



# AUTUMN TERM (1)

Monday 1<sup>ST</sup> September 2025

ISSUE 1

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer with your families. As we approach the start of the autumn term, I just wanted to remind you all that term begins for the pupils on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September and we look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school.

Joining Elm class for the new academic year is Mrs Dowker. Mrs Dowker worked at Stepping Stones for a short time last year on a secondment and we are delighted to welcome her to the team on a permanent basis.

For our new parents, we will be in touch with families this week to share more details about transport arrangements and to ensure everyone has a Class Dojo login for communication between home and school.

For the first week of this half term, we will be focusing on the values of Trust and Respect and pupils will have the opportunity to nominate their peers for showing this value. Remember we love to hear about how the children are demonstrating the school values at home.

Have a great week!

Kind regards

Mr M Hooper  
Headteacher







## Values at Stepping Stones

### The Values of the week are Trust and Respect

This first week back, our focused values will be trust and respect – two of our core school values - and we will be teaching the children and showing the children what these mean, daily. We will begin the week as usual with our Values meeting and as a school, we will be talking about how we can build up trust and respect with one another over time, but how unfortunately, one quick, thoughtless, unkind word can quickly take away trust and respect for someone else. As a school we will be focusing on “thinking before we speak”.



<p><b>Class Dojo</b></p> 	<p>Our main form of communication with home is via Class Dojo. This is a free app where you can link to the school. We share learning, newsletters, positive experiences and communicate key messages through this system. Please ensure you are signed up. New sign in details can be sent home to parents who are not on the APP.</p>
<p><b>School Uniform</b></p> 	<p>A reminder about our expectations around the school uniform:</p> <p>On return for our Autumn Term, do please ensure your child is in the correct uniform for school, thank you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our school uniform is navy blue jumper / cardigan. White polo / shirt/ t shirt.</li> <li>• Dark grey or black trousers/ leggings, skirt / shorts or jogging bottoms. NO LOGOS.</li> <li>• Children should be wearing black school shoes or plain black trainers. Again, no logos.</li> <li>• Children who are with us for short periods of time may choose to wear their mainstream school uniform.</li> <li>• We do have uniform available to purchase if you wish your child to have a jumper with a logo / t shirt with a logo.</li> <li>• On PE days, children may wear their PE kit. Again, this should be plain non-branded joggers / shorts and plain PE T- shirts (White, blue, black). NO FOOTBALL shirts or hoodies. They can wear their navy jumper over the top.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Behaviour and Safety</b></p> 	<p>Our three school rules are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be respectful</li> <li>- Be Safe</li> <li>- Complete your learning / tasks to a good standard.</li> </ul> <p>Please can you encourage and praise your child at home for working hard. Our school is focused on building positive relationships with the children to provide safety, consistency and trust. We have a firm, fair, friendly and focused approach. All staff have the same expectations so children know boundaries. Over the next 2 weeks, we will be completing Behaviour Plans for each child and talking to them about what helps them remain calm and in a good place for learning.</p>
<p><b>Class arrangements</b></p> 	<p>Elm Class (Year 1 and 2) - Mrs Dowker</p> <p>Hazel Class (Year 3 and 4) – Ms Hunter</p> <p>Maple Class (Year 5) – Mr Holt</p> <p>Oak class (Year 6) – Ms Wilkie</p>
<p>Thank you for your continued support and for mirroring our ethos and values at home.</p> <p>Please remember that we are here to support you and you can contact Mrs Armstrong (Family Support – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday).</p> <p>Mr Hooper and the whole staff team at Stepping Stones School</p>	