

Nonington CE Primary School

An inclusive Learning Community, rooted in God



From the Head's Desk

Autumn Term 1, Week 1
Tuesday 2nd September 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends

It was wonderful to welcome our children and families back to school this morning. I would like to particularly welcome those children and families who have joined our Nonington School Community this academic year:

Liliana, Daniel, Amber, Vinnie, Nova, Lalea, Amelia, James

The children have all settled well into their classes and it was a pleasure to spend some time in classrooms this morning.

We would also like to welcome three new members of staff who have also joined our school community this year:

Miss Britt, Miss Park and Miss Donovan

We would like to invite you to a parent information session on **Thursday 11th September at 14:30**, where we will share information about the curriculum, routines, attendance, behaviour and the year ahead. Please can you let the school office know if you plan to attend this event.

Calendar dates for the whole academic year will be sent out to you separately this week.

Mrs Vicky Solly, Headteacher

UPCOMING DATES

Autumn Term 1

September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – children return to school

Thursday 11th September 2025 – Kent Test (Y6 pupils who have registered)

Thursday 11th September 2025 – Parent Information Session 14:30 – please confirm attendance with the office

Friday 19th September 2025 – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 26th September 2025 – Individual Photos

October 2025

Friday 10th October 2025, 09:15 – Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 14th October 2025 – Kent Fire and Rescue Talk (children only)

Friday 17th October 2025 – 14:30 – Harvest Festival

Friday 17th October 2025 – Term Ends

Half Term – Monday 20th October 2025 – Friday 24th October 2025.

Autumn Term 2

October 2025

*Monday 27th October – Thursday 30th October 2025
INSET Days– school closed to children*

Friday 31st October 2025 – Children return to school

Parent Coffee Morning

Once again, we will be holding regular parent and carer coffee mornings, hosted by the Senior Leadership Team and Governors. The first of these will be on Friday 10th October at 09:15. This is a great opportunity to chat informally, ask questions, and share any thoughts.

Let's work together to support our children to be able to flourish and achieve all that they are capable of. We hope to see you there!



Attendance

I am sure that you will have heard some of the dialogue nationally about school attendance and persistent absenteeism. This continues to be a focus nationally as well as for us at Nonington. This academic year, we continue to focus on improving whole school attendance and tackling rates of persistent absence (children who have less than 90% attendance).

We continue to monitor attendance on a weekly basis and will be re-issuing our attendance policy so that you are all aware of the expectations around attendance.

The target for attendance is 95%.

Our school attendance figures for last academic year fell far short of the targets for attendance, with **whole school attendance at 87.3%** and **23 persistently absent children**.



The theme for this week's worship is 'New Beginnings'.



In worship, we will be reflecting on verses from the bible to help us think about values and rules.



After School Clubs

After School Clubs will begin next week and will be run by Miss Donovan.

We will send a list of clubs out to you later this week. Please remember that your child must be booked in to attend any of the clubs.

Breakfast Club has already started and is run by Miss Park. Please ensure that you book your child in with the school office.

PE and Woodland Days

PE and Woodland Days are as follows:

Woodpeckers Class:

PE – Wednesday

Woodland – Thursday

Owls Class:

PE – Friday

Woodland – Wednesday

Jays Class:

PE - Monday

Woodland – Wednesday

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in the correct PE kit on their PE day and that they bring wellingtons and waterproofs for their Woodland day

Celebrations

Every Friday, we celebrate the children's achievements in school and it is always wonderful to share in their pride at their successes.

This year, we would like to be able to celebrate the children's achievements outside of school and would welcome you sharing any photos, certificates, medals, badges and awards that they may achieve in activities that they enjoy outside of school – this may be a swimming certificate, a dance award, a rugby trophy or a brownies badge.

Please email the school office to share these celebrations.