



## School Day Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a small change to the structure of the school day, which will take effect from **1<sup>st</sup> September 2026**.

From this date, the school day will start at **8:45am and finish at 3:15pm**

**Why are we making this change?**

The Department for Education expects all mainstream primary schools to provide a minimum of 32.5 hours per week. Our current school day falls slightly below this expectation, and we are therefore making a small adjustment to ensure that we are fully aligned with national guidance.

What does this mean for families?

- The Sandy Road/Thompson Road Gates will open at 8:40 am and Close at 8:45
- The start of the school day will be a firm 8:45am
- The end of the day will move to 3:15pm
- This is a modest extension of 15 minutes per day

We have deliberately chosen this approach to maintain a consistent and familiar start to the day, minimise disruption to family routines, and ensure children benefit from additional learning and enrichment time.

Supporting a positive start to the day

Our free breakfast club opens from 8:15am each morning and continues to provide a calm, supportive start to the day.

Your views

While this change is required to meet national expectations, we recognise that any adjustment can have an impact. If you would like to share comments, please do so by 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026 via Mr Hennessy at the school office

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