

Delabole Primary School Newsletter

September 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all of our children and families. We hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer and have returned refreshed, ready for the exciting opportunities the new school year will bring. Also, a special welcome to our new families joining us for the first time this academic year.

Over the holiday, the school has been given a fresh look and there is already a fantastic atmosphere around the building. Classrooms are alive with enthusiasm, staff are looking forward to the year ahead, and it has been wonderful to see the children settling back into school so positively. They have made an excellent start, arriving smartly and embracing their learning with confidence and enthusiasm.

We start the year with a very important Value – **Trust & Collaboration**, which underpins our Enquiry for this term's learning, **'How are we stronger together.'**

Please look out for the Class Enquiry Web that will be sent out to share the learning that your child will be carrying out this term. This can also be found on the school website.

Meet and Greet

We are always keen to welcome families into school at the start of a new academic year for a meet and greet. These sessions provide an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, spend some time in their classroom and find out more about the learning, expectations and routines for the year ahead.

They are also a chance to ask any questions and help ensure a smooth start to the term. We understand that these meetings take place at the end of the school day and that not everyone is able to attend, but we hope as many families as possible can join us. Please see the dates and times below for each class.

Medrose (YR/Y1) : Monday 14th September at 3pm with Mrs Taylor

Pengelly (Y2/3/4): Wednesday 16th September at 3pm with Mrs Guilfoyle

Rockhead (Y5/6): Thursday 10th September at 3pm with Miss Thomas

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school, please contact the school office as soon as possible to let us know the reason for their absence. Ensuring that we know where every child is during the school day is an important part of our safeguarding responsibilities. If we have not heard from you, a member of the school team will make contact to follow up the absence.

As families will be aware, schools are unable to authorise holidays taken during term time and there are strict national and local procedures relating to attendance and penalty notices.



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Please take the time to read the attendance information letter that has been sent to you. It contains important information about attendance expectations and penalty notices. It is also worth noting that where a penalty notice has been issued previously, any subsequent unauthorised term-time holiday may result in an increased fine.

Clubs

We are just finalising our Clubs offer for the Autumn Term, so look out for a letter later this week, so you can sign up.

Wraparound Before and After School:

We are pleased to be able to offer both Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club for our families. All sessions should be booked through ParentPay, with drop-off and collection taking place via the main school office.

- Breakfast Club is available from 8.00am.
- Afterschool Club can be booked until 4.15pm (one-hour session) or until 5.00pm.

If you require wraparound care for your child, please visit ParentPay to view and book available sessions. We are delighted to be able to provide this additional support for our families this year.

Uniform

The children have come back looking so smart and ready for the term ahead. Just a reminder to ensure that all uniform is named so we can reunite children with lost items. This includes PE kits please. We would be grateful if these could stay in school in the cloakroom, so children always have the correct kit with them. Please note, children shouldn't be wearing nail varnish or jewellery in school please, (with the exception of stud earrings and a watch). Thank you.

School Dinner & Snacks

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal every day through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. With a variety of choices available each day, there is something to suit most tastes, and we encourage families to take advantage of this fantastic offer.



For children in Year 3 to Year 6, school meals should be paid for in advance via ParentPay unless your child is entitled to free school meals.

Children in Reception through to Year 2 are also provided with a free piece of fruit each day. Pupils in Years 3 to 6 are welcome to bring a healthy snack from home to enjoy at break time and help keep them energised until lunch.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families that we have a child in school with a severe nut allergy. To help us keep all children safe, we kindly ask that no foods containing nuts are brought into school.

When preparing packed lunches and snacks, please take a moment to check ingredient labels carefully, as nuts can sometimes be found in products where you might not expect them.

We greatly appreciate your support and understanding in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone in our school community. Thank you for working with us on this important matter.

Keeping in Touch

Throughout the year, we will continue to share a monthly newsletter containing important updates, key dates and information about life in school. We encourage all families to take a few moments to read these carefully, as they often contain information that will help you stay informed and prepared.

In addition, a weekly news update is sent out each Friday via Arbor/email, celebrating school events and providing reminders for the week ahead. Regularly checking your Arbor app and emails helps ensure that you do not miss any important communications.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher or need to get in contact, please do this by either telephone, or by emailing the school office: hello@delaboleschool.org

Please do not email teachers directly or via social media.

As ever, it will be a busy term – where we hope your children will feel happy and comfortable in their classes. If you have any worries or concerns, always come and speak to us – there is always something we can do to help.

Kind regards,
Lou Kirkman

Key dates

Autumn Term 1	
Thursday 10 th September 3 pm to 3.15pm	Rockhead Meet & Greet
Monday 14 th September 3 pm to 3.15 pm	Medrose Meet & Greet
Tuesday 15 th September – 24 th November	Rockhead & Pengelly weekly swimming
Wednesday 16 th September 3 pm to 3.15 pm	Pengelly Meet & Greet
Monday 21 st to Thursday 24 th September	Yr 6 Bikeability
Thursday 24 th September 5 pm to 7 pm	Yr 6 Open Evening at Sir James Smith's
Tuesday 13 th October	Individual and sibling photos
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of Autumn Term 1
Monday 2 nd November	First day of Autumn Term 2

