

# September Newsletter

**FLOWING**  
**STRENGTHENING**  
**DEEPENING**

LIKE A TREE FIRMLY PLANTED BY STREAMS OF LIVING WATER  
PSALM 1:3



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new academic year at Holywell, the teachers have all been in school today getting ready for the children's return tomorrow. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone back. Please find below some important information about changes as well as some reminders.

We look forward to welcoming the new children in Willow class to the school next week. This week the class teachers will share relevant information with you during the home visits.

There are also 2 new policies which we hope to share with all of you in the coming month, one is our revised behaviour policy which we have been working on over the past year and the other is the new county attendance policy which was highlighted towards the end of the summer and has some

significant changes regarding unauthorised absences, please keep an eye out for these. I've attached a summary of the changes to attendance procedures for anyone who might have missed them before.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the playground tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

Paul Baddeley

Welcome back



A reminder that the school gates open each day at 8.35. All children should be in school by 8.45 which is when the classroom doors will close. After this entry is via the office even though the school gates may still be open for pre-school children.

At home time the gates will open at 3.10 and children should come out of their classes from 3.15.

As tomorrow is the first day in the school year class teachers will line the children up on the playground before taking them into class at 8.45.

Youngest children (Y1) will line up closest to the school gate, the lines will then be in chronological order up to Y6 who will be nearest to the Play-pod.

## Dinner orders



If you are planning for your child to have a school dinner tomorrow don't forget that this needs to be pre-ordered before school begins.

## A Special Birthday



This year the school is 150 years old!

We plan to celebrate in various different ways throughout the year. As a staff we have lots of ideas and the children will be asked for their ideas in school. We would like to hear your suggestions too, please do let us know, we will be celebrating this historical birthday all year. We will also be asking for help with various related projects..more to follow.

## Learning Italian

A big change to our curriculum this year is that the children will now be taught Italian instead of French, this is not just in KS2 but also in KS1 and Reception. Each class will have a weekly session which will be delivered by a native Italian speaking teacher. Lessons start next Thursday.

## Music Changes



Miss Lee will now be working with all classes across the school, she will focus on different year groups in different half terms. We are expanding the range of instruments taught in whole class sessions to include Ukuleles, Keyboards and Djembe Drums.

## PE Times and Protocols



Teachers will be communicating separately with you about specific information to do with their classes but we thought it was important to let you know the days for PE lessons and Forest School. These are below, please note some start this week and some start next.

Ash -PE Tuesday and Thursday - (Starting this week), Forest School – Wednesday - (Starting next week)

Elm -PE Monday - Forest School Friday - (Starting 13th September)

Oak- PE - Monday and Wednesday- (Starting from next week)

Holly - P.E Wednesdays- (Starting from next week) Thursdays- (Starting this week)

Beech - PE Tuesday and Wednesday -(Starting tomorrow).

Cedar - PE Wednesday - (Starting tomorrow) and Friday.

Some important reminders about PE lessons are below

No jewellery is permitted in PE lessons, jewellery is also not permitted in school generally except for close fitting earring studs.

If your child does wear earring studs they must be able to remove these themselves to join in with the PE lesson

Shoulder length or longer hair needs to be tied back

Football tops are not part of the PE uniform, on PE days the uniform is that detailed in the picture.



## Healthy Schools Award



### Snacks

As we will be working towards the **Healthy Schools Award**, a gentle reminder to please ensure snacks for break-time are healthy and avoid sweets, chocolate and crisps. Please also send your child in with a full water bottle.

### Cycle to School Week

We are excited to join this year's Cycle to School Week from the 23rd to 27th September. Choosing cycling for the journey to school, or anywhere else, is a great way to get healthier and help the environment, as well as making it a better trip for us and everyone else!



