

Trowse Primary School

Welcome to a new school year!

A Warm Welcome

Welcome to everyone as you return to school, or start for the first time, this September. I know we are only 3 days in, but the atmosphere is wonderful around school! Children have made a really positive start and we can all see that they have tried really hard to make a good first impression with their new teachers.

We look forward to working with all of you to enable your child to *be the best they can be*. The vision for the school is to foster **Successful Learners, Confident Individuals and Responsible Global Citizens**. In partnership with you, we look forward to achieving this and are excited about the year ahead!

Lots of fun ahead!

Apart from all the lovely lessons in school, we also have lots of other things planned. Here's a quick run down of some key things this half term.

- Next week, we start our partnership with 'Rock Steady' for music tuition beyond the music curriculum.
- Swimming starts with Year 4 on 19th September
- Year 5 have a trip to the National Space Centre planned
- Year 6 are going to Pensthorpe.
- We will host a Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 26th September- ALL INVITED!
- We will need to narrow down who is in our KS2 cross country team who have their first race in the diary for later this September.
- The school photographer will be in on Thursday 23rd October for individual and sibling photos.
- Parents evenings are planned for October too (15th & 22nd) so you can come in and talk to the teacher about how your child has settled in.



Some Key Dates...

Wednesday 10th September

Meet the Teacher 3:30 & 4:15

Monday 8th September

'Rock Steady' starts this week (Monday or Friday)

Tuesday 16th September

Flu vaccinations

Friday, 26th September

9am- Macmillan Coffee Morning in school hall- all welcome!

Wednesday, 15th and Wednesday, 22nd October 3.30 – 6.30

Parents Evenings

Friday 24th October

Last day of this half term

Need to contact us?

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Website

We have updated our school website. It looks similar to before, but is now hosted on a new platform with additional functionality. The calendar page is new and the site overall has improved functionality to help it be more practical when viewing pages on a mobile device. We have spent a lot of time setting up the new one, but if you see an error or something that doesn't work, please do let us know! One improvement you might find helpful is that there are clear links to logging on to

- Pupil Asset (for ordering lunches, reporting absences etc)
- Seesaw (your everyday contact with staff in your child's class)
- School Cloud (for BC and Parents Evenings)
- 4Ward Sport for after school club bookings
- Chapelfield Nursery

Start of the Day

Thank you to everyone for waiting patiently outside before 8:35. As you will have seen, it is busy, but the line then moves quickly and everyone is in swiftly once the gate opens.

For safety reasons, please do ensure your children are with you whilst you wait and are not running around in, or right next to, a busy car park.

We would also ask that you make sure children from Year 1 – Year 6 don't play near the front of building or reception class gate- this area is ONLY for the new reception children and their families.

Parking

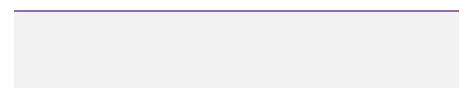
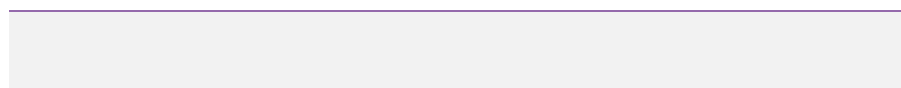
The school car park is for staff and nursery visitors only. If you drive to school, please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines immediately outside the school and park considerably in the village. Why not park further back in the village and have some fresh air with a 5 minute walk?

School Field

Excitingly, we are having a lot of work done through the winter to improve the quality of our field ! However, there is some short-term pain to get the long-term gain...

From next week, the school field will have a temporary fence put up, blocking it off completely for the winter whilst work goes on. Playtime and lunchtime will be on the hard play surface only (it normally is anyway in winter as the field is wet and muddy). Children will still have the trim trail and climbing frame to use.

At the end of the school day, I know the area out the back of year 1 and 2 is busy- but from next week you will not be able to drift onto the field to get past people so it is REALLY important that the path does not get blocked with parents waiting. Thank you for your cooperation through this work- I'm really looking forward to having a field with all grass and no stones that does drain when it rains!



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Meet the Teacher

Our **MEET THE TEACHER** sessions for Yr groups 1 - 6 will take place on **Wednesday, 10th September**. There will be two sessions per class at 3.30 and 4.15 so if you have more than one child, you can go to both classes. These sessions are for parents to meet your child's teacher. Sometimes, particularly with older children, you may want your child to hear the messages from the teacher too, but they are not generally intended for your children so if childcare is a problem, then Mr and Mrs Odell will be showing a film in the school hall whilst you are at the meeting/s. This offer is only for school age children, not pre-schoolers. You do not need to sign up in advance for these meetings – just turn up to drop them off at the internal hall door. We really do recommend that you come along and meet your new class teachers as they will set you up with all the information you need for your child's new school year! For those of you wondering- after school club will be in the reception classroom on this day.

Playtime Snacks

As you may be aware, children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get their playtime fruit for free. From Year 3, this is no longer available, so if your child wants a healthy snack at playtime, then it needs to come in from home.

