

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to wish our pupils and parents a very warm welcome back to Easthorpe School. We very much look forward to seeing what the new year will bring.

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Messages from Class Teachers

Holly

Mrs Partlett and Mrs Bowater are looking forward to the term ahead with Holly class. We are focussing on fairy tales within English and looking at a local classic Robin Hood story to start with. In History, we are starting the year off with the human life cycle and the 6 stages, we would appreciate any photos of your child from baby/toddler to be sent to Mrs Partlett via Dojo as part of this learning (this would be very much appreciated). We have some exciting activities and trips out planned for our DT learning this coming half term around the event of Harvest festival. A reminder our P.E days are Tuesday and Thursday and Forest School on Thursdays (please send in appropriate clothing for these).

Redwood

Redwood team are all so excited to welcome you back after the summer break! Redwood are so excited for a fun term full of fun activities. In English, we will be learning about fairy tales, exploring different stories and looking at old familiar stories. In Science, we will be learning about seasons and how the seasons change throughout the year. We have lots of opportunities to take our learning outside of the classroom and enjoy learning in our wider community. Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays and our Forest school will be a Thursday. We look forward to a fantastic year together full of fun and lots of learning.



Hawthorn

In Hawthorn, we have made an excellent start to the new year. Our classroom is calm, welcoming, and ready for lots of learning, exploring and fun. Well done, everyone.

✦ What We'll Be Learning

-  English

This term, we will be diving into *The Dreamgiver*, writing character descriptions and settings. Alongside this, we'll focus on reading for pleasure, making predictions, developing inference skills, expanding vocabulary, retrieving information, and summarising texts.

-  Maths

We'll be starting with place value, building confidence and understanding of numbers.

-  History

An exciting journey awaits as we explore the Romans – their impact, inventions, and stories that still influence us today.

-  Geography

We'll be looking at Italy, exploring its landmarks, culture, and even how you might travel there. The children will also have the chance to taste Italian food!

-  PE

We will focus on developing skills for invasion games, building teamwork, strategy, and fitness.

-  Science

Some fascinating experiments are ahead as we learn about light – how it works, how we perceive it, and how it affects the world around us.

Working Together

The children, have already had such a brilliant start to the year. I am excited to see all that we will achieve together.

Beech

Dear Beech Class 2025,

I'm Mrs Baker-Heath the class teacher for Beech class. Welcome back to school for our new school year. We have a busy half term planned with lots of exciting activities to support our learning. A few useful things to know about our timetable. Our P.E. days are a Monday and Tuesday, please can children bring a P.E. kit and trainers to school for these days. We will change

into our P.E. kits in school before the lesson. If they would like to leave their kit in school for the half term, they are more than welcome to or bring it in each week.

On a Thursday we will have our Forest School sessions. Children will need additional clothes for Forest school. An old set of clothes, waterproofs, wellies or walk boots/old shoes and gloves etc. We plan for an outdoor session each week and like to be prepared for all weathers!

I will regularly update you, via Dojo, of what we are learning about and send pictures of activities and learning that we have been doing in class. Please message me via Dojo if you have any questions or queries throughout the term, I will check it daily, but if it is an urgent message I recommend you ring the school office.

Yours,

Mrs Baker-Heath

Willow

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer! I'm so excited to begin a brand-new school year filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and shine. Each day is a fresh start—a chance to discover new ideas, make lasting friendships, and reach for your goals. This term in Willow Class, we will be learning about The Stone Age, Fairytales and Adventure Writing, Seasons, and exploring more about where we live in the UK. I am also thrilled to share that we will be starting a brand-new language—Spanish! Alongside our classroom learning, we will be visiting the local area, including Ruddington Library and the local park. I can't wait to see all the wonderful things we will achieve together this term!

Oak

Welcome to the new school year in Oak Class. The students in Oak have made a fantastic start to the new year and we are really enjoying working with them. I will post photos of our learning activities and updates about what we are learning on Class Dojo each week. We will be swimming on Thursdays (please can you refer back to the letter and ensure that all consent forms are signed and returned to the office) this half term and having our Forest School sessions on Thursdays too. PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays. The adults who will be supporting our learning this year will be Mr Ade, Miss Beth and Miss Cotton.

Miss Clarke

Class Teacher

Silver Birch

A warm welcome back to Silver Birch class! It has been so lovely to see you all and start to get to know you. In English, this term excited to start our unit on dystopian worlds: reading texts and then writing our own story! In Science, we are exploring Light, with lots of experiments to investigate this fascinating subject. In Maths, we are working on percentages, place value and securing our number work. In History, we are really excited to start our work on the Romans and in Geography we are comparing Italy and the UK and learning about our local geography. We are learning Spanish as our language this year too.

Key Stage 4- Lemon & Lime

We are very excited to be in our new classrooms, and we have our own Key Stage 4 common rooms and toilets! Students will have more independence and autonomy, as befitting their new Key Stage 4 status.

However, with great power comes great responsibility and it's exciting that we are beginning to study for qualifications. This half term, in English we are studying advertising with a focus on reading, as part of our Functional Skills Course. In Maths, we are learning basic number skills, another Functional Skills course. In Science, we are learning about the human body, focusing on cells, tissues, organs and systems, and this is an AQA Entry Level course. Students will also improve their physical health in PE (we have walking for those who are less sports-inclined!). Our ASDAN option courses are in either Expressive Arts (explore) or FoodWise (healthy eating and practical cooking skills) and there is the optional PE course too. The other ASDAN short courses are IT, history (the history of Ruddington), PSD, PSHE and Beliefs and Values. Enrichment replaces Golden Time to allow our students to gain relevance and enjoyable skills, such as running their own enterprise to raise money to buy more equipment for their common room.

