

NEWSLETTER



Dates for Your

DIARY



Wednesday 22nd October :

Halloween Disco

Friday 24th October:

Halloween Bake Sale

Monday 27th October—Friday 31st
October:

HALF TERM

Monday 3rd November:

ATT INSET Day

Thursday 6th November:

Flu vaccinations (consent/opt-out forms
have been sent via email)

Thursday 20th November:

Acorn class 'Stay and Play'

Wednesday 10th December:

Oak and Beech panto trip

A message from the

PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

I want to start by saying how well your children are doing—we have just finished week 7, with still one more week to go!

I also want to let you know that I have been working with ATT on our uniform. I have listened to parents who have said that the polo shirts with the logo on are very expensive and, as I want children to experience OPAL, the two ideas are not well aligned!

So, I have purchased some iron on logos, which I will send home next week (I want to make sure they work first!).

Each child will have 2 and then there will be some left for parents to buy for 80p each.

Moving forward, from the summer term, we will phase out the logo polo shirts, so parents can just buy plain white ones.

We cannot do this any sooner

because I want it to be fair on those who have already bought enough to last.

A couple of reminders:

Children are on half term from 27th October for one week. There is also an ATT INSET day on 3rd November, so children will return on 4th November.

Our new Health & Safety guidance says that we should no longer allow tape over earrings for PE, so children need to remove earrings for PE.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emma Owner

Principal

We would like to tell you about....

Safeguarding



OUR TOP 5
SAFEGUARDING
PRIORITIES:

Online Safety

Mental Health:
Anxiety

Sexism & Misogyny

Child on Child Abuse

Use of derogatory
language

Bryce in Oak class was recently awarded Player of the Match for rugby and Player of the year for cricket.

Great job Bryce!



Hugo in Oak class has been moved up a grade at karting and is getting closer to obtaining his racing license.

Well done Hugo!

Club Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
After School 3.00—3.45pm	Biscuit Boosters	Craft Club KS2 PE Club Steel Pans	Computing & Mindful colouring KS1 PE Club Ukulele	Make a Model Sketch

The Shoestring Theatre Company are performing Puss in Boots on 19th and 21st February 2026 at Breckland High School.

To celebrate this, the children have been invited to take part in a colouring competition - the winners will win a family ticket for four to see the show. Children will bring the colouring sheets home today with all the details attached.

All entries will need to be returned to school by 4th December.

Good luck!



ATTENDANCE

Our overall attendance this week was 97.2%

The class with the highest attendance
this week was Maple with 100%

Well done to Maple class!

Lunch Menu

Monday 20th October

Sausage and Mash

Quorn Sausage and Mash

Tuesday 21st October

Beef Shepherds Pie

Quorn Lasagne

Wednesday 22nd October

Roast Chicken

Quorn Shepherds pie

Thursday 23rd October

Chicken Tikka Masala with rice

Lentil and Vegetable Curry with rice

Friday 24th October

*Cod fish fingers or salmon fishcake
with chips*

Quorn dippers with chips

**We are a nut FREE school—this
includes products containing or made from
nuts such as peanut butter.**

**Please can we remind parents that
chocolate products are not allowed in home
packed lunches.**

Celebration Assembly

Well done to everyone who
received an award in this week's
Celebration Assembly.

Please see Dojo for the winners'
photo!

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As OPAL is a great success with our
children we would love to continue
to build on our equipment. If you
have any of the following that you
no longer need and are able to
donate, please bring them into
school:

pushchairs, milk crates, wind
breakers, wellies, tarpaulin, large
materials for den making, round
wooden posts.

Many thanks!

Apps to support children's learning:

This year, we are launching Reading Eggs and Maths Seeds alongside TTRS (Times Table Rockstars) and Mathletics.



Mathletics
Mathematics
Boosts student engagement and achieve better maths results.



Mathematics
Builds essential early maths skills and promotes a positive attitude towards maths.



Reading
Reading Eggs makes learning to read fun with a proven program aligned to the Science of Reading.



The target age for the apps are as follows:

Maths Seeds: 3-9 years

Mathletics: 5-16 years

TTRS: 6+

Reading Eggs: 3 – 13

Your child will use these apps in school but will also have logins for use at home to support their learning. Mrs Barrow will start these in Acron when the children are ready.

These are optional but it would be fantastic for the children to go on each week at home—not least because they are great fun as a way to learn.



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