



Jacobstow News

FLOURISHING FUTURES - LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and were able to spend some special time together with your families.

It has been fantastic to see the children return to school this week, full of energy and enthusiasm. I was genuinely blown away by the confidence shown by some of our youngest pupils — travelling by bus for the very first time and wearing their uniforms so proudly. This really is a testament to the strong foundations they build during their nursery years, which means that when they join us in Reception, they already feel comfortable and familiar with our school environment.

Across the whole school, children have come back extremely happy and have settled so well into their new classes. It has been a real pleasure to see them so enthusiastic about learning and being part of school life once again.

I am really excited about what this year holds for us here at Jacobstow Community Academy – below you will find dates for the year ahead and some information about changes to homework; the clubs happening this half term and P.E days for each class. On your child's P.E day, they should come to school in their PE kit. On all other days, please ensure that children are in their full school uniform. It has been wonderful to see so many children looking so smart and wearing their uniforms with such pride as they begin the new academic year.

I am delighted to be able to share some joyful news with you all. One of our much-loved teachers, Miss Hunter, is expecting a baby in November! We are absolutely thrilled for her and know you will join us in sending her our very best wishes for a happy and healthy pregnancy. Miss Hunter continues to give so much to the children in her class and to our school community, and this new chapter is an incredibly special time for her. We know how deeply she cares for the children she teaches, and that is why we have worked hard to ensure a smooth and supportive transition when the time comes. From mid-November, Mrs Brewster will be teaching the class. As a familiar and trusted face at our school, and somebody who teaches the children regularly, we are confident this will provide continuity and reassurance for the children. But for now, let us celebrate this wonderful news and surround Miss Hunter with all our good wishes as she prepares for her exciting new arrival!

Finally, I want to share with you part of a lovely letter I received this morning from Lucy Livings, the regional director for the Department for Education. The letter said:

"I wanted to write to let you know how pleased I was to see your school improve from Inadequate to Good in all Judgements in your latest Ofsted report, following the inspection ... This is a fantastic

achievement. It was good to see from the inspection report how effectively you and your staff, with the support of the Learning Academy Partnership (SouthWest), are responding to and addressing the areas for improvement identified at the last inspection. You must be encouraged to see your hard work and commitment reflected in the inspectors' comments. It is good to read that you and your leadership team are beginning to secure necessary improvements to ensure your pupils' success at the school. I was particularly pleased to read about the schools caring and respectful culture providing high levels of pastoral care. It was also great to see the love for reading embedded across the school as early as nursery and reception. I look forward to seeing Jacobstow Community Academy continue to develop and thrive in the future."

This was such a joy to receive and is an endorsement of our school – I felt so proud and hope you do too.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and hope you enjoy time together as a family.

With best wishes,

Michelle Jones
Headteacher

Clubs

	Lunch Club	After School Club 3:20 – 4:15pm		
Monday		Choir Year 2 -6		Homework Club Year 2 -6
Tuesday		Netball Club KS2	Creative Club Year 1-6	Homework Club Year 2 - 6
Wednesday				
Thursday	Sports Leader Games KS2	Tchoukball Year 2 -6		
Friday	Fundamental Skills KS1	Touch / Tag Rugby Year 2 -6		

P.E Days

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Maple Class	Oak Class
Thursday	Wednesday Thursday	Monday Friday	Tuesday Friday

Homework



We have been reflecting on the way we approach homework and how we celebrate it at Jacobstow. In the past, we have held a *Homework Gallery* at the end of each term. This year, we are making a change: instead of a Homework Gallery, we will be holding a *Learning Gallery*.

This will mean that **every child** will take part — not just those who have completed the optional home learning tasks. Each child will select a piece of work from the term that they are most proud of, and this will be displayed in the gallery. Parents will be invited in, and children will have the opportunity to talk about the work they have chosen. We believe this is a more inclusive approach and one that allows every child to celebrate their achievements.

Homework will continue to be sent out weekly (please see the table below for details). We ask that you support your child as much as possible with their home learning — your encouragement really does make a difference.

In addition, you will see in the *Clubs* section that on two days of the week children can stay after school to complete their homework with the support of a teacher if they wish.

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Maple Class	Oak Class
Flash cards will be sent home to help children learn sounds. Miss McCarten will be sending home links to videos, which will support you with this. This will come via tapestry. Homework in Cherry Class will be progressive and any changes will be communicated to you from Miss McCarten.	Numbots (logins will be sent home)	Times Table Rockstars (logins will be sent home)	
	Maths Weekly maths homework sheet focussing on basic number	Maths Weekly maths homework sheet focussing on number, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division	
	Spellings Spelling Shed logins will be sent home – children should engage with the online games. A spelling sheet will also be sent home to complete – this will link to the learning that is taking place in class.		
Reading – Listening to and reading with your children is one of the greatest investment of your time that you can give them. Reading daily should be a priority in all year groups – continue to read to and with your children as much as possible, regardless of how well they read, and encourage them to read for pleasure.			
Additional home learning On occasions, your child may come home with an additional task to complete – this will be the exception not the norm. If your child would like to carry out additional learning or creative projects in line with what they are learning, they are free to do so and we would love to see what they have done. They can also show this in our Learning Gallery.			

Dates for the Year ahead

Date
Tuesday 2nd September – INSET DAY
Wednesday 3rd September – First day of Autumn Term
Monday 8th September – Home learning begins
Thursday 2nd October – CENSUS DAY
Friday 3rd October – Flu vaccines

Friday 17th October – Toscana Strings – Soundwave SW
Wednesday 22nd October – Harvest Festival @ church
Monday 27th – Friday 31st October – HALF TERM
Monday 3rd November – INSET DAY
Tuesday 4th November – Parent’s Evening
Thursday 6th November – Oak Class to Cornwall at war Museum
Thursday 6th November – Parent’s Evening
Friday 28th November – Non –uniform for Christmas Hampers TBC
Thursday 4th December – Learning Gallery
Monday 8th December – am Nativity dress Rehearsal – pm Nativity to Parents
Tuesday 9th December – pm Nativity to Parents
Wednesday 17th December – am Christmas Service @ church – Christmas lunch
Thursday 18th December – 6pm Christingle Service for School & community
Friday 19th December – Christmas parties – Last day of term
Monday 5th January – INSET DAY
Tuesday 6th January – First day of Spring term
Friday 9th January – Whole school (ex nursery) to Pantomime
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February – HALF TERM
Monday 23rd February – INSET DAY
Tuesday 10th March – Parent’s Evening
Thursday 12th March – Parent's Evening
Wednesday 1st April – Easter Service @ church – Learning Gallery
Thursday 2nd April – Last day of term
Monday 20th April – INSET DAY
Tuesday 21st April – First day of Summer term
Friday 1st May – INSET DAY
Monday 4th May – BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 11th May – SATS WEEK
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – HALF TERM
Friday 19th June – Sports Day & summer Festival TBC
Thursday 9th July – Learning Gallery
Tuesday 14th July – KS2 Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 15th July – pm Performance to parents
Thursday 16th July – evening performance to parents
Tuesday 21st July – 6pm Graduation service @ church
Wednesday 22nd July – pm End of year assembly – Last day of term
Thursday 23rd July – INSET DAY

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