



September	
Friday 19th	Jeans for Genes Day
Thursday 25th	Reception 2026 Information Evening
Friday 26th	Macmillan Coffee Morning
October	
Thursday 2nd	Reception parents information meeting
Thursday 9th	Van Cols Individual Photos
14th and 15th	Parent Consultation Meetings
27th—31st	Half Term



Dear families,

Welcome to the autumn term. We hope that you all had a very enjoyable summer holiday.

It is lovely to see the children back in school and also to welcome our new families to the school.

Jeans for Genes

On Friday 19th September we will be supporting Jeans for Genes day. Children can come to school in their jeans (non uniform) in exchange for a small donation for this very worthwhile charity.

Attendance - Studybugs

We would like to remind you about our Studybugs app. You can use the app to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>) You can also download the app from your app store on your phone or tablet.

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs:

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health. (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

Please be aware that we have Studybugs for each school so you will need to **sign up for either the infant school or the junior school depending which school your child is attending.**

Snack for Morning Break

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 can bring in a snack for morning break time. Please try to keep the snack healthy: a piece of fruit or veg. Children in our Reception classes have their own snack time in class.

Please remember that we are a **NO NUT** school so please ensure that snacks and food in lunch boxes contain no nuts.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Lorraine Lines, our Home School Liaison Worker, will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September. Everyone is welcome! More details to follow soon.



School Meals

Have you ordered school meals for your child for the term ahead? We still have several children who do not have any meals ordered. Please check the School Comms app over the weekend and order your child's dinners if you have not already done so. We are eating meals from menu 2 next week.

Fun in the Forest— Postponed

Our Fun in the Forest event planned for next Thursday has been cancelled due to the weather forecast for that day. We will be holding this event later in the school year. More details will follow nearer the time.

Non Pupil Days

We have three remaining non-pupil days throughout the academic year. Please make a note of these dates in your diary. The term dates can be found on our website [Term Times | Prettygate Schools](#)

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Earrings

Please can we remind you that children cannot wear earrings during their P.E. lessons. If children are wearing earrings (these must be small studs) on their P.E. day, they must be able to remove them by themselves. If children are unable to remove them then they should not wear earrings on P.E. days.

Lunchboxes

If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school, please can we ask that it is clearly named on the outside of the lunchbox.

Waterproofs and Wellies

A reminder that all children must have a pair of welly boots and a waterproof coat that they can keep in school for OPAL play at lunchtime. This is an essential part of our uniform. Please ensure that all your children's items are named.



Litter Picking

Litter picking on the roads around our schools will take place on the first Friday of every month. Please see how much litter you can collect on your way to school (don't forget to wear gloves). Our new litter picking gang will welcome your litter. Today Harrison, Travis, Lydia, Coral, Evie and Ava received 2.5kg of litter from the Prettygate area.

