



# F&B NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: Tuesday 8th October

We are on Week 3 of the lunch menu

Dear Pupils and Parents,

I'm delighted to say that this term is going wonderfully so far! It's been a real pleasure to see how our pupils have been living out our school values of respect, perseverance, and ambition every day.

We've seen lovely examples of respect, with children looking out for each other—whether it's a helping hand in the playground or working together kindly in class. It's heart warming to witness the care and consideration they show.

Perseverance has been shining through too. From sticking with tricky maths problems to giving their all in PE and art, our pupils have shown fantastic determination. They're not giving up, and it's great to see how proud they are of themselves when they achieve their goals.

And, of course, the ambition across the school has been wonderful to watch. Children are setting their sights high, challenging themselves in their learning, and working towards their own personal bests. Whether in lessons, sports, or creative activities, the enthusiasm is contagious!

Just a quick reminder that **individual school photos** will be taken on **9th October**—a perfect opportunity to capture these special moments. And don't forget, **parents' evening** will be on **Tuesday 22nd October and Thursday 24th October**. We look forward to sharing your child's achievements with you.

Thank you so much for all your support—it's what helps make our school such a fantastic place for your children to thrive.

Each term, a member of the governing body will tell you about what they have done so far this year. You can find more information about the governing board [here](#).

<b>Name:</b> <b>Role:</b> <b>How long have you been a governor?</b>	Zoe Callan Chair of Governors 4 years
<b>When were you last in the school and what were you doing?</b>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October. I was checking the 'Single Central Record' with Mrs Curtis. This is a record of all the checks that the school has done on its staff, contractors, and volunteers. It is a huge document and a statutory requirement for all schools to keep up to date.
<b>What did you learn during your visit?</b>	The records are kept in excellent order. The office has photos of contractors expected at the school and all references for volunteers are checked and verified.
<b>What challenges do you see for the future?</b>	We will be making sure all governors are also trained on the statutory requirements for this document and how to perform checks on whether the document meets the correct criteria.
<b>When is your next visit to the school?</b>	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November. I am meeting Mrs Brooker to talk through the English curriculum and look at results for the first half term.

# Dexter

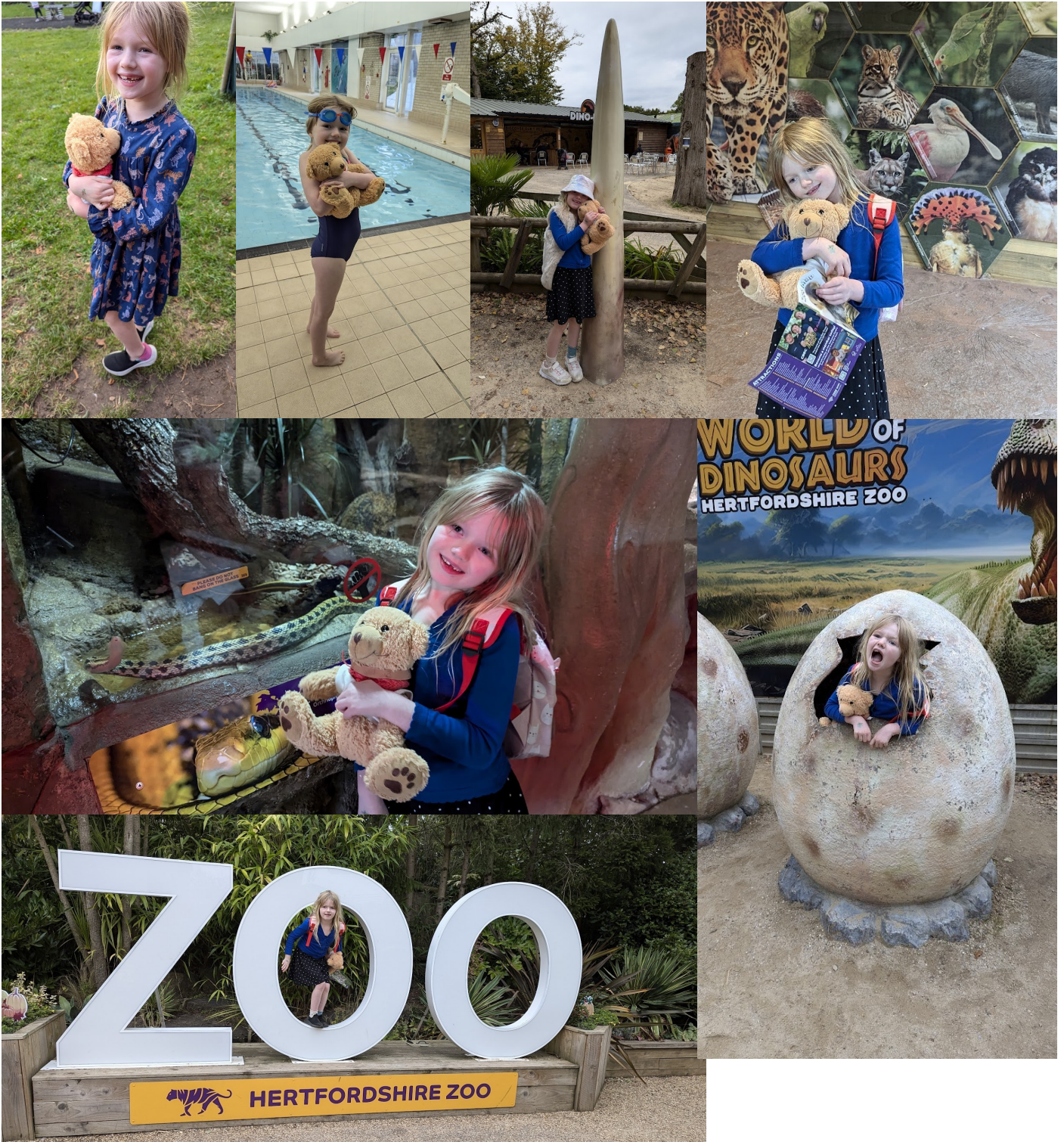
Dexter and Freyja didn't leave each other's side all weekend.

