WALGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Walgrave Primary School. We are very excited to welcome your child into Oak Class next week. We are looking forward to the new school year and sharing so many new experiences with your children.

This is a settling in time for your child, and they will be busy getting to know new routines as well as getting to know their way around the school. In the Early Years, children learn best through play and activities which are built on their own interests. At this point in the year, we try our best to encourage as much learning and development to happen through child-led activities or learning, based on children's interests.

During this first half-term, we will be encouraging the children to make new friends and feel confident in their class. They will learn about how we use our classroom, our school and all our daily routines.

In English, we will be introducing children to Phonics. During the next few weeks, we will be playing games to promote listening skills and identification of the sounds around them (environmental sounds etc). We will also be introducing pure letter sounds. More information will follow regarding Phonics and our 'Little Wandle' scheme, and what you can do at home to support this, at our Phonics Meeting on Wednesday 9th at either 3:30pm or 4pm (no need to attend both, as they are repeated sessions).

In order for children to become successful writers, they must first be able to hold themselves correctly and have the strength to sit upright at a table for an extended period of time. There are four main strengthening positions which the children are learning, as part of our Kinetic Letters handwriting scheme: Lizard, Strong Bear, Meerkat, Stone Lion and Penguin (please see attached sheet).

Maths we will start to talk about the composition of numbers.

In our Jigsaw PSHE lessons, the theme will be 'Being Me In My World'.

In our RE lessons, the theme will be 'Where do we belong and what makes it special?'.

Our PE sessions will be on Wednesday and Fridays. These will be outdoors (weather permitting) so please ensure your child is dressed for the temperature that day. Children come to school dressed in their full PE kit and they will stay in this for the entire day. If your child has earrings, please ensure these are removed before school, and any hair longer than shoulders should be tied up.

How to speak to us…

- Catch us during collection time
- Phone or email the school office
- Follow us on Facebook – Walgrave PS

A few reminders:

- Ensure all items of clothing are labelled, if you think your child may need spare clothes please put them in their book bag or send a separate bag that can stay on their peg.

Where Brilliance Begins

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- Please ensure your child has a labelled water bottle each day.
- If you would like your child to receive milk, you must sign up for this. There is a leaflet in your starting school pack. It takes two weeks from the time of registering for your child to be added to the milk register.
- Please ensure all paperwork has been returned to school and the email link for digital consent has been filled in.
- We recommend you send your child in with a home packed lunch on 14th and 15th September, then choose Kingswood meals thereafter.

Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 9th September, 3.30 and 4.00pm – Class welcome meetings
- Thursday 17th September – Boogie Bounce day PE kit please.
- Wednesday 30th September – Flu vaccinations
- Wednesday 30th September, 2.45pm – Reading afternoon for families to attend and read with their children.
- Friday 9th October – Wellbeing morning
- Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th October – Parents' Evenings
- Friday 16th October – 100 Things books into school
- Friday 23rd October – Dare to be different day
- Friday 23rd October – Term ends
- Friday 23rd October – Autumn Festival at the village hall
- Monday 2nd November – School closed for teacher training day
- Tuesday 3rd November – Back to school

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us or catch us at the end of the day.

Many thanks,

Mrs Thomas & Mrs Cupper