

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is nothing quite like the first day back at school. To see so many smiling, excited faces coming through the gates is always superb to see, especially knowing how much hard work teachers and support staff have put in to make sure the first few days back ensure a great transition for children.

All staff were on site for training on Tuesday and Wednesday, focusing on our school priorities of oracy, adaptive teaching and community partnership. These can be seen [here on our website](#). We also spent time reflecting on the new Compass Eko mission statement of 'Every child achieving, without exception.' We are proud to be part of a forward-thinking trust that puts children first.

We have begun the year with a school project focusing on oracy, through a Let's Think lesson. The prompt is a video called 'Broken,' which you can see [here on Youtube](#). How children access the content has been adapted based on age, and all children have been immersed through purposeful dialogue and creative thinking to start the year.

Both today and yesterday have also seen whole school assemblies. Whilst focusing on our value of the half-term, respect, the children also had the opportunity to reflect on their best day or moment from last year, and who made a difference to them.

Please be reminded about our small changes, for some, to drop off and pick up – you can read about this [here](#). I would also like to remind all parents and carers that during these times the playground is a phone-free area.

Over the next two weeks, there are already opportunities to build continued partnership with the school. On **Wednesday 9th September, at both 9am and 6pm**, I will lead the annual Headteacher briefing that looks at the year ahead. If you are able to attend, please report to the school office on arrival.

The following week, we look forward to welcoming you into school for our **'Meet the Teacher' session which will take place as follows:**

Tuesday 15th September at 9am – Years 1, 2 and 4

Wednesday 16th September at 9am – Years 3, 5 and 6

These sessions are a great opportunity to visit your child's new classroom and hear more about the year ahead.

If you haven't already registered your interest for your child in Year 1–Year 6 to attend one of our after-school activity clubs this term and would like to do so, please remember to complete [this form](#) by midnight tonight (Friday). Club places will be advised next week [via MyChildAtSchool](#) with clubs starting week commencing 14th September.



Finally, following [the email sent earlier today](#), a reminder that the **voluntary contribution for educational visits during this academic year** is now live [on MyChildAtSchool](#). Contributions help us to continue offering enriching experiences for all children. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff or email hornpark@compassps.uk

Have a wonderful weekend,

Jack Green
Headteacher

Reception 2027 Schools Tours

Do you know any local families with children who are due to join a Reception class in September 2027?

If so, we are offering tours of the school. Please [click here](#) to book one of our upcoming school tours.

Dates for your diary

04/09: Midnight tonight - Deadline to register for Autumn Term After School Activity Clubs [here](#)

09/09: 9am Headteacher briefing – Please report to the school office on arrival

09/09: 6pm Headteacher briefing - Please report to the school office on arrival

10/09: 3.20pm Year 6 Secondary Transfer meeting for parents & carers

w/c 14/09: After School Activity Clubs start for children in Years 1-6 (Places will be issued [via MyChildAtSchool](#) by the end of next week)

15/09: 9am Year 1, 2 & 4 Meet the Teacher

16/09: 9am Year 3, 5 & 6 Meet the Teacher

30/09: International Evening - more info to follow

31/10: Secondary School Application period closes

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Term dates for the 2026 – 2027 academic year are [here](#).

For more information, please click on any wording underlined in this newsletter.

Attendance Matters

Good attendance is key to success both educationally and beyond.

For this reason, we aim for 100% attendance.

Best Year Group: Year 3 – 100%

Book Recommendation

Year 6 Blackfriars are reading 'The House with Chicken Legs' by Sophie Anderson this half term, which is a spellbinding story of one girl's adventure to find her destiny. Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays in one place long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning! Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas...



This book is perfect for anyone interested in Slavic folklore, or just a brilliant story, and one which completely entrances you from start to finish!

ONLINE LEARNING (Homework)



Term Value:
Respect

Lunch menu:
Week 1
w/c 7th September 2026

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