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Message from Mr. Krafft & Mrs. Deevoy

Welcome to the new academic year! The summer break feels like a long time ago now, but we are delighted with how well the children have started this year's journey.

The new pupils in Acorn class have settled well and have teamed up with their year 6 buddies. They are growing in confidence and getting more involved in whole school activities. We are so proud of how quickly they have settled, so thank you for all your help at home in ensuring a smooth transition to primary school.

We have attached the school calendar, as it stands, and you can see there is a lot planned. This doesn't include individual class trips and even more whole school events that we have in the pipeline! As always, our aim is to Realise the God-Given Potential in Everyone, so if you have any ideas or can support in anyway, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

One way to be involved in school life is to join the PFA. We have a fantastic group of families who organise and run events and memorable experiences. They are always looking for extra help, so please contact the school office if you would like to get involved.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Kind regards,

Mr Krafft & Mrs Deevoy

My Child at School App

Please ensure you have downloaded the MCAS app. Through the app you can book clubs, school trips, parents evenings and make direct payments for any school activities. It will also allow you to update your contact details should your address, phone number or email address change.

If you have not already signed up, simply:

- download the MCAS app
- sign in using the email address of the primary contact
- click 'forgotten password'
- set a password (you should get a reset link via email)

Please let us know if you have any issues getting the app up and running.



Pick up and Drop off Zone

Please remember to respect our neighbours and use the school pick up and drop off zone. When using the zone, please park responsibly. Staff will be on the gate to welcome your children in the morning. Please remember the gates will close at 8:45am in the morning and the school day will end at 3:15pm. Thank you for your support.

Attendance

As you know, good attendance is crucial for positive academic progress. We expect

everyone in school to attend 100% of the time. We do, of course, understand there are occasions when this is not possible. We look forward to working together to ensure good attendance throughout the school.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 20th October at 3:30 – 5:30 and Wednesday 21st October – 4:30 – 6:30. A booking form will be sent out on My Child at School, in the coming weeks. If you are unable to book a slot or unable to make the dates then please contact the school office.

Show Racism the Red Card

On Friday 16th October pupils and staff will encouraged to wear red and be part of Show Racism the Red Card Day 2026. It will be a day where we focus on treating individuals with respect and kindness, while celebrating how we are both similar and unique.



Harvest Festival

On Monday 28th September we will be holding our annual Harvest Service in St. Mary's Church, Newington. 10.45am. Families are very welcome to join us but please be aware space is very limited and we cannot promise seating with the best sightlines. As in previous years, if you are able, we are asking for donations to Sittingbourne

Food Bank. The children will carry these to the altar as part of our service. Children can bring non-perishable items to school and keep in their classroom on or before the day. Any non-perishable food items, within date, would be welcomed. We thank you for your anticipated generosity and look forward to you joining us for our service.

Clubs

You should have received notification on My Child at School about the clubs your child can attend but below is a list of what we currently offer. If you have any ideas for future clubs, please let us know.

Monday	
School Paper – Years 4 to 6	Miss Hendry
Dance Club – Years 1 and 2	Mrs Barton
Family Trust Club – Years 3 - 6	The Family Trust
Tuesday	
Art Attack – Years 3 - 6	Miss Blackburn
Boys Football – Years 5 and 6	Mr Lloyd
KS1 Football – Years 1 and 2	Gillingham Football Club Foundation
Choir – Years 3 to 6	Mrs Calder
Board Games – Years 1 and 2	Miss Callaghan
Wednesday	
Tennis – Years 1 to 6	Danny Wynn
Thursday	
Girls Football – Years 3 – 6	Mr Lloyd & Mr Krafft
Construction Club – Years 1 and 2	Mrs Longstaff
Friday	
JagTag Elite – Years 5 and 6	Team Theme

Dates for Your Diary

Below is an outline of some of the things we have planned this year. We hope to add to this and will send messages through MCAS to individual classes. Please ensure you check MCAS to stay up to date with the latest events going on in your child's class. Please be aware that dates are subject to change although we will try to keep this to a minimum.

INSET DAYS – Pupils do not Attend

Inset Day – Friday 23 October 2026

Inset Day – Monday 4 January 2027

Inset Day – Monday 21 June 2027

Inset Day – Wednesday 21 July 2027

May Bank Holiday – Monday 3 May 2027

Term 1

September

- Monday 21st September – Safety Week
- Thursday 24th September – Year 1 and 2 Scooter Training
- Monday 28th September – Harvest Festival
- Wednesday 30th September – Year 6 Team Building at Creed

October

- Thursday 1st October – NCMP Child Measurement Programme
- Friday 2nd October – Individual and Sibling Photos
- Wednesday 14th October – Year 6 Bikeability
- Thursday 15th October – Year 6 Bikeability
- Friday 16th October – Year 6 Bikeability
- Friday 16th October – Flu Immunisation
- Friday 16th October – Wear Red Day - Show Racism the Red Card

- Monday 19th – Friday 23rd October – Poetry Week
- Tuesday 20th October – Parents Evening
- Wednesday 21st October – Parents Evening
- Thursday 22nd October – Newington Poetry Slam
- Thursday 22nd October – End of Term 2
- Friday 23rd October – INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend

Term 2

November

- Monday 2nd November – Start of Term 2
- Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Assembly
- Mon 16th - Fri 20th November - Anti-bullying week
- Friday 27th November – Christingle Service - Not open to families – Newington Church

December

- Tuesday 8th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity – Dress Rehearsal
- Wednesday 9th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity – 2pm
- Thursday 10th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity – 2pm
- Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner and PFA Class Parties
- Friday 18th December – Christmas Service – Newington Church
- Friday 18th December – End of Term 2



Term 3

January

- Monday 4th January – INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend
- Tuesday 5th January – Start of Term 3
- Wednesday 27th January – Tuesday 2nd February – Book Fayre

February

- Monday 1st February – Friday 5th February – Children's Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 9th February – Pancake Races
- Tuesday 9th February – Internet Safety Day
- Friday 12th February – End of Term 3

Term 4

- Monday 22nd February – Start of Term 4

March



- Thursday 4th March – World Book Day
- Monday 8th – Friday 12th March – Science Week
- Thursday 25th March – End of Term 4

April

Term 5

- Monday 12th April – Start of Term 5
- Thursday 22nd April – Earth Day
- Friday 23rd April – St George's Day

May

- Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 4th May – Deaf Awareness Week
- Monday 10th May – KS2 SATs Week
- Friday 14th May – Pentecost
- Monday 24th May – Charity Week (Planning)
- Friday 28th May – End of Term 5

Term 6

June

- Monday 7th June – Start of Term 6
- Monday 7th June – Charity Week (Activities)
- Monday 7th June – Year 6 Activity Week
- Monday 21st June – INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend
- Wednesday 23rd June – Sports Day

July

- Wednesday 1st July – 20th July – Try something New Month
- Tuesday 20th July – End of Term 6
- Wednesday 21st July – INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend

