussing and making predictions and inferences about our new book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' and are working towards writing a diary entry from the perspective of a child starting a new school in Year 5.

In Maths, we are reviewing our knowledge of place value including writing the date in Roman numerals.

In Science we have been looking at the importance of evidence and how Scientific theories have changed over time.

RECOGNISING OUR NAMES AND SPECIAL CARPET SPACE

FRUIT AND STORY TIME



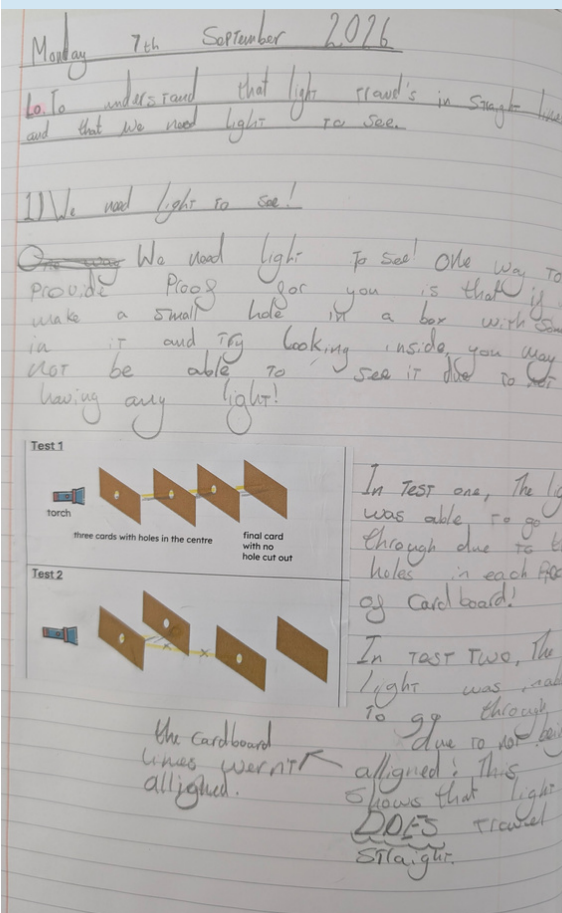
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YEAR 6

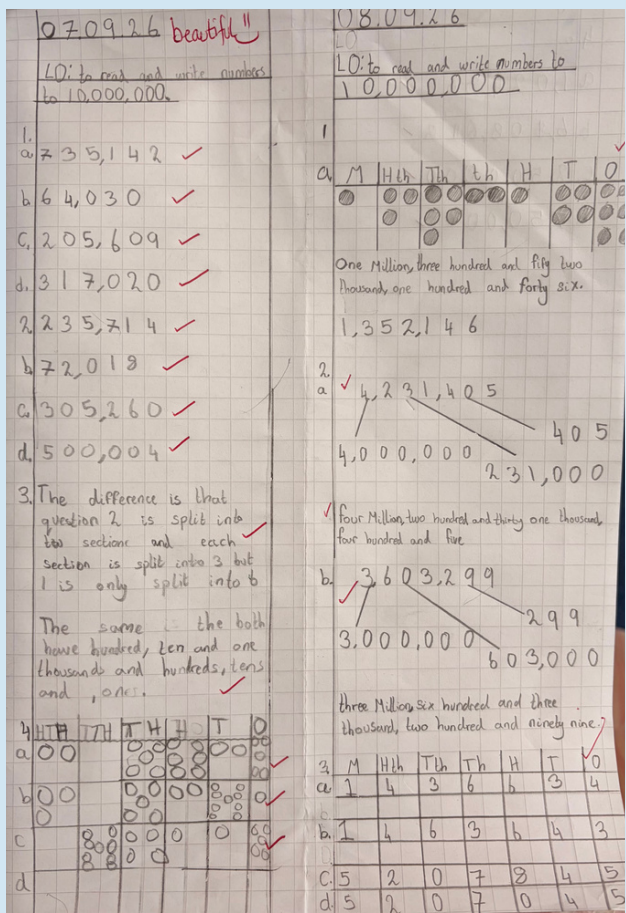
Year 6 have got off to a flying start in the first full week back. The children have settled into their new routines wonderfully and have already tackled some fantastic learning across the curriculum.

In English, we have been focusing on writing vivid setting and character descriptions, challenging ourselves to use extended metaphors and the 'show, not tell' technique to truly bring our writing to life. In maths, the children have been working hard to secure their understanding of place value by identifying patterns within digits. Our history lessons have seen the class critically evaluating the importance of the various causes of the First World War, whilst in science, they have been busy designing their own experiments to discover exactly how light travels. We have been particularly impressed by the care children have shown in their work and the excellent presentation in their books.

