

September 4th 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been very special welcoming all our children back to school, including our new pupils. I am sure they have been pretty tired when they get home as they get used to school life once again.

Thank you for your help at pick up time, finding the appropriate place to stand and wait for your child to make the handover from class teachers as smooth as possible. We appreciate that we have a bit of a bottle neck with the design of our back path, so your patience and co-operation at pick-up really helps. If your child is in Year 5 or 6, please consider meeting them outside the school gate if they don't already do so. We just need to know this is your intention if you haven't already told us.

Please note that the gates open at 3:05pm for pick up.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

Wednesday 9th September – Meet the teacher

Please see below for information about these meetings starting at 3:30

Friday 11th September – House team photos

Children will need to wear PE kit on Friday 11th, as we will be taking team photos in their house colour. The team photos are for internal use only and not placed on our website or published more widely.

Ordering Lunches

Please order your child's lunch (if hot school lunch) on the Scopay app. Please download this app on your smart phone if you haven't already done so. **Please make sure your child knows which option they have picked for lunch each day.**

'Meet the teacher' opportunities - 3:30pm to 4pm on Wednesday 10th September

We once held these in the evening, but found that many more parents came along when we changed the timing to straight after school.

These meetings are a chance for you to find out about the year ahead and meet the team of teachers working in your child's year group. There will be mention, for instance, of special events throughout the year and home learning expectations. Slides are made available to parents afterwards.

If you are able to come along, we ask that you meet your child after school and return just before 3:30pm (or wait with them on the playground until 3:30pm). A staff member will then come onto the playground and invite into the school at 3:30pm.

Signs/adults will direct you to the appropriate place for your meeting:

Year 3 – School hall (via the two playground entrances)

Year 4 – Classroom 4M (via the back path – third classroom)

Year 5 – Classroom 5C (upstairs via the back path and second stairwell)

Year 6 – Classroom 6A (via the back path)

Supervision of children during the meeting on 9th September

We will provide staff to supervise Yattendon children in the playground and astroturf, as space in the classrooms will be limited. **Please keep children that are not Yattendon pupils with you/make alternative arrangements.** Yattendon pupils may be collected from the playground straight after the meetings (approximately 4pm).

Finally, we are aware that Arbor is causing issues to some parents and apologise for this. Thank you for bearing with us whilst we make our best effort to iron out technical issues.

As always, please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

