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Term 1 2025- Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Festival next Friday 17th October. The children have been practising their songs and each class will present something for you that they have been focusing on in class.

Our parents evening in the last week of term is a time when you can find out from your child's class teacher how they have settled in to the new school year and what they need to work on. Please make sure that you have signed up for your 10 minute session via the e schools portal. You can contact the school office if you have any difficulties with this. These take place in the school hall. Your child's books will be available for you to look at in their classrooms. Their class teacher may have some of them to share with you at the meeting.

If you find you need longer than 10 mins after your conversation with the teacher then please make arrangements to meet at another time that is mutually convenient so that we can ensure all families have their slot at their allocated time. Thank you.

The Friends of Laughton are planning the Halloween disco at end of term. This will be straight after school on Friday 24th October. Please see more details later in this newsletter.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Underwater class** who achieved the highest attendance of **100%** last week and to **Underwater** for the highest attendance of **100%** this week. Well done.

Our target for this year is **96.5%** and our current whole school attendance is **94.7%**



REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received their next Pupil Point certificates.

300 Points	Bugs: Dougie
400 Points	Jungle: Jemima
600 Points	Bugs: Cassius
1700 Points	Jungle: Woody
1800 Points	Jungle: Oscar

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The online booking window for our parent consultations on **21st** and **23rd October** is now open. You will need to use your parent portal login to access this. If you have any problems, please contact the office. Thank you.

Diary

October 2025

Mon 13 th	New to EYFS 2026 Open session
Wed 15 th	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 17 th	Harvest assembly 2:30p.m
Tue 21 st	Parents evening 3:30-6p.m
Thu 23 rd	Parents evening 3:30-6p.m
Fri 24 th	Last day of term I

Friends of Laughton spooky disco
after school

November 2025

Mon 3 rd	Children return to school - T2
Thurs 6 th	New to EYFS 2026 Open session
Week beginning 10 th	Anti Bullying week
Tues 11 th	Remembrance assembly
Weds 12 th	Jungle Class Residential trip
Sat 15 th	Friends of Laughton 'Not a Pub Quiz' 7pm School Hall
Fri 28 th	INSET day

December 2025

Weds 10 th	Nativity 9.15am & 2.15pm
Fri 12 th	Christmas Concert Bonanza
Weds 17 th	Christmas Dinner

INSET days 2025/26

Fri 28th Nov / Mon 5th Jan/
Mon 22nd June / Weds 22nd July

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Thank you to everybody who donated cakes and to those who attended our Macmillan coffee afternoon on the 26th September. We raised **£149.91** for an amazing charity. We are so grateful for your generosity.



EX PUPIL APPOINTED HOOKE PROFESSOR OF EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS

We have received the exciting news that an ex pupil David Lucas who attended this school from 1978-1983 has been appointed Hooke Professor of Experimental Physics at Oxford University. What an inspiration for our students.

YEAR 6 SAFETY IN ACTION

Our year 6 pupils had the opportunity this week to go to Plumpton Racecourse to attend an event called Safety in Action. Children from over 20 primary schools in the Lewes district had the chance to test their skills in an emergency. The event was organised jointly by East Sussex Fire and Rescue, Sussex Police, Ambulance Service, Southern Rail and aims to teach children how to deal with different safety scenarios in relation to fires, accidents, electricity, dogs, strangers, water safety, roads and internet safety. Mia said 'I liked learning how to be safe around electricity. We learnt that if you hold a wire too close it can give you a shock.'

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival will take place on **Friday 17th October at 2:30pm** and you are welcome to join us if you would like to. We are collecting food for the Hailsham Foodbank; and they will be collecting the donations from School the following week.

Hailsham Foodbank are currently low in stock of the following items:

- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned meat
- Tinned soup
- Long-life juice
- Toilet rolls
- Sweets/chocolate
- Shower gel
- Biscuits
- Sanitary products
- Tinned tomatoes



You can also visit their website to get up to date information on what they need or currently have enough of:
<https://hailsham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

POETRY COMPETITION

Well done to our poetry competition finalists, Jemima, Florrie and Elias. The final took place at Ringmer Primary School. They recited their poems in front of an audience of students, teachers and parents and they all did extremely well. We are very proud of them, they represented our school beautifully. Elias said 'It was very exciting and I loved to perform in front of everyone.'

OPEN SESSIONS

We are having the first of our Open Sessions for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2026 on **Monday 13th October 2025 at 9.15am & 1.30pm**. So that we can monitor numbers, please can you book with the school office on 01323 811306 or email laughtonoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk where you will also need to confirm who will be attending with you. We have sent a j peg out of our flier to you via email so please share on social media sites for us to get the information out to local communities. Please let friends, family and neighbours know.



Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year. The other Open Day dates are on **Thursday 6th November 2025** and **Thursday 8th January 2026**. The ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2026**.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2026 you will soon receive a leaflet about how to apply. Information can also be found on;

https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary_school/

The closing date for secondary school admissions close on **Friday 31st October**.

UNDERWATER – PUMPKIN DONATION

Underwater's story book next week will be 'Pumpkin soup'. Any donations of pumpkins will be greatly received as we will be using them in abundance! Thank you

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

Bookings are now open for the Halloween disco on **Friday 24th October 3.30-4.30pm**.

Please use the link below or QR code on the poster to pay online and book your child/ren a place. If you'd prefer to pay cash, please do leave it with the school office. The cost is **£5/child or £3/non-school-aged siblings** (who will want food/to do crafts, really little ones are free!). Booking closes on **Friday 17th October**.

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q1SIF03S>

Thank you for all your support.

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Jeanette Fuller