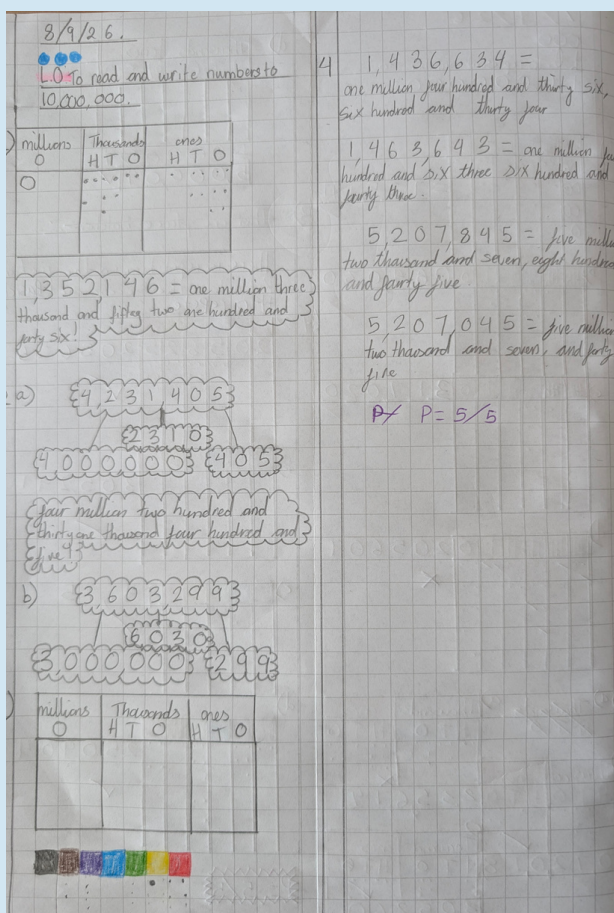
As we are now in Year 6, teachers are actively encouraging the children to be independent and to take real ownership of their learning. Whilst we provide targeted support and resources to guide them, this is the age at which children can always go further. Particularly if there is an idea or concept that they struggle with, we ask that adults at home encourage them to spend time independently building their skills and knowledge. Fostering this perseverance at home will really support the resilience we are building in the classroom and set children up for success in the future.



