

11/09/2026



Reginald Mitchell's NEWSLETTER



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A message from Miss Rourke

Dear parents and carers,

What a fantastic first full week we have had at school! It has been wonderful to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms and settling so well into their new classes and routines.

This week, I led an assembly focused on our school value of **Collaboration**. The children engaged brilliantly, sharing thoughtful ideas about how they can demonstrate this value both in school and within our local community. It was lovely to hear their discussions and reflections.

There has also been some fantastic learning taking place across the school. Classes have been immersing themselves in their new English texts, exploring stories through discussion, drama and a range of exciting learning activities. The enthusiasm and engagement from the children has been a pleasure to see.

A quick reminder for parents and carers to please sign up for any clubs your child wishes to attend via Arbor and ensure all outstanding consents have been completed.

Finally, a huge thank you to our wonderful new Year 6 Play Leaders, who have done an excellent job organising a variety of sporting activities at lunchtime. Their enthusiasm and leadership have helped to create enjoyable opportunities for children across the school to play, be active and collaborate together.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Rourke and Reg Mitch Team

Important dates coming soon...

Roald Dahl Day 14/09/26

Macmillan coffee afternoon
25/09 2pm—3pm

(Please sign up on Arbor)

School at work EY/KS1

30/09/26 2 pm-3 pm (Please sign up on Arbor)

School at work KS2

01/10/26 2 pm-3 pm (Please sign up on Arbor)

Academy photos 05/10/26

Parents evening 06/10/26

(Please sign up on Arbor)

Halloween disco 21/10/26
EY/KS1 3:30—4:30 pm

KS2 4:45—5:45 pm

Harvest assembly 22/10/26

EY/KS1 09:15 — 10 am

KS2 10:15 — 11 am

(Please sign up on Arbor)

For all other calendar dates
please click on the link below
<https://reginaldmitchell.co.uk/my-calendar/>

Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%
This week, our school attendance was: 97.82%

This Week's
winner is:
Class 5



Please follow the following link to [RM Spring School Menu 2026](#)

to find our school lunch menu.

On our return we will be following **week 3** of the new **Autumn** menu.

Class	Attendance
Reception	99.6%
Year 1	94.8%
Year 2	98.2%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	99.2%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	97.5%

Rewards and Celebrations

EYFS — Rio

KS1 — Lillie R

KS2 — Ella HJ

Nursery — Willow

Reception — Jacob

Year One — Nancy B

Year Two — Winter

Year Three — Enya

Year Four — Reggie

Year Five — Oakley

Year Six — Kaine

Nursery — All of Nursery

Reception — Tobias

Year One — Stefan

Year Two — Ovie

Year Three — Ollie

Year Four — Iyla-Grace

Year Five — Jacob

Year Six — All of Y6



Team Points

Red	402
Blue	160
Yellow	493
Green	295



Year One — Nancy B

Year Two — Oliver C

Year Three — Alejandro

Year Four — Pav

Year Five — Truly

Year Six — Oliver





Douglas Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Friday 25th September
2.00-3.00pm

Everyone welcome!

Please sign up via Arbor

We are asking for cake donations for the
week beginning 21/9/26

All children will have the opportunity to buy a
cake throughout the school day on
Friday 25th September—cakes will be 50p



ParentPay

We kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure that any outstanding balances on ParentPay for school lunches, Spitfires Care Club, and Nursery wraparound provision are cleared as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, when debts remain unpaid, these costs must be covered directly from the school's limited budget, which has a direct impact on the resources and opportunities we are able to provide for all children. We greatly appreciate the continued support and understanding shown by the vast majority of families. If you are experiencing any difficulty in making payments, please do not hesitate to speak in confidence with Mrs Ball, who will be happy to discuss this with you.



Please ensure that all consent forms and permissions on Arbor have been completed and kept up to date. This information helps us to keep your child safe and ensures we have the correct permissions in place.

We would also like to remind families that we are a mobile phone and smart device free school. Pupils should not bring mobile phones or smart devices onto the school site unless there is a specific safeguarding or medical reason.

If you feel your child needs to bring a mobile phone or smart device to school, you **MUST** complete the relevant consent on Arbor and provide a clear reason for the request. Without adding a reason, the request will be denied in line with statutory guidance.

Makaton Sign of the Week

We have introduced a Makaton 'sign of the week' to strengthen communication across school, using a shared visual support that helps our pre-verbal learners express themselves with confidence to not just their teachers but to their friends.

This week we will be learning how to sign '[Teddy](#)'. Please can you practise at home with our Makaton word of the week.



Important -Care Club Changes

Care Club Closing Time Update

From **September**, Care Club will now close at **5:15pm**, and will **no longer operate until 5:30pm**. Thank you for your support in helping us implement this updated schedule.

