



Gilded Hollins Newsletter

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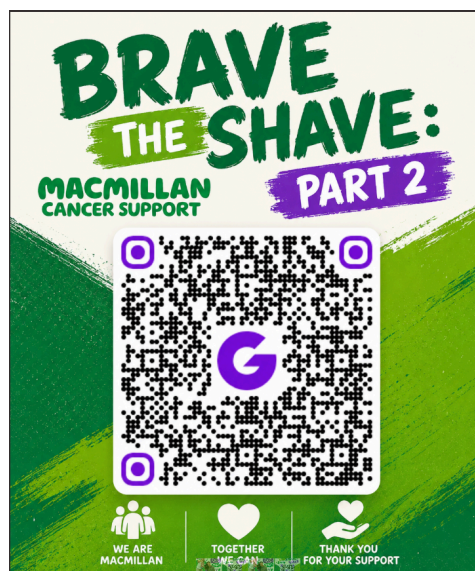
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Welcome back: It's hello for the first time to all our new families in Reception and welcome back everyone else! It is so lovely to see the children once again and goodness how much they have grown. The children have settled in well into the routine of school for the new year, and the teachers are already getting to know their new classes. What a good start to a brand new year!

A very special welcome must go to our newest members of the Gilded Hollins family - our Reception children! We are so glad to have you on board and know you'll do very well indeed!



Parents' Evening: We will be hosting our first parents' evening of the year on Wednesday 14th and Thursday the 15th of September. A separate letter will be sent out nearer the time, but this is a reminder to keep the date free if possible.



Brave the Shave : Step forward Mr Taylor who has suggested a sponsored shave of his hair to raise money for cancer relief. All proceeds will go directly to Macmillan cancer care and you can find a link to his just giving page or through the QR code on this page. Huge thanks to all those families and friends who have already donated – you have all been so very, very generous!

Parents' WhatsApp Groups: As the new year starts, many parental WhatsApp groups are, once again, in place across the school. These can be very helpful tools as reminders for school events etc. However, please be sure to model the behaviour that we expect of our children whilst using them by being kind and respectful of all. For further detail, please do visit our communication policy on the school website.



Weekly Wonders: these children all deserve a special mention for shining in their class. Well done to:

YR - Jett

Y1 - Evelyn

Y2 - Lithish

Y3 - Max

Y4 - Freya

Y5 - Ollie J

Y6 - Nova

Earrings: Many children have had their ears pierced over the summer. Hopefully, the 6 weeks have given ears the time to heal and children have practised taking out their earrings themselves. Please remember that earrings should be removed for both PE and swimming lessons. Ideally, earrings should not be worn to school on these days.

This follows guidance from the AfPE and has the best interests of the children at heart. Taping the ears gives a false sense of security and does not protect from impact injuries, for example being hit by a ball and the earring piercing the head.



Attendance
Year R
99.6 %



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Provisional Autumn Term Dates (may be subject to change)

Monday 14th September	Individual photos- dependent on the weather
Thursday 24th September - 3.30pm	Lowton high visit for Year 5 and Year 6 parents
Friday 25th September - 9.30am	Coffee morning in aid of Macmillan
Friday 25th September - 3.30pm	Brave the Shave - Mr Taylor has his hair cut!
Tuesday 29th September - 3.30pm	Year 1 phonics meeting for parents - in Year 1 classroom
Wednesday 14th / Thursday 15th September	Parents' Evening
Monday 19th September	Year 6 residential trip to Thurston, Lake district
Friday 23rd September	Last day of Term
Half Term - Monday 26th September to Friday 30th September	
Monday 2nd November	Return to school

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A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything can happen.

- DENISE WITMER

Lowton High Open Evening: Lowton high school have their annual Open Evening for prospective Year 6 parents and children on Monday, 28th September.

Doors open at 4.15pm. Applications for high school must be completed by 31st October with the online portal opening on the 12th September.

National allocation day (when offers of a high school are sent out to parents) is the 1st March 2027.

Please remember that Mrs Galbraith, the headteacher of Lowton, will be visiting us here at school to chat to our Year 6 and Year 5 parents on the 24th September after school.



Parking: A polite reminder to all parents who drive to school in the mornings and after school. We have a small number of neighbours get in touch with a request that parents park respectfully and ensure that children are kept close walking from their car to school. We know how busy this road is, and how dangerous it can be for all those who use it, both drivers and pedestrians. Please do take care and best of all, walk if you possibly can.