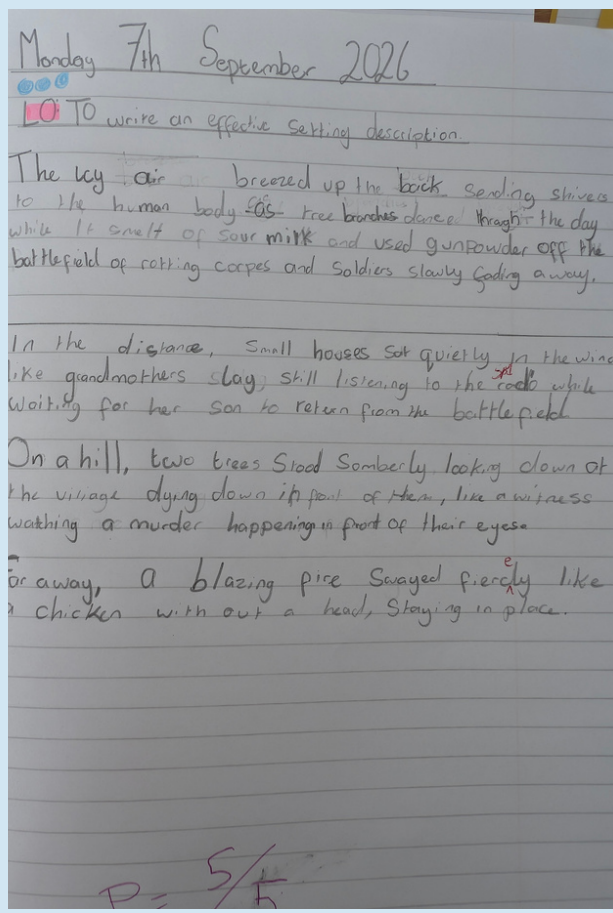
Imogen - Science



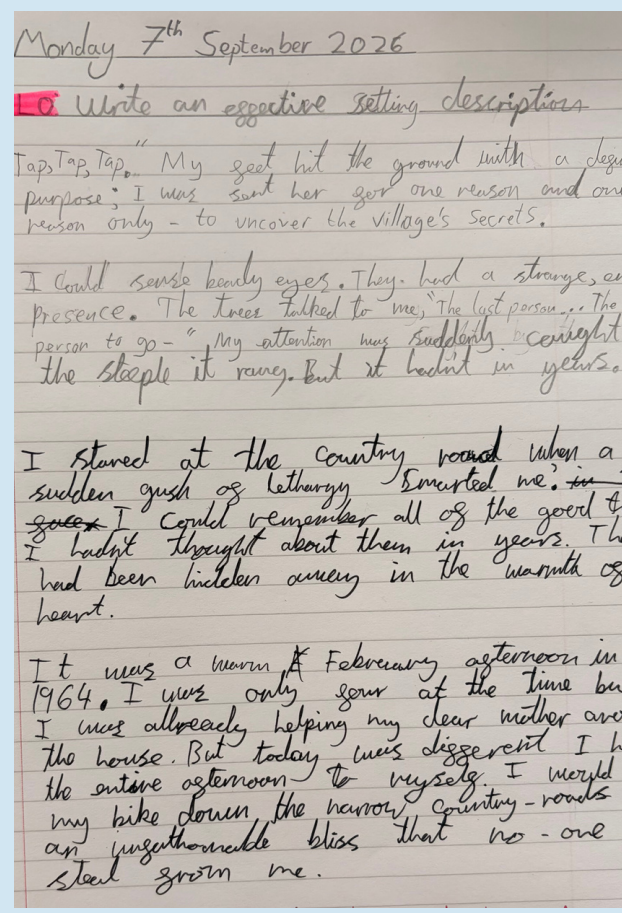
Eleanor - Maths



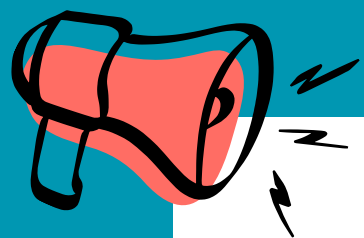
Tea - Maths



Genisia - Writing



William - Writing



Could You Make a Difference in Our School Community?

We are delighted to share two exciting opportunities for parents and carers to become more involved in school life.

Become a School Governor

Are you passionate about education and helping our school continue to thrive? We are looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our Governing Board. School governors play a vital role in supporting the school's strategic direction, ensuring high standards of education, and helping to shape the future of our school. No previous experience is necessary—just a commitment to working as part of a team and making a positive difference for our children.

Join Our PTCA

Our Parent, Teacher and Community Association (PTCA) is always looking for new members to bring fresh ideas, enthusiasm and support. Whether you can help organise events, volunteer occasionally, or simply share your ideas, your involvement can have a real impact.

The PTCA plays an important role in bringing our school community together while raising valuable funds to enrich our children's learning experiences.

If you would like to find out more about either opportunity, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office, and we will be happy to provide further information. Together, we can continue to make our school an inspiring and supportive place for every child.

JOIN OUR PTCA!

PARENT, TEACHER & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Be part of something special!

The PTCA plays an important role in supporting our school by organising fundraising events, helping at school activities and bringing our school community together.

- SUPPORT**
Help raise vital funds that make a real difference to our children's education and experiences.
- GET INVOLVED**
Be part of fun events and exciting activities throughout the school year.
- MAKE FRIENDS**
Meet other parents, carers and staff and be part of our wonderful school community.
- MAKE AN IMPACT**
Your time and ideas can help create amazing memories for all our children.

Many hands make light work – together, we can achieve more!

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US!
Whether you can spare a little time or would like to get more involved – we would love to welcome you.

INTERESTED? Please speak to a member of staff or contact the school office to find out more.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!

BECOME A PARENT GOVERNOR

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR SCHOOL

Are you passionate about your Child's education and future of our school?

We are seeking dedicated parent governors to join our governing board. This is a rewarding opportunity to help shape the strategic direction of the school, support and work with school leaders and ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils.

Your voice Our school Their future

AS A PARENT GOVERNOR YOU WILL:

- Represent the views of parents while acting in the best interests of the school.**
- Help set the school's vision and priorities.**
- Monitor and support school performance.**
- Support and work with school leaders to drive continuous improvement.**

No special qualifications are required, just enthusiasm, commitment and the willingness to learn. Training and support will be provided.

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 YEARS

Approximately 1 meeting per term plus occasional school visits.

If you would like to play an active role in our school community and contribute to its success, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the school office for further information and a nomination form.