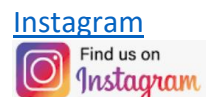


News from the Federation 12th September 2025



This September has seen a change to the way we teach Phonics across the Federation. We have been training the teachers over the summer term and during Inset days to have a solid start for the new academic year using our new Phonics programme, Little Wandle. This week, I have been into classes to see the new lessons in action and to support teachers with their practice. It has been wonderful to see the calm and focused learning environments in the phonic and reading sessions – a fantastic start using Little Wandle. Well done to all the children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) for this brilliant start!

Little Wandle is a complete phonics programme which draws on the latest research into how children learn best; how to ensure learning stays in children's long term memory and how best to enable children to apply their learning to become highly competent readers. We have a parent session on 23rd September to share more about how we teach phonics. More information can be found here: [Letters and Sounds | A complete Phonics resource to support children](https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=133)

We also have meet the teacher sessions next week, we are looking forward to seeing you for these sessions to share information and work together to support your child in their learning journey at school. Please continue to read for dates and times.

Mrs Calverley

Year 6 WWII day:

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in their new topic and building on their knowledge of the Second World War. We listened to Neville Chamberlain's announcement of Britain's involvement in the war and learned more about what brought this about. We looked at government-issued posters encouraging families to evacuate their children from the cities and heard the sound of an air raid siren. We talked about the need to carry gas masks and ID cards and we talked about bravery and created medals for those people.



Dates and Events

These can be found on our website using the link:
<https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=133>

Term Dates:

Wk/b 15th September, Meet the Teacher sessions

Wednesday 24th September - Wednesday 1st October, Book Fair

Tuesday 23 September @ 8:50am, Phonics Learning Cafe

Friday 3rd October, Year 6 trip to Duxford

Thursday 10th October, Year 3 trip to Wandlebury

Important reminders

Staff carpark: The car park is for staff only. Please do not use it for drop-offs or pick-ups.

School Equipment before and after school: Please do not use the climbing frame or school equipment before school. Thank you.

No Ball Games: For the safety of everyone, no ball games are allowed on the playground before school starts.

Pick-up Permission: If someone else is collecting your child, written permission must be provided. Please email the school office to inform us of a change.

Meet the Teacher:

We are looking forward to welcoming families into school that they can meet their child's class teacher and so that we can share lots of important information. Please see the table below so that you can put the date in your diary.

Time	Year group
Monday 15 th 9am	Year 6
Monday 15 th 2:30pm	Year 3
Tuesday 16 th 9am	Year 5
Tuesday 16 th 2:30pm	Year 1
Friday 19 th 9am	Year 2
Monday 22 nd @ 9am	Year 4

Phonics Sessions on Tuesday 23 September @ 8:50am:



The aim of this session is to introduce families to our new phonics and reading programme, Little Wandle. If you want to learn more about how we will be teaching phonics at the Federation, please do come along. This is such a wonderful opportunity for families to learn alongside their children and to support them with their learning at home

Book Fair, Wednesday 24th September (after school) until Tuesday 30th September:



The Book Fair will be open from the following times. Online payments using the QR code are preferred please.

Wednesday 24th: 3:15 – 3:45
Thursday 25th: 8:20 – 8:35 and 3:15 – 3:45
Friday 26th: 8:20 – 8:35 and 3:15 – 3:45
Monday 29th: 8:20 – 8:35 and 3:15 – 3:45
Tuesday 30th: 8:20 – 8:35 and 3:15 – 3:45

Support for OPAL:

More scooters please! If you have a scooter at home that you are no longer using, please donate it to our OPAL project by dropping it off at the school office. Opal assemblies have restarted; children have been having a great time in the water, sand and wheels area. It has been so heartwarming to see the older children helping to support the younger children in the playground garden.