



Message from the Co-Heads

Dear Parents & Carers,

A very warm welcome to all our families, both new and returning. The Autumn Term is off to a strong start, and it has been lovely to see pupils settling back into school life with such energy and enthusiasm. We are looking forward to a busy and rewarding term ahead, filled with exciting learning opportunities, events, and celebrations. As always, we are here to work in partnership with you, so please do get in touch if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further.

Mrs Greenwald & Mrs Smith

School Day

Mon-Thurs

8.30am—3pm

Friday

8.30am-2.30pm

The gate will close at 8.45am.



This Week

We've had a fantastic start to the term, with pupils settling quickly into new routines and enjoying a wide range of engaging activities. Teachers have been focusing on building positive learning environments and helping children feel confident and ready to learn. It has been wonderful to see so much excitement and positivity as the new academic year begins.



Nut Aware

We are a Nut Aware school and heavily discourage nut products on our school premises. To minimise the risk of allergic reactions to nuts, all staff, visitors and pupils are asked not to bring the following foods on our premises: - Packaged nuts - Peanut butter or chocolate spreads containing nuts - Cereal or chocolate bars containing nuts - Peanut based sauces like satay We thank you for working in partnership with us to keep our school community safe. Thank you for helping us streamline our processes and create a safer, more convenient environment for everyone.

Attendance Officer

We are delighted to see such a positive start to the new academic year, particularly in terms of attendance and punctuality. We would like to take this opportunity to gently remind you of a few key points to help maintain this positive momentum.

- Parents are required to notify the school before 9.00am on each day that your child is absent. This can be done by contacting the school office via telephone, email, ParentMail, or by contacting the 'Attendance Officer' directly on Seesaw.
- Please remember that the school gate opens at **8:30am** and closes at **8:45am** each morning. Could we please also remind you that school finishes at **3:00pm** from Monday to Thursday and at **2:30pm on Fridays**.

Education is of the highest importance to us and we know that higher attendance leads to the best outcomes for our pupils. Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to ensuring our pupils education remains a top priority.

Healthy Eating

As a Healthy School, we encourage families to provide pupils with healthy snacks wherever possible. We understand that some children have very restricted diets and may not always be able to manage certain foods. However, for those who are able to enjoy a wider variety, we kindly ask that snacks sent into school are as healthy as possible. Small steps, such as fruit, vegetables, or other

nutritious options, can make a big difference in helping children develop good eating habits. Thank you for your support in promoting healthy choices for our pupils.



Parking Reminders

We would like to ask for your continued support in maintaining safe and clear access for our buses and for our neighbours. We understand that parking can be somewhat challenging, but your cooperation in refraining from using the dropped curbs has been instrumental in maintaining safe passage for our families and buses at the end of the day. Kindly note that there are ample parking spaces available in the adjacent streets which are only a short walk away from the gates.

Your commitment to this small yet significant gesture makes a big difference.



Parentmail

Hedgewood is a cashless school and we do not accept cash payments for any school-related transactions, except when collecting donations for events like Red Nose Day.

All purchases, including uniforms and bags, should be made through ParentMail. If you do not have access to ParentMail, please contact the school office for assistance.



Upcoming Events

5–11 September – National Zero Waste Week