

Newsletter



5th September 2025

We are delighted to welcome everyone back for the start of a brand-new academic year. It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled into their routines, returning with enthusiasm and a readiness to learn. The school is already buzzing with energy and positivity, and it's clear that the children are happy to be back.

A special welcome goes to our new Reception children and their families. Starting school is a big milestone, and we are so proud of how confidently our youngest pupils have embraced their new environment. They are already making friends, exploring their classrooms, and joining in with activities with great excitement.

Across the school, the children look incredibly smart in their uniforms, and we thank parents and carers for helping them start the year looking their best. It's lovely to see such pride in their appearance—it sets a positive tone for the term ahead.

We're looking forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences. Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a successful and joyful year for all.



Some general reminders on organisation

Drop-off and collection:

- Thank you for clarifying your 'end of day' gate choice and notifying us of those older children who will leave the school site by themselves at the end of the school day.
- Please may we ask that clear the main driveway quickly to ensure that everyone is safe.
- If you use the side gate, please do not block the gateway and be mindful of bicycles
- We kindly ask that you are patient and respectful of other families and staff at all times. We aim to release the children as quickly, and safely as possible.

Outdoor (Farm & Forest sessions)

- Wellies need to be kept in school.
- During the timetabled weeks, outdoor learning will take place: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. If there are any changes, we will let you know. Children come to school dressed in appropriate clothing.

Attendance

Follow the link to our policy (**GA Academy Attendance Policy 2025_2026**) which is on our [website](#).

Classes/teachers	Wear PE Kit to school
Reception City of London (Miss Bowers)	Monday (Indoor) Yoga, Friday (indoor)
1 Dorset (Miss Fielding)	Monday (Indoor) Yoga, Wednesday (indoor)
2 Antrim (Miss McCallion)	Tuesday (Indoor)
2 Shetland (Miss Cooper)	Tuesday (Indoor)
3 Hampshire (Mrs Hathaway-Bell)	Wednesday (outdoor) Thursday (Indoor)
3 Pembrokeshire (Mr Madeley)	Wednesday (outdoor) Thursday (Indoor)
4 Warwickshire (Mr Bradshaw)	Monday (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)
4 Yorkshire (Miss McElroy)	Monday (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)
5 Cornwall (Miss Garey)	Monday (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)
5 Somerset (Miss Bartlett)	Monday (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)
6 Derbyshire (Miss Martin)	Monday (swimming – Autumn Term) – wear PE kit; bring swimming kit including towel. Wednesday (Outdoor)

PE Kit

On the days that your child has PE, they will come to school already dressed in their PE kit rather than their school uniform. Please note that it is weather appropriate i.e. children do not have to wear shorts in the winter. They will need to wear their shoes or trainers. Trainers will be worn for outdoor PE, but we ask all children (Reception to Year 6) to have a pair of **black pumps which they will keep in school. Trainers will NOT be worn for indoor PE sessions as these are usually dance, gymnastics etc, and will be done in black pumps or bare feet.**



Jewellery... A gentle reminder that our uniform policy clearly states:

“On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are:

ear-ring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance e.g. a crucifix on a chain or Sikh Kara (NB: this would need to be agreed by Headteacher following a discussion with parents as to the religious significance for that child/family)

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons. Staff are not allowed to remove earrings unless permission is granted by parents. If they are newly pierced, children may bring plasters from home for a sensible period of time (i.e. 6-8 weeks to support healing) to cover them during PE/games; however, the child must place them on/off their earrings themselves. The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

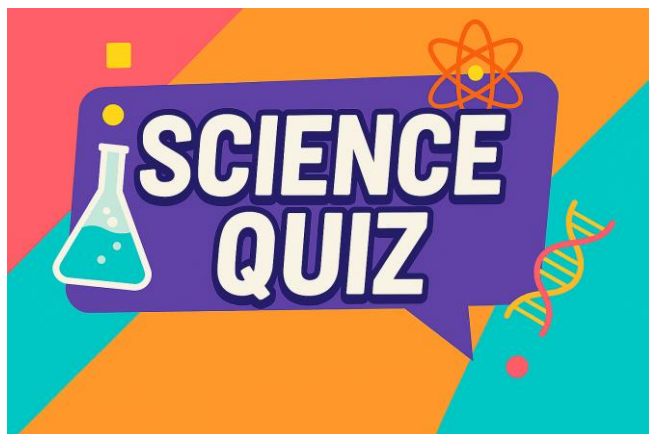
Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.

