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Together Towards Excellence

Kindness, Curiosity, Commitment

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new school year at St Werburgh's Primary. We have had a really positive first week back. It is clear that the work we did as a school last year to make sure expectations were consistent has really supported a smooth transition for the children. There have been so many examples of children demonstrating our school values of kindness, curiosity and commitment. Thank you all for ensuring that children have come back to school looking smart in their uniforms, rested and ready for the year ahead. Thank you also for ensuring that children have named water bottles, these have been essential this week.

At the beginning of the school year we go through our newly named '[Family School Agreement](#)' with staff and children. Please do take the time to read this and to understand what we ask of you as parents and carers.

As a school we will be working hard on four priorities this year in our School Development Plan. This plan is put together following analysis of a number of sources of information including attainment data, monitoring of the quality of our teaching, and our parent/carer and children's surveys. These four priorities are a continuation of the work we did last year. Some changes that we made included a new way of teaching reading throughout the school, and employing a specialist music teacher. This year we will have a specialist PE teacher in post from January. The information about our curriculum on our website has been updated so please do have a look if you'd like to find out more about the curriculum and the way that it is taught.



To make sure that you know what your children will be learning this year, please have a look at the [curriculum overview](#).

### Attendance and Belonging

Attendance is an even bigger priority for us this year and, as I am sure you are aware, it is a national priority too. We know that some children's progress has continued to be impacted by their school attendance levels post-pandemic and want to do all we can to aspire to high levels of attendance and build a culture where all can, and want to, be in school and ready to learn.

It is really important to us that all children and families feel that they belong at St Werburgh's Primary and feel a valued part of our school community. We know that by working in partnership with families and by listening and better understanding barriers to attendance, we are able to work together to resolve them. Please come and talk to a member of the pastoral team if you would like any additional support or resources and look at our school website for more information: <https://www.stwerburghsprimary.com/school-information/attendance-4/>

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We would also like to create more opportunities for you to come into school, to make sure that we can work 'together towards excellence,' and as a result there will be some changes that we can make straight away and some that we can make throughout the year. We will begin holding weekly celebration assemblies instead of monthly ones, and we will invite parents and carers to join us for these. These will be held at our usual assembly times so as not to interrupt the children's learning.

**Silver Birch Friday at 9.25am**

**Willow site Friday at 10.20am**

Texts will be sent out to those parents and carers of those who will be receiving certificates the following week. In Reception, for our new families, we will begin monthly stay, play and chat sessions. In the coming month we will hold information sessions for all families on supporting children with reading and will combine these with open classrooms.

Parent sessions/Meet the teacher

Our reading lead will be reading sessions about how to support your children at home with their reading. Following these, there will be a chance to see your child's classroom and meet their teacher.

**Reception: Thursday 5th October, 2.30 in Silver Birch hall**

**Year 1: Thursday 21st September, 2.30 in Silver Birch hall**

**Year 2: Monday 25th September, 2.30 in Silver Birch hall**

**KS2: Friday 22nd september, 2.30 in Willow hall (this session will also talk about supporting your child with learning their times tables)**

Thank you for your continued support.

Helen Faulkner

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Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher

Assistant Headteacher