

Dear parents and carers,

Our first full week of the academic year has been a fantastic one: children have transitioned into routines excellently and are displaying the values in abundance both in and out of the classroom.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers at the [Headteacher briefing](#) on Wednesday. A highlight was being able to discuss what made you all proud of your children last year, which only further demonstrated the amazing impact our staff and parents/carers have when we work in partnership. It was exciting to share dates of key events coming up across the year, including [International Evening](#) which takes place on Wednesday 30th September.

Parents and carers of Key Stage 2 children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will have received an email this week about the introduction of the Daily Mile in the afternoons. The initiative is designed for children to move at their own pace for 15 minutes to improve physical and mental health, fitness, and classroom focus. With music playing, and adults participating, it already feels like a great community event. Please look out for future communication regarding our first 'Horn Parkrun' where we will invite parents and carers to take part with their children in our adjoining park. You can read more about the Daily Mile [here](#).

The only day of the week children in KS2 will not do the Daily Mile is a Friday, and that is because of our weekly timetabled 'Reading buddies.' Children in Years 1 to 6 pair up with another class to share in the magic of a story. At the same time, in Reception, either myself or Mrs Wood read the children one of our favourite stories. Getting to read one of my daughter's favourite books this afternoon, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' was certainly a highlight of my week.



This week, we published [a news article on our website](#) about Eltham Library's Story Writing Competition in connection with 'Elthamread' this year. The competition is for children aged 8 to 11, to write / type their own story (400 to 500 words) on the theme of 'Where I Live'. It can be factual or creative, as long as it is in a story form. Entrants must have a Library card and entries can be handed into Eltham Library Desk up to Wednesday 30th September.

I received some wonderful news from the PTA this week. Throughout the summer term, many of you shopped in Tesco and collected tokens as part of the 'Stronger Starts' campaign. It has been announced that we received the top level of funding: £1,500! This will go into playground equipment and development.



After School Activity Club places have now been issued [via MyChildAtSchool](#). If you have not received an email confirming your child's place in a club you registered their interest for, they have been placed on a waiting list, and the school office will be in touch if a place becomes available. After School Activity Clubs start for children in Years 1-6 start from Monday. A few clubs still have spaces, if you are interested in a club, please email hornpark@compassps.uk with your enquiry.

This coming week, we look forward to welcoming you into school for our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions:

- ❖ **Tuesday 15th September at 9am** – Years 1, 2 and 4
- ❖ **Wednesday 16th September at 9am** – Years 3, 5 and 6

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

w/c 14/09: After School Activity Clubs start for Year 1-6 children (Places have been issued via [MyChildAtSchool](#) – If your child did not get a place in a club you registered their interest for, they have been placed on a waiting list)

14/09: [Year 5 Richmond swimming lessons start](#)

15/09: [Year 5 Albert swimming lessons start](#)

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

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

22/10: [3.20pm Year 6 School Journey meeting](#)

23/09: 9-9.30am Reception Stay & Play

24/09: [Year 6 Old Royal Naval College Trip](#)

25/09: [Year 1 Maritime Museum Trip](#)

25/09: [Year 3 Natural History Museum Trip](#)

30/09: [9.15am - 10.30am Supporting Common Behaviour Difficulties at Home Workshop](#) (Led by lead practitioners from the Greenwich Mental Health Support Team)

30/09: [International Evening](#)

08/10: [Reception Eltham Library Trip](#)

14/10: 9-10am Reception Phonics Workshop – info to follow

22/10: Year 2 Hindu Temple Trip

31/10: [Secondary School Application period closes](#)

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

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Attendance Matters

Good attendance is key to success both educationally and beyond.

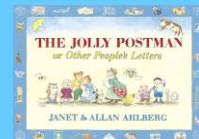
For this reason, we aim for 100% attendance.

This week's attendance: 97%

Best Year Group: Year 2 & 3 – 99%

Book Recommendation

Willows would like to recommend 'The Jolly Postman' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.



This story links beautifully with our topic of Traditional Tales. We particularly enjoyed reading the different letters in the book and guessing which character may have written them. The story has inspired lots of discussion, imagination, and excitement as we explore familiar fairy tale characters and their adventures!

ONLINE LEARNING (Homework)



Term Value:
Respect

Lunch menu:
Week 2
w/c 14th September 2026