They went for a fun trip to the park on Friday, whizzing around all the different equipment. On Saturday morning they went for a swim before going out for lunch where she had to stop him gobbling up all the food!

On Sunday they went for a trip to Hertfordshire Zoo where they made friends with a snake and Dexter almost got eaten by a dinosaur.

Freyja and Dexter found a room all about Belize in Central America which is where Freyja's auntie and cousin live which was very exciting!

The weekend was packed with hugs and excitement!



# School Council Trip with Reedings Junior School



What a great day we all had visiting the Houses of Parliament last Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup> October) and how wonderfully the children behaved.

We travelled by train; disembarked at Green Park and did the rest of the journey on foot. We walked via St James' Park and we even walked past the Ritz! It was a very scenic route and the children enjoyed seeing the London sights; particularly Big Ben.

In the Houses of Parliament, the children asked great questions and we were lucky enough to go into the House of Lords and the House of Commons. The children learnt about the colours of each of these places and who uses them.

After our tour, we had a fun workshop learning more about what happens in Parliament, then we had our lunch and stopped at a cafe for a hot chocolate before we set off for home.

Our first school council meeting will be this week. I am looking forward to seeing what this year's councillors will work towards together.

**Mrs Brooker**

25th September	The F&B way parent session – Book on Arbor from September 3rd – 18:30
24th September	Year 2 Scooter ability – Jasmine Class – more info to follow
1st October	Year 2 Scooter ability – Sunflower Class – more info to follow
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	School Council Parliament Trip
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Break the Rules Day
8 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA AGM – open to all 8pm
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual Photo's
21 <sup>st</sup> October	YN end of topic 11:00 and 14:40
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	YR end of topic 14:40
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents Evening
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y1 end of topic 14:40
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Y2 end of topic 14:40
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Planetarium in school
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 parent tours of Reedings 9:30 and 13:30 (book on Arbor from September)
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Remembrance Service at Reedings
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Year R – Owls into school
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Reedings Tour for prospective Reception Parents (9.30am & 1.30pm -Book with Reedings)
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Spray Immunisations (Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2)
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Occasional Day – School closed
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch & Panto
5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Early Years (Nursery & Reception) Christmas Show
6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am KS1 (Yr 1 & 2) Christmas Show
9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Early Years (Nursery & Reception) Christmas Show
10 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm Early Years (Nursery & Reception) Christmas Show
12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am KS1 (Yr 1 & 2) Christmas Show
13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am KS1 (Yr 1 & 2) Christmas Show
16 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm Rocksteady & Choir Concert
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Special Festive Visitor – shhhhhh!
19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Finishes at 2pm for Christmas break

# Term Dates

**Reedings Junior School and  
Fawbert and Barnard Infant School  
Term Dates for Academic Year 2024-2025**



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<b>Term Time</b>	<b>School holidays</b>	<b>5 INSET Days/ 1 Occasional day</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Weekend</b>
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

[2025 to 2026 term dates can be found here](#)

## English Subject Spotlight: Focus on Oracy: Poetry and rhymes

Learning poetry is something we have been working hard to develop since last year at F&B. Through enjoying rhymes, poems and songs, and reciting poems or parts of longer poems together as a class, we can build children's strong emotional connection to language. The predictability of rhymes in poems and songs also helps children to memorise and re-use newly acquired words and phrases.

Each half term all of our classes have a poem that they learn, rehearse and then perform to you, our parents and carers as part of our end of topic celebrations.

Each fortnight in this newsletter, we will include on this page, a poem that I will have shared in assembly on the first Monday of every fortnight with Year 1 and 2 pupils. This will be shared in class for pupils in Nursery and Reception. Please find the poem below.

We would like to encourage you to share the poems at home too. If your child is particularly keen, they may want to practise and recite it to me in school! Any pupil who chooses to do this will receive a special sticker.

Helpful tip: We teach the children to recite the poem by stating the title of the poem and its author before they start.

Mrs Brooker (English Subject Lead)



### **'The Swing' by Marchette Chute**

*The wind blows strong and the  
swing rides free*

*And up in the swing is me, is me*

*And the world goes rushing by*

*And one of these days I'll swing so  
far*

*I'll go way up where the sea birds  
are*

*And plant my feet on the sky*

# DSPL3 SEND Coffee Morning

We are excited to invite all parents and carers of children with SEND to a relaxed and supportive meeting designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities. This gathering will serve as a welcoming space for you to connect with other parents and carers, share experiences, and gain insights into various topics that matter to you. Whether you're looking for practical advice, emotional support, or simply a chance to meet and chat with others in a similar situation, this event promises to be both informative and enriching with a range of professionals available to you. Light refreshments will be provided, and we encourage you to bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss. We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!

Priorswood, 65127 HB, 13 November 10-11.30 am

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