



Friday 3rd September 2026



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school and see all the children's smiling faces again. I have to say, there were also some very big smiles from parents as they left the playground—although I'm sure this was simply because they were pleased that their children were so happy to be back, and nothing to do with getting a little bit of freedom back!

It was also lovely to welcome our new Reception children into school today. They looked very smart in their school uniforms and settled into their first session really well. There were only a few tears, and thankfully they didn't last long at all! We are very proud of how well they managed their first day and look forward to watching them settle into life at Lowercroft.

The children across school have settled back in really well, and it has been a lovely start to the new school year.

PE & Celebration Assembly

Mr Ennis will be teaching PE throughout school this year. The children have met him before, and he is an experienced PE coach who we are very pleased to welcome back to Lowercroft.

As Celebration Assembly is moving from Friday afternoon to Friday morning, our PE day will now be Thursday. Mr Ennis will also lead a "Wake Up, Shake Up" session on Thursday mornings to get everyone moving at the start of the day. We aim to start this in a few weeks time, the date will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Celebration Assembly will now take place on Friday mornings. Parents and carers of children receiving a certificate will still be invited to join us, and we will let you know if your child has been chosen.

Curiosity Boards:

We will be continuing with our Curiosity Boards this year. We had some fantastic projects brought into school last year and loved seeing the different ways in which children responded to the activities.

This year, Curiosity Board activities will be a compulsory homework task, with every child expected to complete at least one activity each term.

We know that family life can be very busy, so there will be a range of activities to choose from, including some that do not involve lots of crafting or require parents to buy materials. The aim is to give children the chance to explore something that interests them, work with a little more independence and share something they are proud of. It is also a lovely opportunity for children to use their imagination and show talents that we may not always see through their usual classwork.

All projects should be brought into school on the first Monday back after each school holiday.- Tuesdays if it is a bank holiday. On the Tuesday, we will hold a "Show and Tell Gallery" so that the children can look at and celebrate the work completed across school.

Based on some of the amazing projects we received last year, we know there is plenty of creativity out there, and we want to give everyone the chance to unleash it!

New Telephone System:

We have had a new telephone system installed over the summer and are still getting used to it. We have had some problems accessing answerphone messages, so please do not leave any urgent or time-sensitive messages on the answerphone for the time being. If your message is urgent, please email the school office instead.

A technician is due to come in and sort the problem, so hopefully everything will be working properly very soon. Thank you for bearing with us!

Diary Dates:

We will include the key dates for the term in next week's newsletter. These will include our annual Curriculum Meetings, when parents and carers are invited into school for an informal meeting with their child's class teacher to find out more about the year ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We are looking forward to another happy and successful year at Lowercroft.

Mrs. McGadie

& The Lowercroft Team

