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Welcome Back

It has been great to welcome everyone back to school. The children have settled so well into their new classes and it is wonderful to see them so happy and learning. We have reminded all of our community about our motto - **Journeying Together with Hope and Aspiration** - and we are so excited to begin the new journey through this academic year.

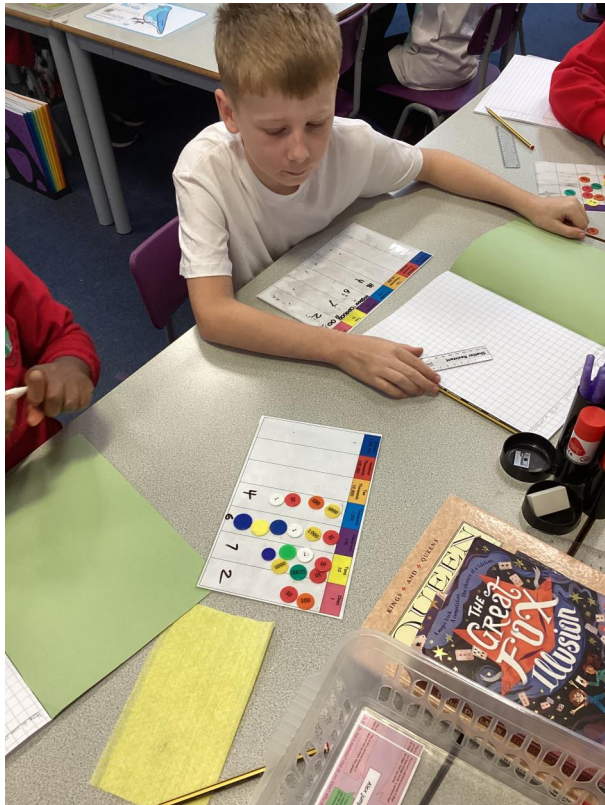
Staff and pupils have been revisiting our school vision, which highlights our core four values: *At Parish, we value each person as they are, seeing every member of our school family as a precious, unique individual and treating them with **dignity**. Seeking first to understand through the building of relationships, we live in a **community** of **hope**. We aspire to enable each person to be a curious learner, inspired to develop the knowledge and **wisdom** to make the world a better place. We strive to encourage all to fulfil their God-given potential, having a confidence in transformation for the better.*