The Reginald Mitchell Primary School - Spitfires 2026/27

7.30am – 8.15am 1 child	£5.70
After 8.15am 1 child	£2.50
3.15pm – 4.15pm 1 child	£4.90
After 4.15pm 1 child	£9.80
10% discount on more than one child attending	

DID YOU KNOW?

We're proud to share that our new menu has been awarded the Silver School Plates Award by ProVeg UK.

At Edwards & Ward, we believe great school food should taste good and do good too. That's why our delicious plant-rich dishes now take pride of place on our menus – bringing great flavour, variety, and choices that are better for the planet.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All pupils between reception and year 2 are entitled to a free nutritious school lunch.

Everyone automatically gets Universal Infant FREE school meals and can benefit by over £480 per child per year. If your child is in year 3 or above, find out if they could still qualify for a free school meal by contacting the school office.



SPECIAL DIETS

If your child requires a special diet for medical reasons, please check out our website

www.edwardsandward.co.uk

for a full list of FAQs and to complete our online form.



MENU

Autumn/Winter
2026-27



edwards and ward
a recipe for success

WEEK ONE

WEEK TWO

WEEK THREE

MONDAY

Fajita Pizza with Purple Slaw (V) **or**
Fiesta Beany Burrito with Rice (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Banoffee Mousse (V)



TUESDAY

Creamy Cauli & Chickpea Curry with Rice (Ve) **or**
Penne with Beef Bolognese
Veg of the Day
Vanilla Shortbread (Ve)

WEDNESDAY

Twisted Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy (V) **or**
Classic Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy
Veg of the Day
Apple Flapjack (Ve)

THURSDAY

Mighty Hero Mac & Cheese (V) **or**
BBQ Chicken Melt with Sunshine Rice
Veg of the Day
Rich Pear & Chocolate Sponge (V)

FRIDAY

Cheesy Bean Whirl with Chips (V) **or**
Crispy Battered Fish with Chips
Veg of the Day
Fruity Jelly (Ve)

31/8/26, 21/9/26, 12/10/26, 2/11/26, 23/11/26,
14/12/26, 4/1/27, 25/1/27

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) **or**
Rainbow Vegetable Chow Mein (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Cinnamon Swirl (Ve)



Garden Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve) **or**
Creamy Herby Chicken Pasta
Veg of the Day
Pinwheel Biscuits (Ve)

Sage & Onion Whirl with Roasties & Gravy (Ve) **or**
Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roasties & Gravy
Veg of the Day
Flapjack (Ve)

BBQ Mac & Cheese (V) **or**
Texas Beef Chilli Burrito with Crunchy Slaw
Veg of the Day
Golden Apple Cake (V)

Crispy Quorn Nuggets with Chips (Ve) **or**
Chicken Nuggets with Chips
Veg of the Day
Fruity Jelly (Ve)

7/9/26, 28/9/26, 19/10/26, 9/11/26, 30/11/26,
21/12/26, 11/1/27, 1/2/27

Superhero Pizza with Paprika & Garlic Potatoes (V) **or**
Sunshine Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (Ve)
Veg of the Day
Cinnamon Apple Whirl (Ve)



Penne with Garden Bolognese (Ve) **or**
Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy
Veg of the Day
Chocolate Snap (Ve)

Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V) **or**
Beef Mince Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties
Veg of the Day
Soft Baked Cookies (V)

Classic Mac & Cheese (V) **or**
Golden Chicken Curry with Lemon Rice
Veg of the Day
Topsy-Turvy Pineapple Cake (V)

Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve) **or**
Fish Fingers with Chips
Veg of the Day
Fruity Jelly (Ve)

14/9/26, 5/10/26, 26/10/26, 16/11/26, 7/12/26,
28/12/26, 18/1/27, 8/2/27

Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve), Filled Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches (including V/Ve options)

are also available daily along with freshly baked bread (Ve), salad, fresh fruit, jelly (Ve), yoghurts (V) and drinking water.



V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan  - More Sustainable

This weeks. Spotlight is – Welcome back !

What a fantastic start we've had to the new school year! It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces around school, and the children are looking incredibly smart in their new uniforms. They have been busy getting to know their new teachers, classrooms and routines, whilst enjoying being back with their friends. Learning is already well underway, and we are so proud of how well everyone has settled in. We can't wait to share more of their achievements with you throughout the year, so keep an eye on our Facebook page for regular updates!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-ENABLED SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

CFLP School Term and Holiday Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

INSET DAYS 1: Tuesday 1st September 2025 (Staff only)

Pupils: Wednesday 2nd September - Friday 23rd October

October Half Term Holiday: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

INSET DAY 2 Monday 2nd November (Staff only)

Staff and Pupils: Tuesday 3rd November - Friday 18th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Staff and Pupils: Monday 4th January 2027 - Friday 12th February

February Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

INSET DAY 3 Monday 22nd February (Staff only)

Pupils: Tuesday 23rd February - Thursday 25th March

Easter Holiday: Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April

Summer Term 2027

Staff and Pupils: Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May

May Bank Holiday - School Closed: Monday 3rd May

Half term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

INSET DAY 4: Monday 7th June (Staff only)

Pupils: Tuesday 8th June - Tuesday 20th July

INSET DAY 5- Wednesday 21st July (Staff only)

Summer Holiday for pupils: Wednesday 21st July -Wednesday 1st September 2027

Parent Dates for 2026-27

AUTUMN TERM	
INSET day	01/09/26
Pupils return	02/09/26
Roald Dahl day	14/09/26
Macmillan Coffee event	25/09/26
School at work - parents invite from 2pm - 3pm EY/KS1	30/09/26
School at work - parents invite from 2pm - 3pm KS2	01/10/26
Academy photos - families, siblings and individuals	05/10/26
Parents Evening 1 - 3.30pm - 6.30pm	06/10/26
Halloween disco EY/KS1 3.30-4.30pm KS2 4.45pm-5.45pm	21/10/26
Harvest assembly 9.15am EY/KS1 10.15am KS2	22/10/26
Break for Half term	23/10/26
INSET day	02/11/26
Pupils Return from Half term	03/11/26
MTC workshop for Y4 parents 3.30pm	05/11/26
Non-uniform donations for Christmas fair	13/11/26
Anti-bullying week	WB 16/11/26
Children in need	20/11/26
Christmas fair 3.30pm - 5.30pm	25/11/26
Christmas Nativity week Y5/6 7/12-2pm/5pm EY 8/12 9.15am/2pm Y3/4 09/12 - 2pm/5pm Y1/2 10/12 2pm/5pm	WB 07/12/26
Christmas activities parent invite 14/12 EY 2pm/ 15/12 KS1 2pm/ 16/12 Y3/4 2pm 17/12 Y5/6 2pm	WB 14/12/26
AUT reports due out	16/12/26
Christmas party day	18/12/26
Close for Christmas	18/12/26
SPRING TERM	
Return	04/01/27
Young Voices	27/01/27
Faith in Focus Week	WB 01/02/27
NSPCC Number day	05/02/27
Parents Evening 2 3.30-6.30pm	09/02/27
Valentines disco EY/KS1 3.00-4.00pm KS2 4.15-5.15pm	11/02/27
Close for Half term	12/02/27
Inset day	22/02/27
Pupils return	23/02/27
KS2 SATs meeting for parents 3.30pm	25/02/27
World Book Day	04/03/27
Science week	WB 09/03/27
Red nose day	19/03/27
Spring Term reports out	24/03/27
Easter assembly and Bonnet Parade (EY) 9.15am EY/KS1 10.15am KS2	25/03/27
Close for Easter	25/03/27
SUMMER TERM	
Return from Easter	12/04/27
Academy photos - Class, nursery grads and Y6 leavers	TBC

Year 6 SAT's	10-14/05/27
Mental health awareness week	17/05/27
Standon Bowers parents meeting Y6 3.30pm	20/05/27
Inset day	07/06/27
Pupils return	08/06/27
Multiplications Testing Y4 opens	WB 08/06/27
Phonics Screening	WB 14/06/27
Health and Sports Week EY/KS1 sports day 16/6 9.30am KS2 sports day 17/6 9.30am	WB 21/06/27
Kings transition week	28/06/27
Sum reports out	30/06/27
Bump up mornings	30/06 and 01/07
Year 6 Standon Bowers	5-7/7/27
Careers week	WB 05/07/27
Colour Run 3.30-5.30pm	07/07/27
Nursery Graduation 1.45pm-2.45pm	08/07/27
Sports assembly invite only 2.30pm	13/07/27
Leavers Concert - Y6 parent invite 2.15pm	15/07/27
Pupils close for Summer	20/07/27

REGINALD MITCHELL CLUBS

AUTUMN 2026



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Lunchtime

Lego & Chat -
Years 3/4

Lunchtime Lego -
Years 1 & 2

Emotion Explorers -
KS1 / KS2
Young Voices -
Years 4/5/6
Mindfulness Colouring
- KS2

Construction
Club -
Years 1 & 2
Times Tables -
KS2

After
school

YR 6 Boosters -
Invite Only

Make & Melody -
Nursery
Ready, Steady,
Build! -
Reception

Forest School -
Years
3/4/5

CLUBS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO BOOK ON ARBOR.
CLUBS WILL COMMENCE ON MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER.

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.
Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.
The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1

Day = 2 Sessions

2

Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160



4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

4

2ND TIME

2 parents and
1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent
£2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000