

Margaret Wix Primary School & Nursery

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1st September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

We look forward to welcoming all our families back to our wonderful school on Wednesday 2nd September and an enormous welcome to our new families. I do hope you enjoyed a brilliant summer with your lovely children and are excited about the term ahead. Our staff are certainly excited and are meeting today to plan for the year with a special focus on making school unmissable for all.

Early on in the Autumn Term, we will be holding "Meet the Teacher" events. Please see the dates below for your child's meeting and make a note of them in your diary. These will take place at 3.15pm and your children will be looked after in a separate room. These are very useful for understanding what is expected of your child academically, the topics covered in the year, trips, enrichment opportunities and behaviour expectations.

The dates are:

7th Sept 3:15pm	Year 2 and year 6	Meet the teacher
8th Sept 3:15pm	Year 4 and year 5	Meet the teacher
9th Sept 3:15pm	SRP	Meet the teacher
10th Sept 3:15pm	Year 1 and year 3	Meet the teacher

As we have already held our meet the teacher sessions for EYFS - Firetips, we are offering the opportunity for parents and carers to join our EYFS team to have fun with phonics!

17th Sept 9:00am EYFS Phonics workshop

Another important set of dates to mention are the parent consultations planned for the 20th and 22nd October. These will be a chance for you to meet your child's class teacher, find out how your child has settled in to their new class, what you can do to help at home and how working together in partnership we can reach the best outcomes. Please look out for our Parent Partnership letter coming to you on Friday from Miss Abbott outlining many of the school events across the academic year that you are invited to attend. These events will be focused on working with your child and with us to improve outcomes for all and ensure your child's happiness and curiosity for learning.

At Margaret Wix Primary School we consider that uniform is important for the following reasons and we have tried to make it affordable for all.

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- It plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the children.
- It is central to building a sense of community among students, staff and parents as well as the local community.
- It helps to instil a sense of purpose in pupils when they put on their uniform in the mornings and helps them separate their home and school life.
- It helps overcome the worry about "fitting in" with fashions and keeping up with other children.
- All children feel equal and there is no stress, competition or worry for families about expensive brands/labels.
- It overcomes the problem for both parents and teachers about what is suitable attire for school.

Attendance is important and term-time holidays are not permitted, except in exceptional circumstances so please make a note of the holiday dates which you can find on our website. School doors open each day at 8.40 and close at 8.45. Please ensure your children are on time - they will miss some very important learning if they're late. All classes finish at 3.15.

Attendance is about so much more than academic learning. When children attend school every day, they develop strong friendships, build trusting relationships with adults, and feel a true sense of belonging within our school community. Regular attendance helps children feel secure, confident and included, supporting their emotional wellbeing and resilience. Missing school can make it harder for children to maintain friendships, feel connected to class experiences and participate fully in the wider life of the school. Alongside the obvious academic benefits, good attendance helps children develop social skills, self-confidence, independence and positive routines that prepare them not only for success in school but also for life beyond the classroom. Every day really does matter, and we are committed to working in partnership with families to ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive socially, emotionally and academically.

I look forward to seeing you out on the playground when term begins and thank you for your continued support.

Thank you for your support and let's work together to make 26.27 the best year ever at Margaret Wix Primary School.

Kind regards,

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