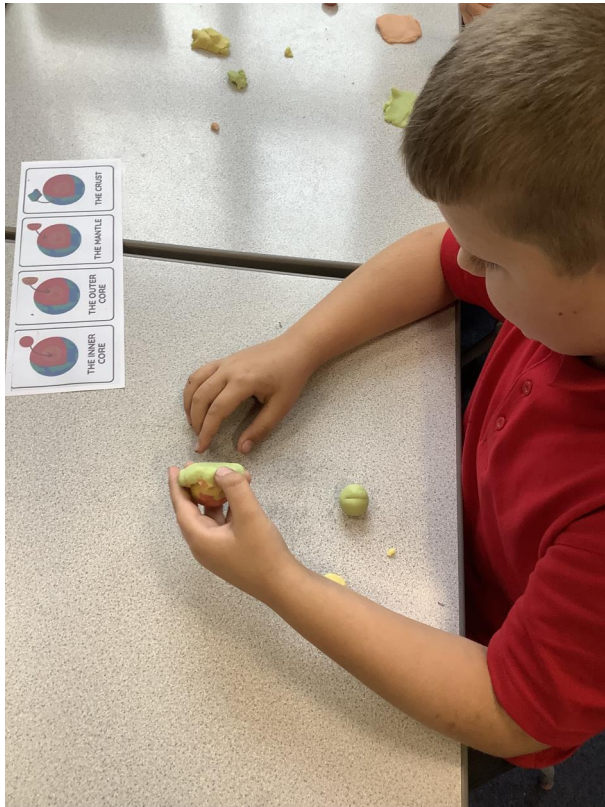


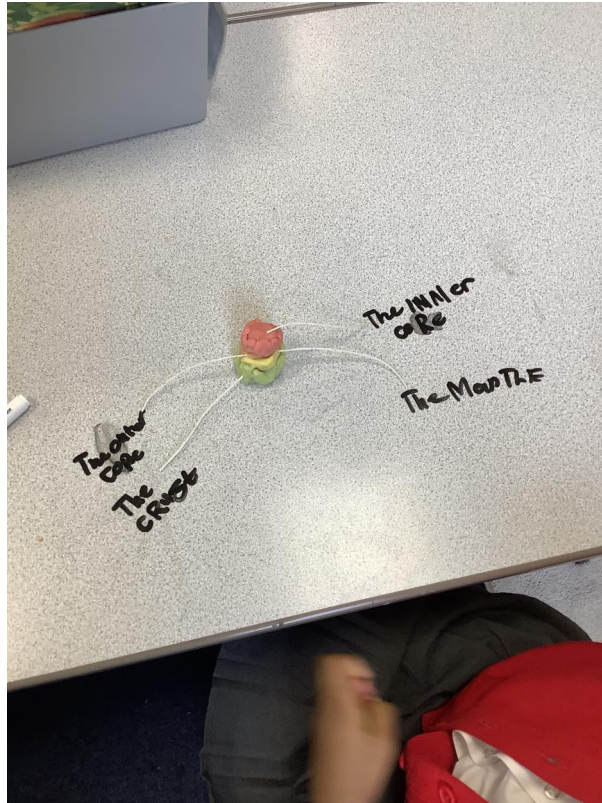
'First day of school! Wake up! Come on. First day of school! Nemo from Finding Nemo

Have a look at some of our first few days!









Attendance



- Gates open at 8.45am
- Gates close at 8.55am
- Registers taken at 8.55am
- Learning starts at 9.00am

Children arriving after 9am are missing learning.

Help your child learn - be on time!

Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Itch/allergies
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING



1 FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days but reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days.

2 SECOND OFFENCE

(within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child, to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

These changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19 August 2024.

3 THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY OTHER FURTHER OFFENCES

(within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate due to failure to safeguarding a child's education.

TO SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10 WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.



MOMENTS MATTER. EVERY DAY COUNTS.

There are some important updates on how school's will respond to term-time holidays and irregular absences that came into effect from August 2024.

Our new trust attendance policy will be shared with you very soon.

We are always here to support families when school attendance is a challenge.

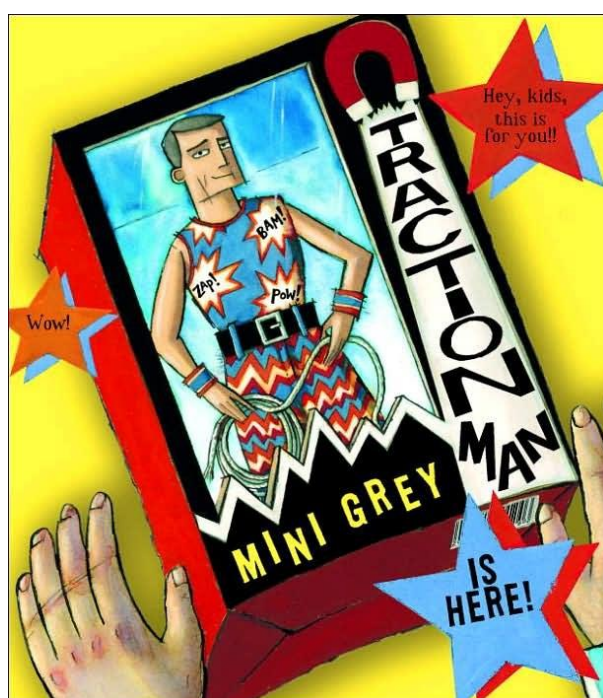
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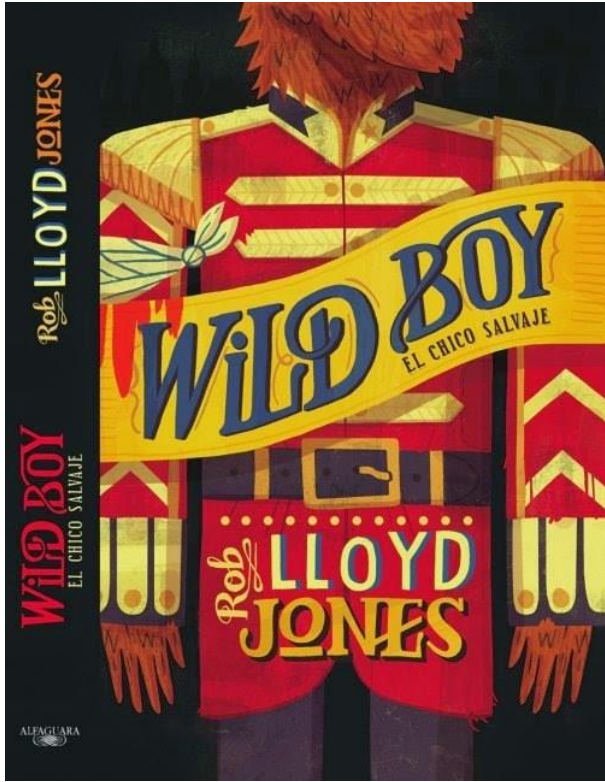
“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you’ll go.”
-Dr. Seuss

