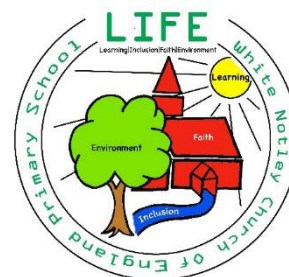


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5th September 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the start of the new academic year! It has been so lovely to welcome back the children and welcome our new ones. The reception children have had a fantastic start to primary school and it has been great to see them playing and learning so happily. We also say welcome to children who have joined us from other schools: Idris, Belle, Mia and Casey.

Please remember our neighbours

At drop off and pick up, please remember to drive down from the top of Vicarage Avenue and exit at the bottom by the Cross Keys. Please remember not to park over any dropped curbs, in the driveway across the road from school or in the disabled bay (unless you have a Blue Badge). If you can share lifts to reduce the number of cars and emissions - it would be appreciated!



School Dinners

School dinners are booked through schoolmoney. Please make sure that you book your child's dinners by Sunday evening, so we know numbers for food ordering. You can book as far ahead as half term if you wish.

Music lessons

Mr Timms comes to teach music on a Tuesday morning. If you would like your child to learn guitar, keyboard, piano or drums, please contact the office. Lessons are £8 for a 15-minute lesson. iRock come into school on a Thursday, where children learn keyboard, vocals, electric guitar or drums in a band. You can enrol your child by going to www.irockschool.com/enrol We also have the Essex music service, which provide music lessons for singing, flute, piano and keyboard. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Labelling belongings

Please make sure your children's belongings are all named, it does save a lot of time and helps us return belongings!

Communication

Your primary contact is your child's class teacher. You can approach them on the Green after school or message through Dojo. We are always here to help!

It's best to raise any concern early, so we can sort out any issues. As we are humans, we will not always get everything right, but we try jolly hard to be the best we can be. Our teachers are brilliant at working with you and are an incredible team. If you have a SEN query, please contact me, as I have taken over the Senco role this year. I am contactable through Class Dojo and am also at the gate every morning. Our fabulous office team, Mrs Hayes and Mrs Ponder will also answer any queries, especially to do with any admin side of the school.



Meet the Teachers

Classes 2, 3 and 4 will have Meet the Teachers meetings next week. They are a chance for teachers to let you know how the class is run and give messages such as the importance of reading at home. Class 4 will start theirs with some information about our upcoming residential to Hilltop. For those who can't make it, there is a follow up Zoom meeting for those going to Hilltop on Tuesday 9th. The link is posted on Class Dojo. Mrs FP will look after any children during Class 2 and 3's meeting. Class 1 will have a meeting towards the end of half term, where there will be a phonics workshop.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast club starts at 7:45am and costs £4 per day. The children have cereal, toast or beans on toast with a drink of milk, juice or water. Please buzz at the gate and accompany your child to the hall. After school club runs until 5:30pm each day and is £10 per day. The children receive a light meal. You can book your child into breakfast club and after school club through school money.

Hello from Kagio Primary School!

Our friends from Kenya sent us some photos to say welcome to the new school year. The Grade Three children had a lesson comparing White Notley to Kagio Primary earlier this week.



Diary dates the week beginning 8th September 2025:

Monday 8 th September:	Multi-Sports Club - 3:15pm Meet the Teachers - Class Four - 3:30pm
Tuesday 9 th September:	Mr Timms starts - music lessons Meet the Teacher - Class Three - 3:30pm
Wednesday 10 th September:	Class 3 and 4 Karate taster session 1-3pm
Thursday 11 th September:	Welcome back church service Classes 2-4: 2:30pm Meet the Teacher - Class Two - 3:30pm Free Karate Taster Session - 3:15pm
Friday 12 th September:	Tennis Club - 8am

Have a wonderful week,

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Patsy Fitzpatrick
Head of School

