

This newsletter is sent out around once per half term to update our families on what's new, dates to look out for, and celebrate our school achievements.

### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to our academic year 2024-25! It has been a few weeks since the start of term and children have settled beautifully into their new classes, getting used to the routines and the expectations of their new year group and teachers. If I haven't already, I look forward to seeing you on the gates in the mornings!

### How to contact us

Our front desk is manned from 8:30am-9:30am and 2:30-4pm. Office staff are working during the school day on administrative duties but can answer the phone should you need to contact us.

Please use the message function on Dojo to contact your class teacher. If an urgent message needs to be sent through (e.g. change to pick up arrangements) please call us on 01480 466919.

Staff aim to respond to emails and messages in a timely fashion, but this can take up to 10 school days.

### Requests for Term-Time Absence

Recently, we wrote to you to make you aware of a change to the DfE expectations for schools with regards to attendance, which has impacted our policies (available on our website).

Attendance for school-age children is compulsory and Headteachers are unable to authorise any term-time absence unless in exceptional circumstances. Should your child require time off, this needs to be requested through the school.

Any absence—including lateness in the morning—is recorded on your child's school record. Your child's attendance will be discussed with you at parent consultations and support offered if required. There are only 190 school days in a year, and every one counts!

### Charity Appeals

Thank you for all your donations to the Harvest Assembly Food-bank collection. We will also be supporting the Rotary Club's Shoebox Appeal this year, where items collected are being sent to Moldova and Ukraine. Please do take a look at the information when it is sent out and help if you can.

### What's On Locally



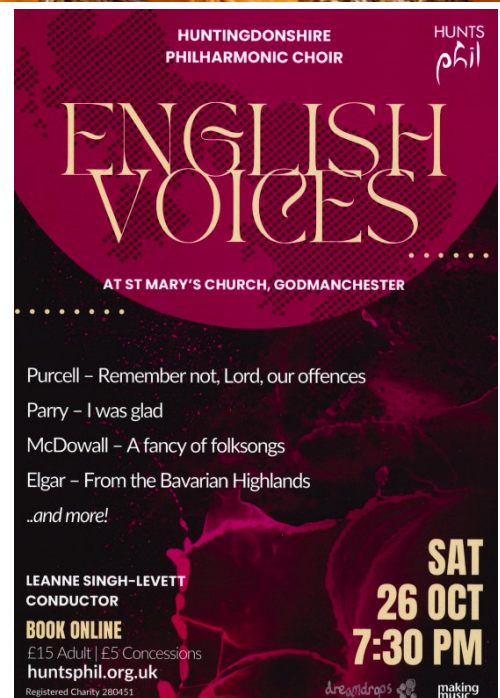
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### Upcoming Dates:

7-11th October—Ironbridge Residential  
14th & 21st October—EYFS Library Visits  
18th October—PAWS Halloween Disco  
22nd October—PAWS AGM  
23rd & 24th October—  
Parent Consultations  
25th October—Dress Down Day  
26th Oct-3rd Nov—Half Term Holiday  
4th November—Autumn 2 Begins