

18/09/2026



Reginald Mitchell's NEWSLETTER



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A message from Miss Rourke

Dear parents and carers,

What a fantastic week we have had at school!

This week, our assembly focused on the school value of **Honesty**. It was wonderful to hear the children joining in with discussions and sharing their own experiences of why honesty is such an important value. The thoughtful contributions from pupils across the school showed a great understanding of what it means to be honest, even when it can be difficult.

We have also enjoyed hearing music fill the hall this week during our music assemblies. Mrs Knowles has been leading the sessions, teaching some of the songs from this year's Young Voices programme. The children have been singing enthusiastically and it has been lovely to see their confidence growing each day.

Our clubs have also started this week and it has been fantastic to see so much creativity, fun and smiling faces. The children have embraced the opportunities on offer and have thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

In the classrooms, pupils have been highly engaged in their learning, particularly in mathematics where there has been a strong focus on place value and number. It has been wonderful to see the children challenging themselves, explaining their thinking and developing their understanding.

Across the school, children have continued to take part in daily handwriting practice using our Letter-join scheme. We have been impressed with their determination and pride in their presentation, and it has been great to see many children beginning to apply these skills within their independent writing.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting week of learning ahead!

Miss Rourke and the Reg Mitch Team.

Important dates coming soon...

Macmillan coffee afternoon
25/09/26 2pm — 3pm

(Please sign up on Arbor)

School at work EY/KS1 & Y5
30/09/26 2 pm - 3 pm
(Please sign up on Arbor)

School at work — Y3,Y4,Y6
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)

Half Term 26/10/26 - 30/10/26

Inset day 02/11/26

Return school 03/11/26

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: **97.57%**

**This Week's
winner is:
Class 5**



Please follow the following link to RM Autumn School Menu 2026
to find our school lunch menu.

On our return we will be following **week 1** of the new **Autumn** menu.



Class	Attendance
Reception	96.58%
Year 1	94.44%
Year 2	99.56%
Year 3	97.01%
Year 4	99.62%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	97.73%

Rewards and Celebrations

EYFS — Grace

KS1 — Chester

KS2 — Merida

Nursery — Keira

Reception — Noah A

Year One — Peyton

Year Two — Ponchella

Year Three — Bonnie D

Year Four — Jake

Year Five — Arlo

Year Six — Harrison

Nursery — Obi Jax

Reception — Rosie

Year One — Robyn

Year Two — Natalie

Year Three — Enya

Year Four — Joel

Year Five — Gracie

Year Six — Emily



Team Points

Red	497
Blue	419
Yellow	503
Green	379

Year One — Brody

Year Two — Kyan

Year Three — Ben

Year Four — Tristan

Year Five — Leon

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



OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Just a reminder about Operation Encompass....

Operation Encompass is a partnership between police and schools, and it is now in place in all 43 police forces in England and Wales. It is a police and education early information-sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to any child experiencing domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass ensures there is a phone call or notification to a trained member of school staff on the next school day after an incident of police-attended domestic abuse where there are children related to either of the adult parties involved. This timely information sharing enables appropriate support to be provided for that child so that all interactions, from when the child first arrives at our school gates, are of a positive nature.

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 '[Dance](#)'. Please can you practise at home with our Makaton word of the week.



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.

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:

Collaboration and Honesty



Since returning to school, our whole-school values focus has been on collaboration and honesty. Children have been encouraged to work together, listen to others, and contribute positively during lessons. We have also been promoting honesty in all aspects of school life, helping pupils to make good choices and take responsibility for their actions both in and out of the classroom.





Non-Uniform Day

Friday 2nd October

Our PTFA are asking for a donation of sweets - one portion per family to support our PTFA events in school!

A big thank you for all of your support!

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.



TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'salt and ice challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.



EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT

The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.



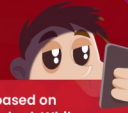
CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.



SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when Autoplay is enabled. Without an account, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.



SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT

YouTube Shorts – short, fast-paced videos – are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.



Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, younger, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.



USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.



WATCH TOGETHER

Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downtime in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.



Meet Our Expert

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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



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