

Federation of Antrobus St Mark's and Great Budworth Primary Schools  
Autumn A Newsletter



'Love one another, as I have loved you.' John 13 v 34

### Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to all our pupils and families. I hope that you had a wonderful Summer holidays and are excited to be back at school in your new year groups.

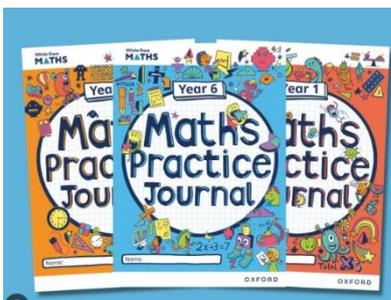
A special welcome to our new families and faces who are joining us for the first time this September. We have new pupils in Year 1, Reception and Nursery and we can't wait to get to know you all and welcome you into our school family.

Alongside our new pupils, we would like to welcome Mrs Leigh who will be working daily in Class 3 and also Mr Holland who will be working Fridays in Class 3 when Mr Hathaway is on his SENDCO time. Harriet will be returning to the school office to work with Jackie after having her beautiful baby boy. Jackie will be working Monday- Wednesday and Harriet will be working Thursday and Fridays.

### PTA

I would like to send a special thank you out to our wonderful PTA for their continued support to help fundraise for our school. The PTA have recently purchased new White Rose homework books for every pupil in Year 1- Year 6. These books cost £5 per pupil and will be their homework book for the year. The homework will run directly in line with what is being taught in the classroom which will help consolidate learning for all pupils.

If you would like to support the PTA in covering the costs for these books by donating £5 then please do so by scanning the QR code below.



### School Spider (School Website)



Following on from the successes of School Spider last academic year, we will be sending out all school communications via this app. Please make sure you have downloaded the School Spider App onto your mobile/ laptop. If you have any problems downloading the app please inform the office.



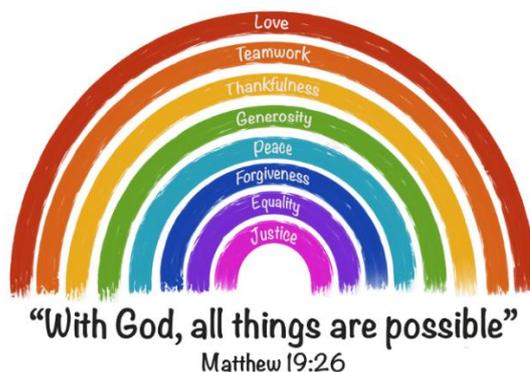
Our Christian Value this half term is **THANKFULNESS**.

We will be discussing this in our daily collective worship slot at 9am. We will share examples from the Bible and daily life as a means of teaching our Christian values, and we will celebrate successes on Fridays where 'Good Samaritan' awards will be presented.

On Wednesdays we will have a class-based worship with the focus of No Outsiders. This will then be followed up in our Thursday whole school worships where we unpick key themes from recent news headlines based around diversity, race, equality, gender, disability etc.

## Respect is....

1. **R**eadiness to listen
2. **E**veryone being valued
3. **S**howing appreciation
4. **P**raying for people
5. **E**xpressing opinions sensitively
6. **C**aring for our environment
7. **T**reating property carefully



### Key Diary dates

Please find below some key diary dates for events during the first half of the Autumn Term. We endeavour to give you as much prior warning as possible but please to be mindful that these may change and more may be added as the weeks go on. We will try to send reminders out but please do save these dates to your diaries.

<u>Date</u>	<u>What's happening</u>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>School Opens for the new academic year.</b>  After school clubs start back this week.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>Reception welcome service at St Mark's Church.</b> <b>9:15am start</b>  A whole school service and welcome to our new Reception pupils. All families are welcome to attend. We will serve refreshments back at school following the service.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 2 sharing worship- 9am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>PTA Pumpkin decorating competition.</b> Pumpkins to be brought in from Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> and judging will take place Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> .
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Parents evening.</b> Tuesday and Thursday evening 3:30 onwards. Appointments to be booked on school spider (A reminder when booking opens will be sent out) 10minute appointment slots.
	<b><u>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October- School closes for half term.</u></b>

### Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled and that PE kits are always kept in school. This will help to ensure all pupils are prepared for their weekly PE sessions and that any misplaced uniform can easily be found.

Our preloved uniform is available, and we have samples in the school entrance hall. Please ensure you cover over any existing names on preloved uniform and replace them with your child's name. This will help staff identify the owners of missing items.

### Gentle reminders

Nail varnish is not to be worn in school and all earrings must be a simple stud which can be removed in PE lessons or covered with tape.

Smart watches which track steps are permitted but any smart watch with the ability to take a photograph or play games are not to be worn in school following our safeguarding protocol.

Mobile phones must be switched off and handed into the class teacher on arrival to school where they can be kept safe and handed back out at home time. We would only expect pupils in Year 6 who walk or cycle home independently to need to have a mobile or any children who are being collected by a different parent. Staff will ensure mobiles are stored away safely during the school day in line with our safeguarding protocol.

### Attendance Matters

School tries to make sure that all our children attend every day. However, we cannot do this alone and need your help as parents to ensure your child has the best possible attendance they can have. Please note that I am unable to authorise absences for holidays taken outside of school holiday dates and fines will be administered for holidays of 5 or more consecutive days.

#### Statutory update

Please note that the school gate opens at 8:45am. This gives a 15minute window until the register is closed and late marks allocated.

**From 9:15am the school registers will be marked as an unauthorised absence.**

Please endeavour to be on time to school each day. If you need any support please contact the school office or speak to me.

Staff will close the gate promptly as we will be having daily collective worship at 9am in the school hall.

### After School Clubs

Our enrichment curriculum for this half term is as follows:

**Monday**                      School newspaper (journalism)

**Wednesday**  
Lunchtime                      Football

**Thursday**  
Lunchtime                      High 5 netball

After School                      Curling club

**\*Please note these clubs will only run if a minimum number is reached to make them viable. If we do not reach that number clubs will unfortunately be cancelled.**

### Wrap around care

We are pleased to announce that we have purchased a school mobile for our wrap around care. Miss King will continue to run our daily breakfast club from 7:45am and Miss King alongside Florrie will run our after school care from 3:15- 4:45pm, and Jane will then cover the last period of time from 4:45-6pm.

Please note that you will need to book your children into breakfast club if you will need to drop them off prior to the gate opening at 8:45am. Any children seen to be left will be taken into school and placed in breakfast club and parents will be charged. This is due to safeguarding and ensuring pupils are not at risk.

**Parents of Year 6 pupils are able to let school know via letter/email if they give permission for their child to walk or cycle to school alone.**

It is wonderful to see our numbers growing for wrap around care and this is why Miss King will have Florrie helping her each day.

Please make sure you contact school if you are needing our wrap around care on our new mobile number which is;

**07752503158**

**If you are running late or the children are playing on the field and staff cant hear the door bell in breakfast or afterschool club then please ring the mobile number above and it will connect you directly to Miss King or Jane depending on the time.**