

Tenacres First School

September '26

Newsletter



Well done to all the children on their return. We feel super proud of them all. Our new Reception starters have done everybody proud also through the induction sessions and they have now started full-time. Thank you to all our parents and carers across the school for your support.

Home School Diaries

All children have their Home School Diary, now. Thank you to Amy in Year 3 for designing this year's front cover.

Pages 1-18 contain lots of valuable information from our Home School Diary Agreement (p.2), dates (p.3-5), PE days and the appropriate clothing for these days (p.8), allergy information (p.9), online safety (p.10-11) plus much more. Please could parents/carers complete and sign all the relevant pages.

Thank you.

Benedicts Law

From September 2026 Benedicts Law has set out statutory national requirements for schools. Tenacres has always had these in place. If your child has any medical needs inc. allergies and asthma please ensure we are made aware and individual health care plans can be completed if needed.

Free School Meals

The Government has recently revised the eligibility threshold for households receiving Universal Credit. From September all children living in a household with earnings over £7,400 will be eligible for Free School

All children are eligible for Universal Free School Meals until the end of Year 2 and can receive a free meal at school up to this time. This eligibility is automatically awarded to children from Reception to Year 2 and is not benefits based.

If you think you may be eligible for benefits based Free School Meals (particularly with the changes to Universal Credit eligibility) please apply online via the Worcestershire County Council website. We would value it if all parents in receipt of Universal Credit in Year R-4 apply.

Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)

Please see the school blog on the website www.tenacres.worcs.sch.uk for further information regarding assistance with the cost of living. QR code available on the blog or visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/CRF

Swimming

For the past few years we have worked with Sholfins Swim School CIC to provide swimming lessons for our children at Woodrow Pool. Unfortunately the pool is no longer available. We will be looking for alternative provision moving forward.

Curriculum information

Each year group's topic/curriculum information has been sent home. This provides an overview of the topic and the learning objectives. These are also available on the website.

Lost & Found

We cannot stress enough the need to have all belongings (clothing, drinks bottles, lunchboxes & bags) named. Please check that all your child/ren's belongings are labelled. Thank you.

Gentle reminder

To help keep our school grounds safe for everyone please could we remind all of the following :

- Bikes/scooters to be walked across the playground. The bike shed at the top of the Year 3/4 playground is available for storage during the school day.
- Dogs are not permitted on the playground. Please do not leave them unattended or tied up at the school gate.
- Please could all adults entering the school site have suitable footwear to help prevent accidents/injuries.

Medical matters



The return to school after the Summer break is traditionally a time for coughs & colds and other bugs to circulate. The NHS guidelines for childhood illnesses is a useful source of information and is available on the blog on the website.

Please make sure that if your child is absent from school due to illness a message is left on our answer phone or a telephone call is made to the school office on the first day of absence. Any absence which remains unexplained will be classed as unauthorised and entered in the registers accordingly.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The school health team are completing annual nasal flu vaccinations in school on Wednesday 30th September. More information to follow.

Individual/Sibling photographs

On Friday 6th November our school photographer will be in to take individual photographs of the children. As always, sibling photographs will be taken before school at 8.30am. We will send a text reminder.



Communications from School

As this is the first newsletter of the academic year we are sending out printed copies. Future newsletters will be posted on the School Blog on the website along with any other letters which do not require a reply slip.

3rd Matchborough Brownies are recruiting

Fun, friendship, adventures, crafts, games and badges!

Girls aged 7-10 welcome!

Christ Church by Matchborough Centre

Tuesdays—Term time only 5.30pm—7.00pm

We need new joiners to keep our Brownie unit open!

Come and join the fun!

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>