Please do make sure it is a **healthy snack** (piece of fruit, vegetable sticks etc..) and that your child knows what their snack is. No chocolate or sweet sugary snacks.

Parents Evenings – Wednesday, 15th and Wednesday 22nd October 3.30 – 6.30

We will be holding our first round of parents evenings in October. The booking system will go live from Monday, 15th September – please book in to see your child's teachers. These are 10-minute slots, if you have more specific things to discuss, please make a separate appointment outside of these times. www.trowse.schoolcloud.co.uk and follow the parents evening link

Uniform

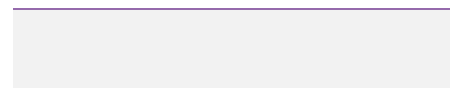
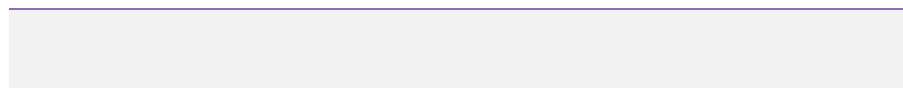
FIRSTLY, PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS NAMED! It was lovely to see so many smart, newly kitted-out children arriving at school this week in their new uniforms and I know it is frustrating if items go missing after only a few days!

We keep the number of branded items to a minimum to help with the cost of living for everyone and other items, trousers, skirts, PE shorts etc can be purchased from anywhere, including supermarkets.

We also have a 'NEW TO YOU' Option which is run by the school office. Please do bring in any donations of out-grown, clean, good quality uniform. Just contact the school office if you would like to check what items are available.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 26th September

ALL parents and relatives are invited to our Macmillan Coffee morning being held in the school hall on Friday, 26th September from drop-off at 8.45 am. Our Year 6 children love helping to organise this and look forward to seeing lots of you there – not only will we have hot and cold drinks, cakes and biscuits on offer, we will also be running a raffle and some other competitions – **We really need lots of cake**



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donations please (remember our strict NO NUTS policy) please bring these into the school office from the previous day.

Seesaw

Please do make sure you still have access to Seesaw at home; both your child's learning timeline and the 'family app' for separate communications between you and the teacher. It will be used for all sort of communications from class. New QR access codes were sent home recently. If you are struggling to access it, please contact the school office or your child's teacher. Teachers will explain more about how they will use Seesaw at 'Meet the Teacher' as it does change year to year.

Pupil Asset- reporting absences & ordering dinners

Please make sure you can log into Pupil Asset via the app or you have a web browser ready to log in (<https://secure.pupilasset.com>). Make sure that your contact details are correct in it. If you are yet to download this app, or are struggling to make log in details work, please ask in the school office.

Top Tip from parents - Using a web browser to log in can be more effective for booking lunches for the weeks ahead, the app doesn't show as far ahead.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast club is open from 7.40am every morning for all children to not only eat a good breakfast, but get busy with sport, crafts and games. We have some spaces available, so if this is a service you need, please contact the school office initially to discuss things, then book via the 'School Cloud' App www.trowse.schoolcloud.co.uk Children need to be booked in on the school cloud system, in advance, and the daily fee is £5, payable online to the school. In the app you select the 'club' you need (in this case, Breakfast Club, then select the week, then choose the days you need to book in for.

School Bank Details for online transfers are:

NCC Trowse Primary School

Account No. 60513121

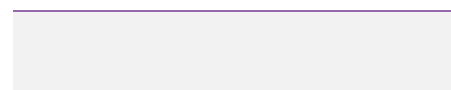
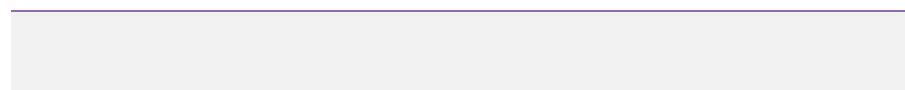
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After School Club

Please use this link for ALL bookings; <https://4ward-sports.class4kids.co.uk> It is essential that both the school and the staff of 4Ward Sports know exactly who is meant to be staying and who is going home at normal time. Thank you.

Eligibility for 'Free School Meals' Much more than just a meal...

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals if they go to school. This is called universal infant free school meals. This is different to benefit-related free school meals. If you receive one of the benefits listed below, you should register. This is because it not only means that all meals are free, but also entitles your child to lots of holiday activities for free under the 'Big Norfolk Holiday Fun' scheme and mean you get a monthly payment of a voucher you can use in your preferred supermarket to help with your food bills. It also helps the school **raise extra funds** for your child's school (called Pupil Premium). This Government funding can help with extra tuition, teaching and after school activities. It really is worth it- everyone benefits.



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If you get **one** of the following benefits – you can apply for Free School Meals from Reception to Year 6

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
 - Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
 - Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- You must apply for these free school meals.

Search 'Norfolk County Council apply for free school meals' to find out more and apply.

Have a great September!

Stuart Odell

Headteacher

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