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Newsletter 1 September 2025

Welcome Back!
A warm welcome back to everyone after the Summer break. We also say welcome to our Federation to all of the new children who have joined us this September. Welcome also to Mrs Mercer, Miss West and Mrs Spilman who join our teaching team, and to Mrs Turner who joins our MSA team.

Term dates for the Autumn Term
Please note these are correct at the time of sending this newsletter, they are subject to change only if necessary Please keep these dates safe!

Date	Infant School	Junior School
Monday 15th September		Year 3 Egyptian Day Info sent on dojo in transition week
Monday 15th September		Year 6 Child Measurement Programme
Friday 26th September	History of Our School Day We will be delving into the archives to look at the History of our school over time. Were you a pupil? Do you have any photos we could borrow? Let your child's teacher know.	
Monday 29th September	Phonics workshop for parents of children in Reception. Year 1 parents/carers also welcome if your child is still getting to grips with phonics. Come along and find out how we teach phonics and how you can help at home	
Monday 29th September	Year 1 have Wycombe farm to visit them	
Thursday 2nd October	Year 1 football trip for selected children	
Monday 6th October 2.15 - 3		Accelerated Reader workshop for Junior Parents. What is it? How does it work? How can I help? Junior Hall
Tuesday 7th October	Federation siblings photos (Those across two schools **Please send them in full uniform on this day, not in PE kits if it is their PE day**	Year 3 individual photos Plus: Junior siblings and federation siblings **Please send them in full uniform on this day, not in PE kits if it is their PE day**

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Wednesday 8th October		Years 4,5,6 individual photos Please send them in full uniform on this day, not in PE kits if it is their PE day
Friday 10th October	World Mental Health Day (Hello yellow day) Add a splash of yellow to your uniform for the day – socks, t shirt, hair ribbon etc	
Tuesday 14th October	Reception Harvest Activity Morning 1 adult per child and no younger siblings please Join us for some Harvest learning and activities	
Tuesday 14th October	Years 1 and 2 Cross Country for selected children at Langley Prep	
Friday 17th October 2pm	Years 1 – 6 Harvest activities for one adult per child. Please note we cannot have more than one adult per child due to space and we also cannot have younger siblings. If you have to bring a younger sibling, please book with the office and we will set something up in the library for you and your child.	
Wednesday 22nd October	Reception to Year 2 Individual Photos Plus Infant siblings and Junior 'mop up' Please send them in full uniform on this day, not in PE kits if it is their PE day	Year 3-6 cross country at Langley Prep for selected children
Friday 24th October	School closes at 3.15 for Infants and 3.25 for Juniors for Half Term	
Monday 3rd November	School reopens for the new half term at 8.40 am	
Monday 3rd November	Parent consultation email invites sent Online booking opens at 4pm	
Week beginning 3rd November	Individual Education Plans to be shared with parents/carers of children who have an IEP	
Wednesday 5th November		Flu immunisations for Junior children Information will be sent from the NHS prior to this
Monday 10th November		Year 4 Roman Day Year 4 teachers will send further information nearer the time
Monday 10th November	Anti-bullying week – wear odd socks to school	
Thursday 13th November	Online parent consultations 4-7 pm	
Thursday 13th November		Years 4-6 Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling for selected children
Friday 14th November	Children in Need – details will follow nearer the time	
Monday 17th November	Online parent consultations 4-7 pm	
Thursday 20th November	Tennis festival for selected children	
Friday 21st November		Year 5 Viking Day Year 5 teachers will send further information nearer the time
Monday 24th November 9.15 – 11.15	Pre school activity morning for children due to start school in September 2026. Little owls and William Cowper parents will be invited via the Nursery. If your child attends elsewhere and is eligible and you would like them to join, please contact the Infant office. This is a children only event.	
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Monday 1st December	Email and information to book a Christmas Lunch	
Thursday 4th December 9.30 am	* Dress rehearsal for Year 1 children Junior Hall	

Date	Infant School	Junior School
Thursday 4th December 1.45 pm	*Dress rehearsal for Year 2 children Junior Hall	
Monday 8th December	Year 1 performance. 2 adults maximum per child. No younger children. Junior Hall	
Monday 8th December 1.45		*Dress rehearsal for Year 3 children Junior Hall
Tuesday 9th December 9.15	Year 2 performance. 2 adults maximum per child. No younger children. Junior Hall	
Tuesday 9th December 1.45pm		*Dress rehearsal for Year 4 children Junior Hall
Wednesday 10th December 9.15		Year 3 performance. 2 adults maximum per child. No younger children. Junior Hall
Wednesday 10th December 1.45 pm		*Dress rehearsal for Year 5 children Junior Hall
Thursday 11th December 9.15		Year 4 performance. 2 adults maximum per child. No younger children. Junior Hall
Thursday 11th December 1.45 pm		*Dress rehearsal for Year 6 Junior Hall
Friday 12th December 9.15		Year 5 performance. 2 adults maximum per child. No younger children. Junior Hall
Monday 15th December 9.15		Year 6 performance. 2 adults maximum per child. No younger children. Junior Hall
Monday 15th December	Year 2 Christmas Party pm	Year 3 Christmas Party pm Year 6 Christmas Party pm
Tuesday 16th December	Year 1 Christmas Party pm	Year 4 Christmas Party pm Year 5 Christmas Party pm
Tuesday 16th December 9.15 pm	Reception Christmas Performance 2 adults maximum per child. No younger children. Infant Hall Reception Christmas Party	
Wednesday 17th December	Federation Christmas Lunch This must be booked in advance using the link sent	
Friday 19th December	Schools close at 3.15/3.25 for the Christmas Holiday	

Christmas performances

We know it seems like a long way off, but we want you to have plenty of time to make arrangements for the performances your children will be in, as we know people need to book time off work and book it in. There is only room for a MAXIMUM of two adults per child at each performance, so please do not come as a larger party than two as someone will be turned away disappointed.

We cannot have younger children at the performance due to lack of space and also this is the children's one performance and we do want them to be heard clearly.

If you cannot come as you have a younger child, then please take a note of the dress rehearsal date and time and you can come with them to that. Nearer the time, the office will send out a Microsoft forms survey for you to sign up if you are coming to the dress rehearsal. We hope that this way everyone can enjoy the children's hard work.

Settling In

We have been supporting the new children to settle in and although some have a little wobble it is usually over by the time they get to the classroom for their learning.

Can we please ask all parents to 'drop and go' to avoid congestion around the gates at Infants and to enable us to get them in swiftly and safely.

PARKING AND DROP OFF!

Please remember you **ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DROP OFF, WAIT OR PARK ON THE ZIG ZAG LINES OUTSIDE EITHER SCHOOL**. If you do, you put the safety of the children at risk and cause issues with traffic. We know it is busy outside the schools, so please park further away and walk or walk to school whenever you are able. Help keep our children safe.

Home Time Collection

At the end of the day, can we please ask that you wait in the lines to collect your children, as we will release them to the adults as they come to the front of the line to be fair to everyone and also to ensure the children's safety. Please do not approach the lines to take a child from it or call them from elsewhere in the playground. Thankyou

Trainee Teachers

We are pleased to welcome some trainee teachers to our schools this year to compete their placements with us.
We are very pleased to have them with us and support them in their journey into their teaching career.
Miss Shannon Mills with be working with CSR
Miss Hannah Davey will be working with CM1
Miss Sophie Dingle will be working with KD2
Miss Anna Paskhin will be working with RL3
Miss Kimberley Cooper will be working in FB5

We hope they enjoy their time with us and thank all the staff who will be supporting them.

Allergies

Please can we remind you not to send in foods containing nuts or nut oil or sesame seeds due to severe and life threatening allergies in our schools.
Please also do not put products such as cream or hair treatments on your child that contain these either.
We want to keep everyone safe.

New Reception 2026 Tours

We are pleased to be able to share the following dates for parents to tour the Infant School for September 2026 entry
Monday 29th September 9.30 am
Wednesday 1st October 9.15 am
Tuesday 7th October at 9.15 am
Thursday 16th October 9.15 am

New Year 3 2026 Tours

We are pleased to be able to share the following dates for parents to tour the Infant School for September 2026 entry
Friday 3rd October 9.15 am
Monday 20th October 9.15 am

If you wish to book for either tour, please contact the relevant school office as numbers will be limited for each one to avid overwhelming the children.

Governor Vacancies

We have some vacancies for Governors on our Governing Board.
To do this role you need to be prepared to understand the role of the Governor and learn about how the Federation works, be there for the good governance of the schools for all children and be able to participate in the 6 meetings a year as well as visits into school. The role is a strategic role and not an operational role.
We have vacancies for parent Governors, who must be a registered parent of a pupil currently at the school. You can self nominate but need two other current parents of children in the federation to support your application.
If there are more nominations than we have spaces for, an election will be held closing on Monday 13th October. All registered parents/carers are entitled to vote.
Can all nominations be submitted to the email below by 29th September 2025.
If you would like to know more about the role or ask for a nomination form, please email
GovernorApplications@toftwoodfederation.co.uk
We also have some vacancies for co-opted Governors, appointed directly by the Governing Board. These would not necessarily be parents at the school, but anyone in the local community who may be interested in this role in schools. If you know anyone who would be interested in this role or learning more about it – perhaps a family member, friend, neighbour or work colleague. Then please also email
GovernorApplications@toftwoodfederation.co.uk

Babies!

We have some more exciting Federation baby news!

Hamish Quinn Richardson was born on the 1st August weighing 9lb 9oz. Congratulations to Mrs Tataryn-Richardson and Mr Richardson on becoming a family of four.

Oscar James Harvey was born on 2nd September weighing 8lb 2oz. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Harvey on becoming a family of three.

We look forward to meeting them both.

Lunches

Can all **Junior parents** please ensure their school lunch accounts are paid off in full each week. This money is due to be paid to the catering company and you will have had daily reminders if your account needs to be settled.

Litcham School Open Evening



LITCHAM SCHOOL

Join us for our

Open Evening

For Year 7 entry in September 2026

Wednesday 15th October

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Presentations: 6:15pm & 7:15pm

No booking required

See our school in action – Meet staff & pupils – Tour our facilities

We look forward to welcoming you!

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Photo Scavenger Hunt



Dereham Debt Centre Newsletter

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Newsletter

Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre, in partnership with Dereham Baptist Church

Debt Centre News

It's looking busy this autumn! We have THREE things for you to consider:

PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

Sunday 14th September
1pm - 4pm
Dereham Baptist Church
£3 per person. Teams 3-5

Could you support Dereham Debt centre to continue providing vital debt help and budgeting courses? Aviva are currently matching all donations given via their community fund. Please go to bit.ly/dbc-debt if you are able to donate (upto £250 per individual will be doubled by Aviva). Last year over £14000 was raised through Aviva - amazing

AVIVA Community Fund

MONEY COACHING

Four Sessions, Thursday 9:30-11:30, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd October
@ Dereham Library
Book your free place:
capuk.org/trymoneycoaching
catherineweatherill@capuk.org

Our debt services are free, and available for those living in Dereham and the surrounding villages. There are other centres in Norfolk and across the UK.

For free debt help phone **0800 328 0006**. Visit capuk.org for more info