The Curzon Church of England Primary School

October 2026

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Wow! We are already into the second month of the academic year! The children have settled well, been working hard and now established into their new classes. Thank you for sending the children into school looking smart and with everything they need. Now the weather is starting to turn a little cooler, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat and all items are clearly labelled.

Mrs Fletcher Headteacher

Lockdown Procedures

As you may be aware, all schools have to have a lockdown procedure in place in case of emergency. After half term, we will practise these with the children. (You will be informed via class dojo) These will be done sensitively so as not to cause any distress, in the same way that we practise the Fire Evacuation Procedure. Lockdown procedures are important and would be used in response to an internal or external incident which could be a threat to the safety of staff and children in the school. Lockdown procedures may be activated in response to any number of situations, including:

- A reported incident or disturbance in the local community
- An intruder on the site
- A warning being received regarding a local risk of air pollution (smoke plume, gas cloud etc.)
- A major fire in the vicinity of the school
- The close proximity of a dangerous dog

PTFA

PTFA AGM will be held at the school at 7pm on 20th October. This is an informal chat about what the school wants from the PTFA and what the PTFA can deliver to both raise money and put on enjoyable and educational activities for the children.



We are always keen to have new people coming to meetings and helping with events. We are also looking for a new PTFA secretary this year and it is important to have three named committee members so that the PTFA can continue its charity status. If you are interested in finding out more about this role please come to the meeting.

However, we know that not everyone has the time to give for a full role, but we would still welcome you at the meeting to discuss plans for this coming year as any time given is really appreciated.

Attendance



Whole school attendance for the term so far

There are an increasing number of children arriving late at school. The school day starts promptly at 8.50am, if your child arrives between 8.55 and 9.05am they will be marked with an 'L' – late in the school register and if they arrive after 9.05am they will be marked with a 'U' – late after the registers closed) which will affect their overall attendance mark.

[Back to school week – Everything you need to know about school attendance – The Education Hub (blog.gov.uk)]



500 Words is the UK's largest story-writing competition for 5-11 year-olds. This year, entries open from Tuesday 29 September and will close at 9pm, Friday 6 November. The competition celebrates children's creativity and imagination, encouraging children from across the UK to create an original story in 500 words or fewer. There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - as has always been the case for 500 Words, it's all about our writers' brilliant creativity! Click here for more information:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words

Hello Yellow Day – Friday 9th October



We are excited to be taking part in Hello Yellow Day, a special day that helps children understand that it is okay to talk about how we feel and ask for help when we need it. It is all about friendship, kindness, feelings and looking after our mental wellbeing. Through our lessons we will encourage children to talk about their emotions, listen to others and understand that everyone has feelings. We will also be celebrating the importance of being there for each other and reminding children that they can always talk to a trusted adult if something is worrying them. **To help us spread a little sunshine, children are invited to wear a yellow item with their uniform on Hello Yellow Day for a donation to Young Minds. Examples could be, a yellow hair accessories, a yellow top or socks. They will need to wear the usual school uniform with their item.**

READING FOR PLEASURE



As part of our drive to promote reading for pleasure and enjoyment of books, (a mobile library) will be in school on Monday 19th October and throughout the parents evenings.

Thank you to all the parents that have supported our push for reading by visiting the travelling books event over the last week. This also raises money for the school to provide additional high-quality texts in school.

NUT ALLERGIES



We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts or nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces.



CHILDREN IN NEED

We will be raising money again for this great cause. School Council take the lead in this and will be in touch soon with their plans for the day

October

- 5TH October Harvest service at the church
- 5th October- Belper Athletics Year ½ children by invite
- 8th October- Individual photos- preschool children from 8AM
- 9th October 9:45am Parent tour RECEPTION 2027
- 9TH October Hello Yellow wear an item Yellow.
- 12th October- Belper Athletics Year3/4 children by invite
- 13th October 2pm Parent tour RECEPTION 2027
- 14th October- Parents welcome into school for a book look- of your child's workbooks
- 16th School flu vaccinations
- 16th October- IEP review meeting
- 19th October- Belper Athletics Year5/6 children by invite
- 20th and 22nd October- Parents evenings
- 23rd Non-Uniform PTFA event pay via the link

November

- 2nd November- INSET DAY
- 3RD November- Back to school
- 4th November- School disco
- 9th November- Assessment week at school
- 27th November Isingpop concert to parents

December

- 4thDecember- PTFA contribution for raffle
- 4th December- Rock Steady Concert pm
- 8th December- Visit to the pantomime
- 10th December- EYFS performance to parents
- 11th December- KS1 performance to parents
- 15th December- Year 3 /4 Performance to parents
- 16th December- Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
- 16th December- Year 5/6 Carol Concert
- 18th December- TERMLY reports to parents
- 18th December- Break up for Christmas

BACK TO SCHOOL January 2027- 4th January 2026