



Welcome Back

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to offer you all a warm welcome back to school. You will have noticed this week that our pupils have settled quickly as a result of the great transition they had before the break and are already working hard. I would like to welcome Miss James to the staff team. Miss James is teaching in Year 3 and is really enjoying getting to know our pupils and our school.

We also welcome our Reception class. Surplus places in Rothwell schools this year for this year only have meant that our class is small but we are thrilled with the way that they have settled in. They are learning lots and making lots of new friends in Reception and Year 1.

Over the summer the estates team have been busy in school and a number of areas have been redecorated. Unfortunately our doorway between Reception and Y1 class didn't get built when steel supports were found to run through the walls! Work will continue this year as we look at funding streams that will help us to replace the roof and windows. New signage was expected over the summer and should be with us and installed in the near future.

We start this year as part of Abbey MAT. Transition has been smooth and staff are keen to work with colleagues across the trust. There are lots of opportunities for the 4 primary academies to work together and to share the good work we all do.

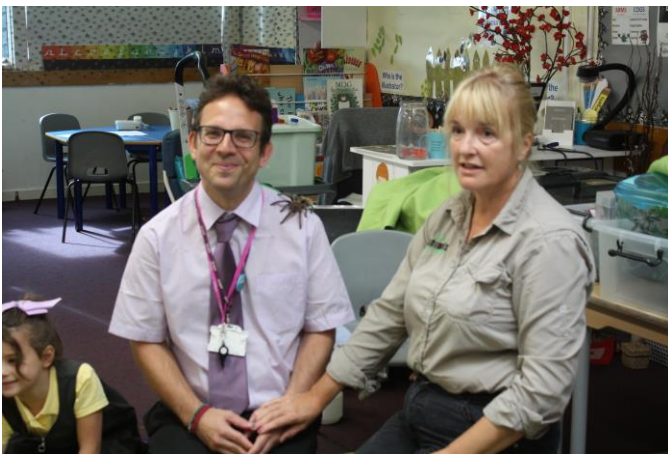
I want to thank my staff for coming in over the summer to make sure classrooms were set up and ready for pupils. This has meant that we have had a great start to the year and I am really excited to see what we all can achieve together this year.

This Week

Wriggle and Crawl:

Year 1 and 2 started their new topic with a visitor who brought in lots of creepy crawlies for the children to meet and hold. Reception joined the fun and I can't believe that after only a day in school some of them were holding tarantulas and cockroaches! They are braver than me!!





Junior Jam

Pupils love working with Junior Jam who are able to really enrich our curriculum with specialist iPad/Computing, PE and Music teaching. This year each class in Y1-6 will have 3 sessions on a Friday with Junior Jam.



Ofsted

This week we have worked with the Diocesan School Improvement Advisor on strategies to develop pupil understanding of British Values and were also visited by Abbey's new Primary Maths Leading Teacher. She will be working with staff and pupils over the course of the year and we look forward to this.

Dates for your Diary:

Dates	Event
Wednesday 13 th September	Swimming Lessons re-start for Year 4
Thursday 14 th September	Animals can be brought into school (letter 6/9)
Monday 18 th September	Harvest Festival in Church: 9.30am
Tuesday 19 th September	School Photographs (individual)
Wednesday 27 th September	Scooter Event in school (details to follow)
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October	Half Term Holiday
Monday 13 th November	2 nd Training Day (school closed to children)
Tuesday 14 th November	3 rd Training Day (school closed to children)
Mon 27 th to Weds 29 th November	Robinwood Residential for Year 6
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Service in Church : 9.30am
Friday 9 th February 2018	4 th Training Day (school closed to children)
Monday 4 th June 2018	5 th Training Day (school closed to children)

For absences please call on 2739190. All absences must be reported by 9.20am.

We take safety very seriously at our school

If you have any concerns please contact Mr Foulke or Mrs Owen

Every School Day Counts

There is clear evidence to show that days off school impact on your child's attainment and progress.

Days off add up to lost learning.

175 non-school days a year → To spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments			
0-7.5 days absence	8-9.5 days absence	10-19 days absence	More than 19 days absence
182.5-190 School Days in each year	180.5-182 School Days in each year	171-180 School Days in each year	Below 171 school days in each year
96-100%	95-95.99%	90%-94.99%	Below 90%
GOOD	Worrying	Concern	YOUR CHILD IS IN THE GOVERNMENT CAREGORY OF PERSISTENT ABSECEENCE
Best chance of success		Less chance of success	SERIOUS CONCERN
			Not fair on your child
			Possible legal action

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

If you are worried about your child's attendance we're here to help. You can contact:

Mrs Sutcliffe (Learning Mentor), Mrs Owen or Mr Foulke

Notice from Holy Trinity Church

Calling all budding Jamie Oliver's, Nigella's or Gordon Ramsey's.

Holy Trinity Church Rothwell is currently in the process of compiling a book of favourite recipes both old and new for a new cook book which will be available just in time for Christmas. All proceeds will be going to church funds.

We would like to ask parents of the school to help contribute to this book and are asking you to send the church any recipes you would like to share.

All contributions will be greatly received. It does not just have to be related to Christmas it can be anytime of the year.

It can be a favourite cake or bun, a hearty casserole, bonfire toffee, a salad, a barbeque sauce or your secret Yorkshire pudding mix.

All contributions will be greatly received.

As we want to publish this book in time for Christmas, time is short.

Simply write down the recipe and hand in to the school office or you can email the details to Noah and Zachary Wilkinson's dad, Mark at the details below.

mark.wilkinson1972@hotmail.co.uk

Closing date is the 30th September 2017.