We have so much exciting reading to look forward to this year. The staff have worked hard to rewrite the reading curriculum, ask your child about what book they are sharing in school this term.

We are overwhelmed with all of the books we have been gifted from our Amazon Wishlist, thank you so much. If you would like to gift a book here is the link.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3NWAMUA8C498R?ref=wl_share





Some wonderful tips on supporting your child now they are back at school.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Change can be hard for children to manage. Going back to school after a long summer break might cause them to feel uncertain about their friendships, school routines and relationships with new teachers. However, trusted adults play an important role in providing both practical and emotional support.

1 LEARN WHAT EQUIPMENT YOU NEED

Figure out a list of all equipment needed for the start of the school year, so you can comfortably get your hands on the necessary items in time. If children have any financial issues and receive free school meals, the school may be able to provide some monetary aid or offer other support.

2 COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL

If you notice that a child is feeling anxious about a change of teacher or school, arranging a one-to-one meeting with their new teacher can be a good way to alleviate some of the anxiety. Just knowing that they understand the child's worries and will be able to help them if the need arises can build the foundations of a good working relationship. Knowing that you can contact them with any queries can also be reassuring.

3 CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

There will be plenty of information about the start of term on the school's website to keep you updated. Furthermore, you should be able to find other useful information such as contact details for staff, important school equipment, clubs, and news about any special events on the school calendar for the year. It could be helpful to look through this with children for anything which might reassure them.

4 HELP TO MANAGE FRIENDSHIPS

If a child is feeling anxious about making new friends – especially if they're moving up to secondary school – it can be a good idea to remind them of what they could do or say when meeting new classmates. Investigating the extracurricular activities available could be a good way to open a conversation about their hobbies and pastimes, and joining such clubs could allow new friendships to be built on this mutual interest.

5 PLAN SELF-CARE

Talking to children about how they can manage their self-care can be an effective way of helping them understand its importance. This might involve playing a computer game they love with friends, a weekly visit to the library, getting to bed at the same time each night, or a range of other activities that support their wellbeing and provide the familiarity and safety of a routine that works for them.

6 MANAGE TRICKY FEELINGS

Explain that it's okay to have difficult feelings around returning to school. This can help reduce any shame or embarrassment a child might be feeling over these emotions. Emphasise that other children – even some of the teachers – will be feeling the same way. Consider practical ways to manage these feelings and help children feel more in control of their emotions. Some examples include fidget toys, breathing exercises or a notepad for doodling.

7 SECURE A SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents and carers should try to buy a child's uniform for the new academic year well in advance of the new term (although allowing for potential holiday growth spurts) and give them time to adapt to any changes. Make sure they can comfortably change into and out of it for PE lessons. Double check the requirements for PE on the school's website, as some schools will also have requirements for PE kits.