Week beginning:	Outdoor Week	Class Assembly/Workshop	Family Lunch
01.09.25	No Outdoor	No Class Assembly	No Family Lunch
08.09.25	3 Pembrokeshire	No Class Assembly	No Family Lunch
15.09.25	3 Hampshire	3 Pembrokeshire	6 Derbyshire
22.09.25	2 Antrim	3 Hampshire	5 Cornwall
29.09.25	2 Shetland	2 Antrim	5 Somerset
06.10.25	Year 5 Somerset	2 Shetland	4 Warwickshire
13.10.25	Year 5 Cornwall plus Year 6s who are not going to WML (Year 6 at Whitemoor Lakes)	5 Somerset	4 Yorkshire
20.10.25	No outdoor week	Harvest	Reception City of London
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03.11.25	Reception City of London	Year 6 – Whitemoor Lakes Assembly	1 Dorset
10.11.25	4 Warwickshire	5 Cornwall	2 Shetland
17.11.25	4 Yorkshire	1 Dorset	2 Antrim
24.11.25	1 Dorset	Reception City of London	3 Pembrokeshire
01.12.25	No Outdoor	Year 4 joint assembly	3 Hampshire
08.12.25	No Outdoor	No Class Assembly	No Family Lunch
15.12.25	No Outdoor	No Class Assembly	No Family Lunch

For Class Assembly/Workshop, 2 family adults per child may attend.

You told us, we listened...

Our Workshops will be linked to the Science topics your children are learning about this term. This is our third subject-based workshop and hope that they will be as successful as our Reading and Maths (TTRS) ones.



Summer Reading Challenge

Many of our children took part in the 'Summer Reading Challenge' during the holidays which was run by the local library service. They read a variety of fiction and non-fiction books, including those about monster and fairies! All of the children received a certificate and a medal once they had read the required amount. They also chose a small gift from school when they brought in their certificate. Here are a few of those who took part...



Every Read Counts!

Our new 'reading challenge' (*Every Read Counts*) is about to start! Every time a child reads at home, and it is logged online via the digital reading log, the children will move from county to county, collecting points as they go. The children can choose when they 'cash-in' their points for a certificate, thumbs up, a small prize, or a book. As parents and carers, we ask that you remember to log their reads and encourage them in their quest.



Harvest Service: Tuesday 21st October at St Peter's Church. Timings are 10:00am and 1:30pm. Further booking information will follow.

Parent's Evening: Tuesday 21st October & Wednesday 22nd October. Further booking information will follow.

Nativity (Rec/Y1/Y2): Tuesday 9th December (School hall - 10am/2pm/5pm. Further booking information will follow.

"It's Christmas!" (Year 5/6) Wednesday 10th December (School hall - 10am/2pm/5pm. Further booking information will follow.

Christmas production: A Christmas Carol (Year 3/4) Thursday 11th December (School hall - 10am/2pm/5pm. Further booking information will follow.

INSET Days (school closed to pupils):

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2025



Year 6

Our children in 6 Derbyshire have all shared their 'House Captain' speeches this morning; they were so confident and did an amazing job! Those who did not win the voting, chose their own badges all linked with responsibilities. We are very proud of them all and know that they will be superb role models within their respective roles.

House captains



St. George
Tori-Mae
Kylan



St. Patrick
Jade
Bradley



St. David
Scarlett MW
Phoebe



St. Andrew
Merida
Mia



Ambassadors
Roscoe
Oscar
Tyler
Daryl
Leo
Ryan
Lennie
Max
Zachary



Wellbeing Champions
Gracie-Mai
Isabelle
Scarlett L
Kenulie



Sports Council
Cain
Harvey
Cody
Adele
Bella
Finley



Sports Council Leader
Deirbhile