

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Play together, learn together, grow together



This first half term really is **speeding by!** We have already welcomed **Ofsted** into school and look forward to being able to share the outcome of our inspection with you soon.

At Yaxley Infant School, we love giving our children opportunities to become **Responsible Rabbits**, taking on important roles and developing their **confidence, independence and sense of responsibility**.

There are lots of opportunities for children to be Responsible Rabbits and take an active role in school life. From our Reception children caring for **Tommy and Timmy**, to our **Reading Team, Play Leaders, Eco Team and Gardening Leaders**, there is something for everyone. Gardening has been so popular this year that we now need **two groups!**

We can't wait to see what all our teams achieve throughout the year. The groups will **change in the spring term**, giving more children the opportunity to take on a leadership role if they wish.

We are also really looking forward to seeing our **School Council** play an active role in school improvement this year. They will be sharing their ideas, listening to their classmates and helping to represent the **voice of all our children**.

It is wonderful to see our children taking pride in their school and learning that even our youngest children can make a difference. □

PE Kit

Children should wear their PE kit to school on their specified PE days. PE kit should include:

- Plain white T-shirt
- Green or black shorts
- Green or black tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt/jumper for colder weather, **with no logos**
- Trainers
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Spare socks, particularly important if children wear tights on PE days

PE and Jewellery

For safety, **earrings must be removed for all PE lessons**. Covering earrings with plasters is no longer considered a safe alternative, so earrings must be removed before taking part in PE.

Where children are unable to remove their earrings independently, **parents/carers are responsible for ensuring they are removed before school on PE days**. Thank you for your support with this. Thank you for your support in ensuring all children are **safe, appropriately dressed and ready to take part fully in PE**.

Individual School Photos – Thursday 8th October

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their full school uniform and brings along their best smile!



Dates for Your Diary – Autumn Term

October

- 8th Oct – Individual School Photos
- 20th, 21st & 22nd Oct – Parent-Teacher Consultations
- 23rd Oct – Staff Training – School closed to pupils

Half term Monday 26th –30th October

November

- 9th Nov—Whole school Diwali Day
- 11th Nov– Flu Vaccinations (in school)
- 13th Nov—Children in Need (Non-uniform)
- 16th Nov—Odd Socks Day (Anti-bullying)
- 20th Nov—Starlings cake sale

December

- 4th Dec—Friend's non-uniform day
- w/c 7th Dec Story Cafés (Parent invite)
- 10th Dec – Official Christmas Jumper Day & Craft Day
- 11th Dec Coffee morning & xmas raffle
- 14th Dec, 2.15pm, Christmas Songs Around the Tree
- 16th Dec - Whole school Church visit
- 18th Dec – Christmas Lunch in School & **Final Day of Term**

Harvest Festival—Thank you!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your incredibly generous donations to our Harvest Festival. Your kindness and support will make a real difference to those in need within our community.

Join us on **Wednesday 7th October** when we welcome **Mrs Brown, Headteacher at William de Yaxley.**



With primary school applications approaching, come along to **find out more about the school and ask any questions you may have.**

Everyone is welcome!

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place during the week beginning 19th October.

Parents will have the choice of an **online appointment or a face-to-face meeting** with their child's teacher.

Further communication will be sent out **soon with details of how to book your appointment.**

Is your child starting school in September 2027?

Come and see Yaxley Infant School in action!

We would love to welcome you for a tour of our school.

Tuesday 20th October | 9.30am or 3.30pm
Thursday 5th November | 9.30am or 3.30pm
Tuesday 10th November | 9.30am
Monday 16th November | 3.30pm

Come and meet our team, explore our school and discover why Yaxley Infant School is a wonderful place to play, learn and grow.

Phone: 01733 240918 **Email:** office@yaxley.cambs.sch.uk

Whole School Diwali Craft Day Monday 9th November —Normal school uniform

We are so excited to share that our whole school will be celebrating **Diwali** – the Festival of Light with a special Diwali Craft Day!

Children from all classes will come together to enjoy a fun filled day of colourful, creative Diwali crafts. It's a wonderful opportunity for everyone to mix, make new friends, and learn about the traditions of this joyful festival.

We can't wait to see the school bursting with colour, light and creativity! Let's make this Diwali craft day a bright and happy celebration for everyone!

Odd socks day



Anti-Bullying Week 2026 will take place from Monday 16th - Friday 20th November, with the theme: Break the Silence.

Please can the children **wear odd socks** to support this on **Monday 16th November.**

Autumn/Winter Reminder:

As the weather gets colder, please make sure your child comes to school **wrapped up warmly** with a **warm coat, hat, gloves and scarf.**



Every Day Counts

Thank you for supporting good attendance and punctuality. Being in school every day and arriving on time helps children make the most of every learning opportunity.

Please remember that **school doors are open from 8:40am to 8:50am**. School starts promptly after this time, so please ensure your child arrives **ready to be in class by 8:50am.**

13th November

No school uniform.



This year, we're inviting pupils to dress down (& wear something spotty if preferred) and bring in a **small donation** to support the cause.

If you feel able to contribute, we kindly suggest a donation of **£1**, but any amount is greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go directly to Children in Need.

Starlings Bake Sale

Starlings Class will be hosting the first bake sale of the year on **Friday 20th November**, straight after school. Come along to the playground and enjoy a delicious selection of treats!

To support allergy safety, homemade and shop-bought cakes will be kept separate. All homemade cakes should be provided with a full list of ingredients, and shop-bought items should remain in their original packaging with allergen information clearly available.