Lemon

I am really excited about the wonderful young people in Lemon Class, with all their potential, talents, individuality and general loveliness. We have our pet corner set up (we're going to buy crickets and fish to add to it!) and everything is raring to go! Our lemon tree has grown loads over the summer, just as we will, in our next and exciting stage of life at Easthorpe School.

Lime

Hello to the new Lime Class! We are all really excited to get stuck into the amazing things we have on offer in Key Stage 4 this year. The ducks have had a funky upgrade and are at the ready for your amazing work! Bring on a fun year of new skills, brilliant ideas and more amazing art!

Elm

Dear Elm class 2025,

Welcome back to school for our new school year. We have an extremely busy half term ahead with many exciting activities planned to help support our learning.

PE will be on Friday, so please bring your PE kit and trainers with you to change into at school before the session.

Every Thursday we will be having Forest School sessions. The children will need additional clothes if possible i.e. an old set of waterproofs, wellies or walking boots/old shoes, gloves etc. We will be going out every week come what may!

You will be regularly updated via Dojo of the subjects the children will be learning about and we will send you photos of the activities we complete throughout the week.

Please feel welcome to message via dojo if you have any worries or concerns throughout the term. We're all really excited about this year.

Chestnut

Dear Chestnut Class 2025/26,

I'm Mrs Drake, the class teacher for Chestnut class. Welcome back to school for our new school year. We have a busy half term planned with lots of exciting activities to support our learning. A few useful things to know about our timetable are:

Our P.E. days are a Monday and Tuesday. Please can children bring a P.E. kit and trainers to school for these days. We will change into our P.E. kits in school before the lesson. If they would like to leave their kit in school for the half term, they are more than welcome to or they can bring it in each week. We are also taking part in Sensory Swimming Lessons every Thursday afternoon. Please refer back to the letter you received last term about this to confirm dates and equipment needed & ensure all consent forms are signed.

On a Thursday, we will have our Forest School sessions. Children will need additional clothes for Forest school. An old set of clothes, waterproofs, wellies or walk boots/old shoes and gloves etc. We plan for an outdoor session each week and like to be prepared for all weathers!



I will regularly update you, via Dojo, of what we are learning about and send pictures of activities and learning that we have been doing in class. Please message me via Dojo if you have any questions or queries throughout the term. I will check dojo daily, but if it is an urgent message I recommend you ring the school office.

I look forward to working with you and your children!

Yours,

Mrs Drake

Pine

Pine class is brand new at Easthorpe this year and I am a new teacher at this school too. This means we will be having a great time next week settling in and getting to know one another and the school. We will play some games, explore the school site and we'll be choosing a fantastic class story to share. We will also start to think about our topics for this half term which will be Farming in the UK in Geography, the period from the Stone Age to the Iron Age in History and in Science we'll be investigating Light.

Mrs Mac.

School uniform/PE kit/Forest School kit

If you need to purchase any uniform, then please come to the school office who can help you with this. You are more than welcome to look at uniform and/or try it on before purchasing anything. Payments for uniform can be made in cash or via a bank transfer. School uniform consists of a white polo shirt, blue sweatshirt or cardigan and black/grey trousers/skirts. Our PE t-shirt is royal blue and can be worn with shorts/jogging bottoms depending on the season. Please speak to class teachers for confirmation of PE days.

We are flexible with regard to our uniform as we want to ensure that all of our pupils are comfortable and happy in what they are wearing during their time at Easthorpe.

For PE lessons, please can you make sure that your child has a royal blue PE t-shirt, appropriate bottoms & suitable footwear in school at all times. PE t-shirts are available from the school office.

As we are now offering all pupils Forest School, which will take place on Thursdays, they will need to have suitable clothes to wear in all weather conditions (e.g. waterproof shoes) and these will need to stay in school.

Please ensure that, as the weather gets colder, pupils come to school in appropriate coats and footwear.

School dinners

School dinners are provided for our pupils free of charge should they not wish to bring a packed lunch. These are provided by Nottingham City Catering and are delivered to school. We will send links via email to complete your child's dinner choices should they wish to have a school meal. Links will usually be sent out every 3 weeks and we ask that you please complete the forms promptly for all 3 weeks.

Water bottles

Please can you ensure that you child brings in a named water bottle every day.

Personal Information

Just another reminder, please can you let the school office know if there are any changes to information that you shared upon enrolment of your child, for example, if you have had a change of address, telephone number or anything else has changed that we need to be made aware of.

Dates for your diary: Autumn term 1

First day of term: Wednesday 3rd September

INSET days- Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September

Half-Term Holiday- Monday 20th October – Friday 31st October

Last day of term- Friday 19th December

A Message from Mrs Austin

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year at Easthorpe! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer and are ready to begin this next stage of learning, growth, and achievement together.

This year is particularly special as we proudly open **Key Stage 4**. This important milestone marks another step forward in the development of our school, and we are delighted to be able to offer our students the opportunity to continue their education with us into these crucial years. We look forward to seeing our KS4 students rise to the challenge, embrace new subjects, and prepare for the pathways ahead.



In addition, we are pleased to welcome new staff members who are joining our school family this year. Their enthusiasm, expertise, and fresh ideas will strengthen our team and help us provide the very best for our students. We are equally delighted to welcome new families and pupils, who bring fresh energy to our growing school family.

As always, our commitment remains the same: to create a safe, supportive, and inspiring environment where every child feels valued and encouraged to reach their full potential. With your partnership and support, we know this will be a year of exciting opportunities and achievements.

Yours Faithfully

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