



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I can hardly believe we are approaching the end of the first half term! It has been a busy few weeks, filled with a love of learning. I thought I would write a longer penultimate newsletter before our shorter week next week.

Maths Fluency

Maths continues to be a key area of focus on our school development plan. To support our aims in promoting maths fluency, we encourage you to help reinforce their number facts skills at home by regularly accessing Numbots and/or Times Table Rockstars.

To further this goal, we are introducing a new school timetable that prioritises maths fluency. We are excited to announce that our Fluency Number Club will commence daily at 8:45 am, immediately following the registration period. It is essential for children to arrive by 8:45 am so they can settle into their day and participate in this vital session.

Mental Health Day – Hello Yellow!

This year, we will acknowledge Mental Health Day on **Tuesday, 15th October**, albeit a little belatedly. We encourage the children to wear something yellow, whether it be a hair-band, a pair of socks or even a whole outfit if they wish. Throughout the day, students will engage in various wellbeing activities, fostering a strong sense of mental health awareness.

School Term Dates

A quick reminder that the last day of term before the October half term is Thursday, 17th October. The staff will be undergoing training on Friday, 18th October, and we will return to school on Monday, 4th November. We wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable two-week break.

KS2 Camp

As a reminder, the deadline for paying camp deposits is Thursday, 17th October. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming trip to Barton Hall, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs Williams or follow the Barton Hall link below. We would like to see as many children as possible attend this trip, and we need to confirm numbers to secure our booking. We will hold a parents meeting with all confirmed details in Spring Term.

[Barton Hall - PGL Schools & Groups](#)

Bags to School Collection Day

The Bags to School collection day is scheduled for **Tuesday, 15th October**.

What We Collect | Bag2School

Data Collection Updates

Lastly, you will soon receive another Data Collection sheet. This is important to ensure all our records are up to date, including our medical Healthcare Plans. We kindly ask that you return this form with any updates, or simply state that the current information we hold is correct.

Reading at Home

“Teach a child to read and keep that child reading and we will change everything. And I mean everything.” Jean Winterson.

We would like to request your support in helping your child develop their reading skills by hearing them read at home at least **three times a week**. It's essential that children bring their **reading books** and **reading records** to school **every day**, as staff will be checking for regular home reading. Please note that your child's reading record contains all of their login details for online learning applications, so it's important they have it with them daily. To encourage consistent reading, we will be rewarding children who have read three or more times a week with house points and hole punches on their reading bookmarks.

Setting up a daily routine for reading can make a big difference. Here are some ideas for when you could hear your child read or share the reading together:

- Before bed
- During a quiet moment in the afternoon
- In the car
- Paired reading: take turns reading one page each

Find a time that works best for you and your family. Children who read regularly with an adult are shown to have higher reading ages than their peers who don't.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love for reading.

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week

	Stars of the Week	English Stars	Maths Stars	Perfect Presentation
Seals	Sonny	Elsie	Danny	Ellen
Puffins	Olivia	Dahlia & Amber	Jessica	Emmie
Dolphins	Mia	Sienna	Corben	Dylan S

Attendance

Unfortunately, we have seen a significant drop in attendance this week due to a combination of unavoidable illnesses and other events. As a result, our overall attendance has fallen well below the expected percentage.

We understand that illness can sometimes be unavoidable, but we would like to stress the importance of regular attendance. It plays a crucial role in your child's learning and progress. Improving attendance will be a priority moving forward, and we are looking to get back on track as soon as possible.

In addition, we have noticed a growing number of late arrivals. **Punctuality** is very important, as arriving on time ensures that children start their day with their peers and do not miss any essential learning. We kindly ask that you do everything possible to ensure your child arrives at school on time each day. The register is taken at 8:45am and we then begin Number Club.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping us improve both attendance and punctuality.

Whole School Attendance last week 83%

For all CELT schools the attendance threshold is set at 96% in line with national attendance data.

Seals	Puffins	Dolphins
86%	87%	76 %