## Information From The Education Inclusion Family Advisor



**Your Education Inclusion  
Family Advisor**



**Katie Smith**

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

As Education Inclusion Family Advisors, we offer support in various ways:

- 1:1 sessions
- Workshops on specific topics
- Attending school events
- Signposting to other services

*Please note: Currently our service is continuing to support families virtually, however face-to-face support can be offered when needed.*

Use your phone camera to access support form 

For more information speak to your school office or contact me directly on:  
[katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter

### A Message From Me

Welcome to the start of a new school year. There can be a whole mixture of feelings we are experiencing, from happy and excited, right through to worried and anxious. These feelings for our children as well as our own are all valid. If you would like to contact me to discuss your support needs, please follow the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/m1mm99M7A0>

### Workshop Dates

We are running a variety of workshops this term, both face to face and online.

Please click the link below or scan the QR code to see the list of workshops available and book your place.

<https://forms.office.com/e/h94eNKz00>



### Activity Idea -The Mindfulness Jar



**Overview:** A good visual aid for children to help them understand how calming activities can help our emotions.

**Time:** 20-30 minutes.

**Equipment required:** A jar, water, glitter glue.

#### Benefits:

Helps explain emotions in a visual, easy to understand way. It can encourage children to take moments of calmness when overwhelmed and watching the glitter swirl can be calming in itself.

[The-Mindfulness-Jar.pdf \(premier-education.com\)](#)

### Online Parenting courses available!

Parents and carers sometimes need extra support or information to help with parenting and to build a strong and positive family life.

That's why Cambridgeshire County Council have partnered with **In Our Place** to offer free courses to help you understand how best to support your child.

In order to access this course, please click the link below and use the code **PARENT24**.

[Online Learning \(helapply.com\)](#)

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint ([www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk](http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk)) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer)



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## Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor team

Helping your child with feelings  
of worry workshop  
at  
Broadleas Child and Family Centre

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

The session will begin at 1pm and last approximately 1 hour with availability for questions after the session.

To book on to this face-to-face workshop, please follow the link

<https://forms.office.com/e/rVm0ZBbEjN>

Please be aware that spaces are limited.

For more information contact us directly on:

✉ [charlotte.dean@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.dean@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) [katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor

**Katie Smith**

### Individual Appointments for parent's/carer's

Bookable appointments available on the following dates.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

To make an appointment at Broadleas Child and Family Centre, please follow this link -

<https://forms.office.com/e/QbCgASLdCb>


Your EIFA will contact you to confirm a time.



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Needingworth Colts (Information for parents of children in Y1).

Parents are encouraged to register for our new Academy via the Facebook Event page please? <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/cdKxzENstx93Mqb4/>



## Needingworth Colts Academy 2024-25



Would you like to have fun, make new friends and learn how to play football at Needingworth Colts FC?

**Assistant Managers / Parent Helpers needed!**

Please contact our club secretary to find out how you can help: [elsie.rundle@sky.com](mailto:elsie.rundle@sky.com)

**Come along to the first session:**

**Saturday 7th September,  
9:30am-10:30am at Millfields, Mill Way,  
Needingworth PE27 4TF.**

*Please bring a drink and ensure your child wears shin pads.*

TheFA



Needingworth Colts Football Club offer opportunities to local footballers from the age of 5 (through our Academy), with teams moving from our Academy into Under 7's and up to Under 16's.

Our club believes that football is a game for all, irrespective of gender, ability or disability.

The club strives to provide a safe, fun and positive learning environment where all players are encouraged to develop and express themselves without fear of criticism or failure. Whilst winning is important, we believe it should not take priority over enjoyment and team or personal development.



**Needingworth Colts  
Football Club**

[www.needingworthcoltsfc.com](http://www.needingworthcoltsfc.com)



## Dates



### New Dates In Bold

- 3rd September - Staff Training Day (School Closed)
- 4th September - Term begins
- 12th September - Individual Photos
- **26th September - Information Evening for Willow Parents at School**
- **26th September - HSA - Annual General Meeting**
- 30th September - 3rd October - Year 5/6 Bikeability
- 28th October - 1st November - Half term
- **4th November - Parent Carer Evenings likely to be this week TBC**
- 23rd December - 3rd January - Christmas Break
- 6th January - Staff Training Day (School Closed)
- 7th January - Spring Term Begins