



THE MINSTER CofE SCHOOLS

THE NURSERY & INFANT CofE SCHOOL

Executive Headteacher: Ali Silke

THE MINSTER JUNIOR CofE SCHOOL

Chair of Governors: Brian Birch

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to let you know that all of your wonderful children have settled into school really well over the last two weeks and are working hard and enjoying being with their friends.

I know you will join me, in welcoming all of our new children who have started in the Nursery and Reception classes but also in the other Year groups too.

We also welcome newly appointed teachers, Miss Baillie-Young, Ms Parnell, Miss Murphy and Miss Ali.

Apologies for the delay in confirming year group PE days but our PE coach Mr. Grant left us unexpectedly at the end of the Summer term. We have had to recruit his replacement this term as we always have to observe potential teachers teaching our children to ensure that they meet our high standards.

The PE days are as follows:

Monday - Yr. 1 Blackbirds and Year 6 Ospreys

Tuesday - Yr. 3 and Yr. 4

Wednesday - Year 1 Starlings and Year 5

Thursday - Reception and Year 2

Friday - Year 6

Children should come into school wearing their PE kit on these days.

For PE lessons, all children should wear a plain white T-shirt, the school sweatshirt, plain black shorts and a pair of trainers. Warm black or grey track suit bottoms can be worn for outdoor games in the colder months.

Nursery and Reception children have daily slots with Mr Currie in small groups but do not need PE kit for these.

Now that your children are settled, we would like to invite you to the Year Group Curriculum Evening ss as follows:

Year 1 28th Sept Mon **2:50 pm - 3:10 pm in the Infant Hall**

Year 2 29th Sept Tue **2:50 pm - 3:10 pm upstairs in the Year 2 classrooms**

Year 3 30th Sept Wed **2:50 pm - 3:10 pm in the Junior hall**

Year 5 1st Oct Thu **2:50 pm - 3:10 pm in the Junior hall**

Year 6 2nd Oct Fri **2:50 pm - 3:10 pm in the Junior hall**

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Year 4 13th Oct Tuesday **2:50 pm - 3:10 pm in the Junior hall** – apologies for the lateness of this meeting but Mrs Murphy has had to travel to South Africa for family reasons

We have decided to make a couple of changes to the workshops we have run for many years in the Junior school. From this year onwards, we will only be offering 1 workshop after school on a Monday but we will be offering these to Yr 1 and 2 children as well for the first time. Workshops for Reception children will start later in the year. This is so that we can prioritise curriculum teaching time to further improve on our outstanding academic results in 2025 to 2026. The workshops are free, taught by teachers and allow an opportunity for children to try different enrichment activities. The timings of the workshops are as follows:

Year 1 and Year 2- 3:15 to 3:45

Year 3,4,5 and 6 - 3:15 to 3:55

We are aiming to start the workshops on Monday 5th October 2026.

The information about the workshops and sign up details has been sent out.

If your child usually goes to after school club, they will be taken there after the workshops.

These workshops are not compulsory but we hope as many children will attend as possible.

Finally, I would like to wish you all, a blessedly peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Silke

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