



September	
Wednesday 9th	The 2 Johns— E-Safety Sessions
Friday 18th	Jeans for Genes Day
Thursday 24th	Reception 2027 Information Evening
Friday 25th	Macmillan Coffee Morning
October	
Thursday 1st	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Friday 2nd	Whole School Photograph
Thursday 8th	Van Cols Individual Photos
Friday 16th	Wear Red— Show Racism the red card
26th—30th	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.

The 2 Johns—E-safety Sessions

Next Wednesday, 9th September, we are welcoming The 2 Johns to our schools. They will work with children and staff throughout the day and then will hold a session for parents at 5.30pm in the infant school hall. Please do try to come along –this is always a powerful and thought provoking session for parents.

Jeans for Genes

On Friday 18th 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.



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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.

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](#)

Friday 27th November 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

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.



Parking

Please can we ask you to be considerate to our neighbours when parking in the areas around our schools. Please do not block driveways or restrict access to peoples property. Thank you.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Ms Lia Pulsford, our Welfare Lead, will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September. Everyone is welcome! More details to follow soon.





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Well Done Matthew

We wanted to share an exciting achievement from one of our pupil's during the summer holiday. Matthew from Year 4 took part in the International Mental Arithmetic Olympiad 2026 in Porto, Portugal, where he achieved 1st place in the competition. Well done Matthew, we are very proud of you!



Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training

Just before the summer holidays, a group of our pupils took part in Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training, delivered by **The Diana Award** as part of its nationally recognised Anti-Bullying Ambassadors programme.

Throughout the day, the children developed their leadership, communication and teamwork skills while learning how to promote kindness, respect and inclusion within our school community. They explored practical strategies to support their peers and help create a safe, positive environment where everyone feels valued. We look forward to seeing them use their new skills as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors throughout the next academic year.



Term Ahead Letters

Letters with details of the term ahead are now on our website. Please go to the 'Parents' page, click on 'Class Pages' and select your child's year group from there. Curriculum Maps for this academic year are also on the website. <https://www.prettygateschools.co.uk/class-pages>

Online Safety Newsletter

You will have been emailed the online safety newsletter for September. Please take some time to read this.

Mobile Phones and Smoking/Vaping

We have had reports of parents taking photos and videos on their phones whilst at school. Please can we ask that you do not use your mobile phone whilst on the school site. Also, just to remind you that there should be no smoking or vaping anywhere on the school grounds. Thank you for your support.

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Parents & Visitors**



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