

BFHA Newsletter

'Look back with pride and forward with confidence'



News from Mrs Camish

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer, filled with fun, rest, and special moments with your families.

I'm genuinely excited to begin a new school year with you as headteacher. It's a huge privilege to lead this wonderful school community, and I can't wait to see what this year brings. A special warm welcome to all our new children and families joining us for the first time – especially our youngest pupils who are just beginning their adventure with us. We're thrilled to have you as part of our Flying High family.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible work of our staff behind the scenes over the summer. Their dedication and hard work have ensured the school is ready and welcoming, making sure everything is set for a smooth and happy start for our pupils. It's thanks to their efforts that we can all feel confident and excited as we step through these doors once again.

The autumn term is always one of my favourites. There's something magical about this time of year – the fresh start, the crisp air, and the beautiful autumn colours that seem to inspire us all. Plus, there's the wonderful build-up to Christmas, which brings a buzz of excitement and community spirit.

We have lots of fantastic events planned this term to bring us together and celebrate. From our Macmillan Coffee Morning, where we'll support a great cause, to the dazzling fireworks display, and of course, all the Christmas crafts, the Christmas Fayre, and the much-anticipated Pantomime. These events are a wonderful way for us to connect, have fun, and create lasting memories.

Beyond the celebrations, I want to emphasise how much we value open communication and partnership with you, our parents and carers. Your support and involvement are key to making our school a thriving place where every pupil feels safe, happy, and inspired to learn. Please don't hesitate to reach out, share your thoughts, or get involved in school life – together, we can make this year truly special.

We're also focused on ensuring every pupil has the best possible learning experience. We'll be working hard to nurture their talents, build their confidence, and encourage kindness and respect throughout the school community. I'm excited to see our pupils grow, not just academically, but as caring individuals ready to face the world.

So, here's to a fantastic start, and a year full of achievement, laughter, and togetherness.

Let's make this year one to remember!

≡Welcome≡

We're thrilled to have Mrs Ferguson, Miss Sigsworth, and Miss Smith on board as our new Teaching Assistants. They're already settling in nicely, but if you haven't had the chance to meet them yet, please do pop along to the playground at pick-up or drop-off and say hello. They're looking forward to getting to know you and your children.

And that's not all – we're also very lucky to welcome Mr Poxon as our new sports coach. He'll be with us five days a week, bringing his energy and expertise to our PE lessons and extracurricular activities. Mr Poxon is working closely with Mrs Topliss to put together a sports club timetable, so keep an eye out for that coming soon. We're excited about the opportunities this will offer our pupils to get active, try new sports, and have lots of fun.

Do you have the skills, dedication and commitment required to consider becoming a parent governor?

We are seeking nominations to fill a parent governor vacancy.

The core role of a school governing body is strategic, not operational, with 3 key aims:

- ensuring the clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school;
- holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- overseeing the financial performance of the school and ensuring money is well-spent.

In summary, governance is about overseeing the success of the school, agreeing strategic priorities, monitoring progress towards them and striving for continuous improvement.

We have a strong and effective governing body, comprising up to 12 members: who are brought onto the governing body because of the specific skills and experience they bring to the role.

The parent governor vacancy is open to anyone who has a child who is a registered pupil in the school at the time they become a governor.

Being a school governor is an incredibly rewarding role – and one that puts our children's futures first. Governors do not need special skills, experience or qualifications, although these are valuable. The most important qualities are to be interested in the life of the school, to be willing, and have the time and commitment, to be an active governor.

Governors receive full induction training, are expected to undertake on-going training and development and to comply with our governing body code of conduct, carry out specific roles as required.

If you would like further information about the role of a school governor, please get in touch on a no obligation basis with myself or Ms Louise Brimble (Chair of Governors).
L.brimble@bilsthorpefha.org

Expressions of interest are required in writing by Friday 26th September.

Volunteers needed

Helping in School

As we start a new year Mrs Rose and I will be arranging a new rota for parents, grandparents and friends who would like to volunteer in school. If you are able to give some time on a regular basis to hear children read, please speak to one of us. As always, we are very grateful for the time and support you offer. It is very much appreciated.

General Reminders

·Morning snacks are restricted to either fresh fruit or vegetables – this is due to nut allergies and the school's commitment to encouraging the '5 a-day' initiative. Fresh fruit is always available to children in Reception, Class 1 and Class 2. Water or squash, in water bottles please – don't send fizzy drinks.

Parent Contact details – the school office will be sending data collection form home shortly. Please update with any changes to contact details such as addresses, emails and phone numbers.



With Breakfast Club becoming more popular, here are some key pieces of information to keep in mind if you would like your child to attend this term.

- ★ Breakfast Club runs every day during term time from 7.45am.
- ★ Breakfast is served from 7.45am until 8.30am.
- ★ A registration form must be completed for all children prior to attending.

You must book your child's place by either email to breakfastclub@bilsthorpefha.org, Class Dojo message to the Office account or via Booking Slips available at the School Office.

- ★ Booking must be done by 3.00pm on the day prior to stopping.
- ★ The cost to attend Breakfast Club is £4.00 per child per day.
- ★ For children eligible for Income Based Free School Meals, the cost is £2.00 per child per day.
- ★ Payment must be made prior to your child stopping for Breakfast Club, so please make sure that your ParentPay account is in credit.
- ★ Non or late payment will jeopardise your child's place at the club and a late payment fee may be charged.

Remember, for more regular updates we have the school Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/BilsthorpeFlyingHighAcademy/>

School Uniform Reminder

We are proud of the way our children represent the school and thank you for supporting our uniform policy. Please ensure your child comes to school each day wearing the correct uniform: grey trousers, skirt or shorts; a white shirt/blouse or polo shirt; and a royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo.

Black shoes should be worn (no trainers, please).

Girls may also choose to wear a blue and white check dress.

For **P.E.**, children need black or navy shorts and a white T-shirt. Trainers are required for outdoor activities, and KS2 pupils should also bring black or navy jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt for colder weather.

For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn. Pupils with pierced ears may wear studs, but these must be removed for P.E. and swimming.

Finally, please make sure all main items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you for helping us ensure our children look smart, stay safe, and wear their uniform with pride



Important Dates

INSET DAYS

Monday 23rd February

Friday 26th June

Monday 27th July

KEY STATUTORY ASSESSMENT DATES

Just a reminder that the children must be in school for the key assessment dates

KS2 SATS = Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026

Year 1/2 Phonics – Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June 2026

Year 4 Multiplication Times table Check – Monday 1st June to 12th June 2026.

Coming up

September

1st -INSET

2nd - INSET

3rd - Children return

Wk beg 8th - Meet the

Teacher evenings

9th - School Council Trip to
Parliament

18th - Individual

photographs

20th - Macmillan Coffee

Morning (9am - 10:30am)

26th - European Languages
Day

29th - Black History Week

October

1st - F2 Flu Vaccinations

8th - Harvest Festival at St
Margaret's Church

9th - Year 1&2 Phonics and
Early Reading Parent

Workshop

14th/15th - Parents

Evenings

16th - Year 5 Class

Assembly Showcase

17th -Last day before Half
Term

November

11th Autumn Prent Forum

11th - Remembrance Day

EYFS - Nursery Rhyme Week

14th - Children in Need

17th - Road Safety Week

21st - EYFS Transition

Sessions

26th World of Work

Wednesday - parents career
talk

28th - Non uniform day

28th - EYFS Transition
sessions