FALCONS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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We are all looking forward to another amazing academic year at Falcons. Staff are looking forward to seeing you all at year group welcome meetings- dates will be sent out. The children have come back happy to see their friends and full of enthusiasm for learning in their new classes. A very warm welcome to all our new families and especially to our youngest children who are starting school for the very first time!





Our Reception children have made a great start and are already settling in and getting more confident in their new environment. They have coped incredibly well with all the changes and their busy week at school but we know that both pupils and staff will be ready for a long nap this weekend!



Benedict's LAW



What is Benedict's Law?

Benedict's Law will introduce new allergy safety requirements for schools in England from September 2026.

It is named after 5-year-old Benedict Blythe, who died from anaphylaxis at school in 2021 after mistakenly being given cow's milk, to which he was known to be allergic.

Benedict's Law will introduce a series of protective measures designed to improve allergy safety in schools. These measures are presented in the Department for Education's new *Allergy safety in schools* statutory guidance, which schools will need to comply with as a legal requirement. *Allergy* safety in schools - GOV.UK

What are we doing at Falcons?

All staff who have contact with our pupils have undertaken Allergy and Anaphylaxis training so that they understand the signs to look out for and action to take if a child has an allergic reaction.

Our school now has a separate Allergy Safety Policy which parents will be able to access.

Mrs Young (Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo) is now our Designated Allergy Lead and will oversee the implementation of the policy.

Children with a known allergy will have an Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) which will be discussed with parents.

BIRTHDAYS

We don't accept party bags, gifts or snacks in school for children's birthdays. However, we really appreciate that many families like to share something special with the class and instead ask that you donate an age-appropriate book that the children can enjoy throughout the year. These birthday books have a special label with your child's name on it stuck inside.

Diary Dates

- **Monday 31st August: school closed for bank holiday**

WELCOME MEETINGS

- **Tuesday 8th September, 3.00pm-3.45pm Years 3,4 and 5**
- **Wednesday 9th September: 3.00pm -3.45pm Years 1,2 and 6**
- **Friday 25th September: School Closed for Inset Day**
- **Friday 16th October : School Closes for Half Term:**
- **Tuesday 27th October: School Re-opens**