

TWO SCHOOLS ONE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

EDITION 42 - 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past two weeks, we have held welcome meetings for Year 1 to Year 6 for parents and carers to attend. We do hope you have found these useful and the slide decks for these will soon be up on class pages on our websites.

In these meeting, our universal Pastoral Programme 'The Good Morning Club' was shared with parents and this is focused on developing strategies for children to use when they recognise and feel they need strategies of support.



Name: Energiser Backpack

Purpose:

To provide intentional movement

Why? Movement = Strengthens and creates neural connections

When best to use: As a proactive approach if children are going into a static activity (ie assembly) or as a responsive approach if children are showing they need movement (lack of focus/ fidgeting)



Name: Connect Backpack

Purpose:

To build relational safety and social skills

Why? Humans are social creatures; if we do not create opportunities for connection we will seek it in other ways.

When best to use: As a proactive approach if children are going into or finishing an independent activity (ie a long write) or as a responsive approach if children are showing they need connection (chatting/ calling out)



Name: Focus Backpack

Purpose:

To build executive functioning skills

Why? Focus is a core cognitive skill that underpins academic success, behavioural regulation, and mental wellbeing.

When best to use: After break as this is a typically a time that requires more demand when children have reduced capacity.



Name: Celebrate Backpack

Purpose:

To proactively build self esteem

Why? We know this is one of the biggest blocks to learning and an accelerator of concerning behaviour

When best to use: Routinely at the end of the day and if you have time before lunch time.



Name: Calm Backpack

Purpose:

To calm the nervous system

Why? Reduces stress, improves emotional safety and activates the pre-frontal cortex.

When best to use: At the beginning of the day and after lunch as these are typically overstimulating check-points that benefit from decompression.



Name: Help Backpack

Purpose:

A systematic approach for peak dysregulation

Why? One of the most challenging aspects of behaviour is peak dysregulation - this requires a research backed consistent approach.

When best to use: Responsively for Peak Dysregulation

There is daily, direct teaching in every class of TGMC to support children alongside videos and activities the children complete to develop an understanding of their own needs and emotions, therefore beginning to recognise which strategies they might need.

Each class has created their own '**Class Charters**' that fit in with our '**Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Kind**' behaviour expectations and again the behaviour flowchart has been shared. You will find the Behaviour Flow chart document on the behaviour pages, on both of our school websites.

We are committed to support our children to ensure every child feels **Safe** and **Happy** to come to school, recognising that children benefit most when home and school work closely together on this.

Mrs Morley

STARS OF THE WEEK

INFANTS - Shining Stars!

Red

ELLA

Orange

DELILAH-ROSE

Purple

LOUIS

JUNIORS - Shining Stars!

Year 3

SIENNA

Year 4

EDWARD

Year 5

BROOKE

Year 6 Oak

ANNABELLE

Year 6 Birch

SHUHAIL

INFANTS

DELILAH-ROSE

WELL-BEING WARRIORS

LUNCH TIME

AWARD

INFANTS



JUNIORS



Today we say goodbye to the amazing cook Leeanne Needham who has worked for Caterlink for over 8 years. We will miss her but wish her all the very best in her next chapter! We welcome Vicky to our kitchen!

Red Class = 84%
Orange Class = 70%
Purple Class = 88%
Year 3 Ash = 80%
Year 4 Willow = 55%
Year 5 Sycamore = 73 %
Year 6 Birch = 91%
Year 6 Oak = 89%



**Well done Birch
class this week
for the highest
% of Active
Travel!**

OUR NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

Infants

Year 1

Evelyn
Max

Year 2

Nora
Henry O

Juniors

Year 3

Kobi
Violet

Year 5

Jack L
Imogen

Year 4

Annie
Toby

Year 6

Isabelle
Louie
Ava
Adam

SCOOTERS AND BIKES

A reminder that all children, including smaller siblings, should push their bikes and scooters from the main gates, before they enter either school grounds. This helps to keep a very busy part of the school day safer and encourages children to be respectful when pushing their bikes/ scooters. Thank you for your co-operation

WEDNESDAY CELEBRATE ASSEMBLY

Each Wednesday, we are encouraging the children to bring in certificates and achievements from home to share in assembly. This can be anything from a Blue Peter Badge, to swimming certificates or any unusual achievements. We love to hear about what the children have been up to at home - so send them in!

CHRISTMAS CARD OPPORTUNITY

Cameron Thomas (MP for Tewkesbury) is inviting pupils to take part in a Christmas Card Competition.

Please bring your A4 paper design into school by **9th October**.

(Fill the page but avoid, glitter, glue, cotton wool & other stick-on items)

DOGS ON SCHOOL SITE

As much as we love dogs, and Mrs Morley is a huge fan of dogs, we sadly do not allow family dogs onto our school site only. Thank you for your co-operation.



doodlemaths



Purple class 74%



Orange Class 46%



Red Class 26%



Wheelie Wednesday

Purple Wednesday 9th September

Orange Wednesday 16th September

Red Wednesday 23rd September

Purple Wednesday 30th September

Orange Wednesday 7th October

Red Wednesday 14th October

Purple Wednesday 21st October

Half term

Orange Wednesday 4th November

Red Wednesday 11th November

Purple Wednesday 18th November

Orange Wednesday 25th November

Red Wednesday 2nd December

Purple Wednesday 9th December

Orange Wednesday 16th December

As you may be aware, schools have received additional Sport Premium funding for the past 12ish years, which has enabled schools to access sports coaches, offer additional sports clubs and enhance the competitive elements to school sports. During the summer term, the DfE announced that funding was going to be re-directed to schools in a different way. Therefore, this has meant that some of the clubs that were run by external coaches/ Move More cannot be funded by schools in the same way.

Therefore, we have a plea - if there are any parents/ family members who are sporty/ like coach and would support volunteering to run after-school activities - we would love to hear from you so we can widen our after-school club offer. This would be subject to all enhanced DBS checks/ safeguarding and backgrounds checks as with all volunteers. Please speak to Mrs Morley or Mr Evans. Thank you!

Diary Dates

September 2026

Thurs	24 th	Reception Read Write Inc training for Parents (9am)
Fri	25 th	Remarkable Reading - Orange Class
Tue	29 th	Individual Class Photographs for both schools

October 2026

Fri	2 nd	INSET Day
Mon	5 th	EYFS Stay & Play week for parents
Fri	9 th	Harvest Festival (Children only)
Mon	12 th	Year 5 SHINE Parent Assembly (2.30pm)
Tues	13 th	Year 4 SHINE Parent Assembly (2.30pm) NIS Parents' Evening 5pm-8pm
Thurs	15 th	Year 6 SHINE Parent Assembly (2.30pm)
Thurs	15 th	Years 3&4 - Cheltenham Literature Festival Trip NIS Parents' Evening 3.20 pm - 5.30 pm
Fri	16 th	Remarkable Reading - Red class Year 3 SHINE Parent Assembly (2.30pm)
Mon	19 th	CBJS Parents Evening (3.30pm - 5.30pm)
Wed	21 st	CBJS Parents Evening (5.00pm - 8.00pm)