

Newsletter Friday 11th September 2026

Welcome back to a new academic year and a warm welcome to all our new families!

Arbor

Thank you to all of you for downloading Arbor and for making all the meal and club choices on the app.

Please make sure that going forward you book all clubs through the Arbor app or in the web version. You have up to one hour before the club starts as a deadline.

In the app, you can update addresses and all information regarding your child, so no more lengthy forms at the beginning of each academic year, but please make sure you provide us with all of the right consents.

National Fitness Day

On Wednesday 16th September, we will be celebrating National Fitness Day together as a whole school!

All children should come to school wearing their PE kit for the day. In the afternoon, we will head out onto the school field and run or walk a mile together.

National Fitness Day is a great opportunity to remind our children that being active is important for both our physical and mental wellbeing, but most importantly, we want to show them that exercise can be fun and something we can enjoy together.

Open day for Pearl Learning Zone

On Thursday 17th September, we are delighted to invite families to our “Stay and Play Open Afternoon” in Pearl Learning Zone. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our youngest learners in action, explore our fantastic learning environment, and experience the fun, creativity and curiosity that fill our days. New and prospective families are especially welcome to join us and meet our team.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing a glimpse of life in Pearl Learning Zone. Come along, join in the activities, and see what makes our setting such a special place to learn and grow.

Thursday 17th September from 1:30-2:30pm

Jewellery in School

A quick reminder that children should not wear jewellery to school, including bracelets and rings. The only jewellery permitted is simple stud earrings.

For PE lessons, stud earrings should be removed wherever possible. If they cannot be removed, they must be safely covered for the lesson.

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep children safe during the school day.

Fruit and Snacks

Children from Nursery (including 2-year-olds) to Year 2 receive one free piece of fruit or vegetable each day in school.

Children in Key Stage 2 may bring one piece of fruit from home to eat at morning or afternoon break if they wish.

Please do not send cereal bars, biscuits, crisps or other packaged snacks. Keeping snacks to fruit only helps us encourage healthy choices and manage allergies safely across school.

Thank you for your support

Donations for After School Care

Following the flooding in Topaz, we have unfortunately lost some of the toys and resources that the children love to play with.

We are therefore appealing to our school community for donations of Barbie dolls, any dolls and toy cars to help us replenish our collection.

If you have any pre-loved dolls, accessories at home and they are in good condition, we would be so grateful if you can donate them.

Friends of Stanhope Barrington

The invigorated group had amazing ideas last year and together we raised £1493. Thank you so much.

One of the parents mentioned that if we have any extended family members that work for Barclays Bank, they match fund anything we raise. Please let us know if any of you do.

Also, to all our new families, if you would like to join the group, please contact me at the office. We will be organising a meeting to discuss plans for this year in the next few weeks.

MacMillan Coffee afternoon

On Friday 25th September, we will be hosting a Macmillan afternoon and would love our families to join us. Parents and carers are invited to come along and enjoy the afternoon with their children. We are asking for donations of cakes, biscuits and other delicious treats, which should be brought into school by the morning of Friday 25th September.

To help us keep everyone safe and following the increased focus on allergen awareness, all homemade donations must be accompanied by a full list of ingredients used.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to sell or serve homemade items without this information. Please also leave any shop-bought items in their original packaging so that allergen information is available.

We're looking forward to enjoying some treats together while raising money for a fantastic cause!

Year 5 / Year 6 Edinburgh Residential

A reminder that our Year 5 and Year 6 residential visit to Edinburgh will take place on 17th–18th June 2027.

There are still opportunities for children to join us, so if your child is not already signed up but would like to attend, please let Sofia know or you can pay the deposit on Arbor by the end of this half term.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 16th September – National Fitness Day (whole school)

Thursday 17th September - Pearl Open afternoon 1.30-2.30pm

Friday 25th September- MacMillan Coffee afternoon (from 2:30pm)

Wednesday 30th September- Whole School Immunisation

Friday 2nd October – Harvest Festival (from 2pm)

If there is anything you would like to discuss, do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,
Sofia Gurbillon
Business Manager