

Dear families,

As we approach the end of this half term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to share some important information about the first week back after the break.

When we return, we will be starting the new half term with two key initiatives — Welcome Back Week with a focus designed to help students settle quickly, re-establish routines, and start the term positively.

Welcome Back Week

“Welcome Back Week” plays a vital role in helping both students and staff transition smoothly from the break back into the routines of school life. It provides a structured opportunity to reconnect, refocus, and reset for the half term ahead.

Throughout the week, we will:

- Reaffirm our shared expectations and school values.
- Remind students what it means to be part of our school: to *work hard, be kind, and belong*.
- Celebrate past successes, highlight upcoming opportunities, and reignite enthusiasm for learning.
- Introduce the focus for Welcome Back Week.

This week is all about starting the half term with energy, purpose, and positivity, ensuring every student feels ready and motivated to succeed.

The focus for the welcome back week will be essential daily equipment, with the theme of being fully prepared for learning every day, arriving to school with all the correct equipment to maximise learning time in the classroom.

Having the correct equipment supports students to take responsibility for their learning and demonstrates organisation and pride in their work. When everyone is prepared, lessons run smoothly, focus remains high, and we can all achieve more together.

Please support your child by ensuring they have the following essential daily equipment for the start of the new half term:

- Black pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Purple pen
- Two highlighters (not green or orange)
- Scientific calculator

Students who arrive ready to learn with all the correct essential daily equipment during welcome back week will receive 5 positive points during tutor time as part of the daily checks. A further 2 points will be rewarded for lesson equipment checks, carried out by their subject teacher. Those who achieve 50 positive Focus

Work hard. Be kind. Belong.

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Week points by the end of the week will be entered into a prize draw — with one winner from each year group receiving a lifestyle voucher.

Students who arrive without their daily essential equipment will be issued with a negative point by their tutor in the morning only and will go into a same day 30-minute reflection after school. The reflection will start on Tuesday 4th November.

Please note that essential daily equipment can be purchased from school if needed. Our accounts office is open before school, at breaktime and lunchtime.

Black Pen	5p
Calculator	£9.50
Eraser	5p
Exam Pencil Case	£1.05
Glue Stick	70p
Highlighter	20p
Pencil	5p
Purple Pen	5p
Ruler	10p
Sharpener	10p

We look forward to welcoming students back after the break and beginning the new half term with focus, enthusiasm, and a shared commitment to work hard, be kind and belong.

Thank you, as always, for your support in helping every student be ready to learn and thrive.

Yours sincerely,

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