



Pilgrim News



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Proud to be... forever Pilgrim.

*Jesus said, “I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness.”
(John 10:10).*

This is the precept upon which our Pilgrim School is founded. We are committed to enabling each member of our community to flourish. Following the role model of Christ, we constantly strive to be His pilgrims.

Dear Parents / Carers

A warm welcome back to the new school year and a very special welcome to those children and families who are just beginning their Pilgrim journey. It has been a delight to see your children return to school this week, particularly now they are able to spend time together across year groups. We truly hope we can continue to rebuild these relationships with the reopening of our sanctuary, reading café and various lunchtime clubs. This week I have been incredibly grateful that we have also been able to meet together for worship. What a wonderful feeling to see our whole community joining together once again!

We are also very pleased to welcome two new members of staff into our team. Mrs Cavey has joined us to partner with Mrs Parry in year 5 and Miss Orellana is working as a Teaching Assistant alongside Miss Wall in year 2. As we mentioned on a recent alert, you will have the opportunity to meet your child’s new teacher at our Welcome Meetings over the next couple of weeks (see details below). These meetings give you an invaluable opportunity to find out all the important pieces of information needed for a smooth start to the school year – we hope to see you there. Each meeting starts at 2.45pm and will be held in the hall or community room.

Year 1	Tuesday 21 st September
Year 2	Monday 13 th September
Year 3	Thursday 16 th September
Year 4	Tuesday 14 th September
Year 5	Wednesday 15 th September
Year 6	Monday 20 th September

Drop Off and Collection Points

We want to say a huge thank you for your patience as we seek to improve drop off and collection times to create a safe routine for all our children.

- Please arrive at 3.10pm to collect FS and KS1 children (when Oak Trees start full time!) from the top playground
- Please arrive at 3.15pm to collect KS2 children from the lower playground
- If you are collecting a child in KS2, please do not wait at the bottom of the steps onto the lower playground as this blocks the entrance and pathway
- Please help us to keep your children safe by moving to the correct area on the lower playground – the class teachers will not dismiss your child until they can see you close by

- If your KS2 child is walking home alone, they will be dismissed straight away from the lower playground. Remember to let the office know if you give permission for your child to walk home alone

Outside Space

A big thank you to the group of parents who gave up their time to come into school at the end of the holidays to tidy and clear our outdoor area. We are so grateful for your willingness to support our school. The outdoor space continually needs sweeping and weeding so extra pairs of hands were very welcome!

We have also been very lucky to have received donations from a local garden centre, Dillywood Garden Centre. We are going to use these donations to help transform our KS1 outdoor area to make it a lovely space for our children to work. We are very grateful for this community spirit - thank you Dillywood!

We are continuing to develop our various outdoor spaces. Your generous support last year enabled us:

- ★ to repair the Pirate Ship, outdoor shelter and train on the playgrounds
- ★ to repair the wooden trail on the field
- ★ to replace the wooden staircase in Forest School
- ★ to start to redesign our garden area
- ★ to purchase a Story Tent which will hopefully arrive very soon

There is much work still to be done but we will continue to improve these areas to create exciting spaces for your children to flourish.

And finally, ...

As a community we pray for God's blessing in this future academic year.

May the LORD bless you and take care of you;

May the LORD be kind and gracious to you;

May the LORD look on you with favour and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Welcome back everyone.

Mrs Mepsted

The Pilgrim School are proud to support the World's biggest Coffee morning

On Friday 24th September between 9.00 am - 10.30 am.

Please come and enjoy some cake with a cuppa. All proceeds will go to **Macmillan Cancer Support**.

We will also be selling cakes at break time for the children to buy and also at the end of school if we have any left!

All donations of cake will be gratefully received. Please label any cake tins with your child's name and year group so we can return them.

Please do help us to support this worthy cause.

