

# Weekly Update

## Welcome back to school!



It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome back our Year 1 and Year 2 children and families! The children have eagerly jumped into the new school year, exploring their new classrooms and building strong relationships with their teachers and classmates. We are thrilled to see their enthusiasm and excitement as they settle into their learning environments.

Our Preschool and Reception staff have also been busy getting to know our new families. It has been wonderful meeting you all, and we are really looking forward to getting to know your children better as we embark on this exciting journey together.

We are excited for the year ahead and all the learning and fun it will bring!

## Fabulous Fireflies



We are excited to announce that we will be introducing a new Celebration Assembly into our school week! This special assembly will be held every Friday at 9:20am, and it will be a wonderful opportunity for us to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our students.

Each week, class staff will select a "Fabulous Firefly"—a student who has exemplified our school values throughout the previous week. This will start for children in Year 1 and 2 on the 13<sup>th</sup> September.

In addition to recognising our Fabulous Fireflies, we encourage children to bring in certificates from activities they participate in outside of school. Whether it's a sports achievement, a music certificate, or any other accomplishment, we want to celebrate it! Please note that certificates should be handed in at least one week in advance to the class teacher so that we can include them in the assembly.

If your child has been chosen as the Fabulous Firefly or has a certificate to share, you will receive an invitation to join us for the assembly. We hope to see many of you there as we come together to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students!

## Reading



All children will be bringing home a "Choose Book" this week! This special book is a wonderful opportunity for you to share the joy of reading with your child. By spending time together with these books, you will help support their reading skills, vocabulary development, and foster a lifelong love of reading. 'Choose books' will be exchanged every Friday so please remember to return them in time.



## PE days

	Children to come to school in their PE kit (Outdoor PE session)	Children to get changed into their PE kit in school (Indoor PE session)
Monday	Hedgehogs and Robins	Foxes and Badgers
Tuesday	Squirrels and Otters	Owls
Wednesday		
Thursday	Foxes and Badgers	Hedgehogs and Robins
Friday	Owls	Otters and Squirrels

In Reception plimsolls will only be required initially. Children will need a PE kit after October half term. Please can we ask that children do not wear items of clothing with characters on for PE days.

Earrings will not be taped for PE and will need to be removed at home on the day of PE or by the child themselves in school. If earrings are not removed the child will not be able to participate in PE sessions.

## Flourish Festival



Don't forget to buy your tickets (£9 adults, £7 for children – under 2's free) to the fantastic Flourish Family Festival which is being organised by our charity partner LCH (the colour dash) the event promises a great value day out for the family, once you have bought your tickets all activities and attractions are free, so the children can enjoy the inflatables, crazy golf, circus workshop, fairground rides, lawn games, arts and crafts, tag rugby and much more as many times as they wish... all whilst listening to 4 live music acts on the main stage – including a Taylor Swift tribute! Held at the beautiful Gorse Hill City Farm all farm attractions are also included. All funds raised help support local children too. Buy your tickets here [Flourish Festival Ticket – Leicester Children's Holidays \(leicesterchildrensholidays.co.uk\)](https://leicesterchildrensholidays.co.uk)

## Important Dates



Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception children attend school for a morning or afternoon session.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception children's first full day at school.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 and Year 2 – Reading open sessions begin. Every Friday at 8:50
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Celebration Assemblies for Year 1 and 2 start
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning – More information coming soon
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening – More information coming soon
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening – More information coming soon
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term.