8 PREPARE FOR TRANSITION DAYS

Ensuring that children attend transition days is a vital step in preparing for the new year. Some schools also have transition evenings for parents and carers to attend, offering extra opportunities to reach out for any additional support.

9 READ THE MENTAL HEALTH POLICY

If a young person struggles with their mental health, it's important to understand their school's mental health policy and provision to know what support is available. This should be on the school's website. A range of aid is typically on offer – from individual timetable amendments to group sessions on emotional wellbeing. You can then discuss these options with the child to reassure them that help is there if they need it.

10 LEARN ABOUT SEN SUPPORT

If a child has SEN and receives help in school, try to confirm exactly what support is available, to ensure they'll be having their needs met. If they're moving up to secondary school, it's a good idea to meet with the SENCO to ensure that all teachers receive the most relevant, up-to-date information about the child's needs and have a contact to liaise with if these change over time.

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/supporting-children-going-back-to-school>

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Parish Sport off to a quick start!



Although the children didn't start back at school until Wednesday one of our pupils wanted to compete for school even before that. Therefore last Sunday his family travelled to Allerthorpe near York to take part in his 4th and final Biathlon race of the season. He ran really well before diving into the lake, this was a very new experience for him and he felt a bit unsure to begin with but made it

around the course before a second fabulous run. He was awarded a finishing certificate and congratulated on completed all four races this season in Hull, Hemsley, Harrogate and Allertorpe. He can't wait for next year!



1 - Mr Anderson was also representing school on Sunday after his summer GB team success and is looking forward to even more children competing in Biathlon and Biathle this year!







TT Rockstar Awards

Richest Rocker (this week)	
Class	Highest TTR
Miss Hensby's Class	
Miss Green's Class	
Miss Brown's Class	
Miss White's Class	
Mr. McNeill and Mrs Marshall's Class	

COMING SOON!! 👁️
 Watch out for our TTRs awards next week! Will you be the 'Richest Rocker'? 🏆

2 - Teachers have sent copies of your child's TTRs login information home this week. If you have any questions please email your class teacher. We are so excited to see who are 'Richest Rockers' are next week!

Clubs start next week



We are delighted to announce that our clubs are starting next week. Please log in to your ParentPay account to sign your child up for a club, or give us a call next week. Our clubs offer this term is the best ever and it includes the following opportunities. Please sign up quickly to avoid disappointment.

KS1 Board Games Club Mondays until 4.15 - Miss Crowston

KS2 Yoga/Meditation Thurs 12-12:30 KS2 - Miss White

KS2 Dance Friday 12-12:30 KS2 - Miss Green

KS1 Story club Wed 12:30-1.00 - Mrs Arnold and Mrs Marshall

Y5/6 Football club Tuesday 3:30-4:45 Mr Anderson

KS2 running Monday/Friday 12-12:30 Mr Anderson

KS1 Playground Games Club – Tuesday 3:30-4:15 Mrs Jones

KS2 Wellbeing Club Thursday Lunch time - Mrs Turner

Year 3 and 4 girls football Tuesday 3:30-4:30 Coaches - GTFC

Year 5 and 6 Multi Sports Wednesday 3:30-4:30 Coaches GTFC

Year 3 and 4 boys Football Thursday 3:30-4:30 Coaches GTFC

KS2Choir - Tuesday 3:30-4:15 - Mrs Hickerton and Miss Louth

School Photograph next week - let's all look smart! Uniform Expectations



It is wonderful to see how smart all the children look this term. Thank you everyone for making such an effort. Next Wednesday is our school photo day so please do send the children in smart uniform rather than PE kit. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, including PE days. Items of uniform can be bought with the school logo on from the Uniform shop on Market Street, whilst other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E. is outlined below.

School uniform list:

- Grey/Black trousers/skirt/pinafore/dress
- White/Red polo shirt
- Red cardigan/jumper
- Summer dress (red and white)
- Grey/Black school shorts
- Black shoes - these must be flat and with closed toes for health and safety reasons
- Year 6 pupils also have the option of wearing a black jumper/cardigan

PE Kit

- Blue/Black shorts or jogging bottoms/sports leggings
- Plain white/red T shirt