

11th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back

I hope you and your families have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to school as we begin another exciting school year together. It has been lovely to see the back in the classrooms and look forward to seeing their enthusiasm and energy as they meet up with friends again and embrace new learning opportunities. I would also like to offer a special welcome to the families who are joining our school community for the first time. We are thrilled to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you. As always, the partnership between home and school is vital to our children's success. We greatly appreciate your continued support and look forward to working closely with you throughout the year.

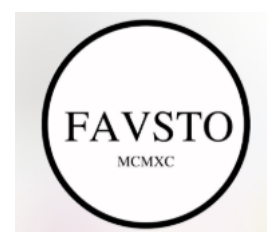
Nursery Consultation

The public consultation for our proposed Nursery finished just before the start of the summer holidays. Thank-you for to everyone who participated in this by giving their views. I am pleased to say that no one disagreed with the proposal or expressed a view against the proposal. A report summarising the consultation responses is now on our website, with a FAQs section answering any questions that were raised. Our initial timeframe was to open the Nursery for the start of January. Unfortunately, this looks unachievable and we are now proposing an open date for after the Easter holidays. I will forward the link to the consultation report to all parents via Parentmail, please have a read and if you have any further questions, just ask.



SRB Mural

We have been very fortunate to have a local artist, Richard Fausto create a mural for our SRB. He is a cousin of one of our staff who has worked in Amsterdam as a welder for a famous Dutch artist who makes highly polished metal sculptures. When Richard came home he began specialising in single line art and has some beautiful paintings displayed in the Cliff Hotel from an exhibition he did in London. He is completing some free murals locally to give back to the community, including an octopus down the road and has plans for several more so keep an eye out for his work. He is on Instagram and Facebook as Richard Fausto Art.



Academy uniform

The children have looked very smart on their return to school, thank-you for your support in this. I have placed a link below to our uniform policy on the academy website <https://edwardworlledgeoa.co.uk/key-info/uniform>. Children do need to wear their full academy uniform including black school shoes or plain black leather trainers. Year 3 to Year 5 wear an academy tie with Year 6 being presented a special tie shortly.

On days that the children have PE they will change in and out of their uniform before and after their PE lesson. Can you also ensure ALL uniform is labelled with your child's name as that makes finding missing uniform so much easier.

Hair

We kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure that children attend school with hair that is a natural hair colour. Our school uniform and appearance expectations are designed to promote a sense of belonging and minimise distractions from learning. Hair should therefore be of a natural shade, and styles involving brightly coloured, dyed, or artificially coloured hair are not permitted. We appreciate that over the summer break children may have styled their hair for the holidays and ask that hair is returned to its natural colour as soon as possible.

Attendance Matters

Being at school all day every day does make a significant difference. We know from our experience and data that children who are regularly at school, with an attendance of over 96% do go to high school with better outcomes in phonics, maths, reading and writing than those pupils with poor attendance. Excellent attendance is a continuing priority for us this year.

Lates

Our main school gate stays open until 8.50am and we ask that all children enter through these gates by 8.50am. We understand there are situations that arise occasionally, such as traffic, car problems etc, that mean your child maybe late, but we do ask that your child is regularly in school on time. This ensures they don't miss important learning, with lessons starting at 8.50am and that our busy office staff aren't inundated with lots of children arriving all at once.

Calendar

We want to give parents as much warning as possible on important dates throughout the year, such as parents evenings, half term dates, Christmas concerts, sports days etc. We are in the process of finalising our calendar for this school year and key dates will be sent out to parents in the next couple of weeks.

KS2 Residential

This academic year we are pleased to be offering three residentials which are open to pupils in KS2. Residentials are an important part of the whole education experience here and have many benefits for pupils. They can have a positive impact on relationships both peer to peer and between pupils and staff, increase confidence in those that attend, create a unique learning experience away from the classroom and enhance engagement with learning.

'Long-term follow-up responses after a residential experience found that 84% of KS2 students felt that they knew their teachers better, and 75% felt they got on better with their peers.' (Independent research by York Consulting.)

Due to the options available, they can also develop leadership skills in children in exploring different environments with their peers. Pupils who have attended these in the past create memories that stay with them forever. This year we are offering Alymerton for Years 3 & 4, Horstead for Year 5 and Derbyshire for our Year 6 pupils. Please look out for letters coming home with further details over the next two weeks.

We are looking at trying to secure some additional funding to reduce the cost for parents. We have sent a form out on ParentMail for Year 6 parents to register their interest. Please ensure you fill this in and come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Parentmail - Payments

Please make sure that you are regularly paying off any outstanding balances on your Parentmail accounts – we ask that parents make payments a minimum of every 3 weeks.

Breakfast & Care Club

Booking – we have now moved to online booking for Breakfast & Care Club. A Parentmail form will be set up each week for bookings – this will be available to view under “forms”. The form will go live on a Monday and close on a Thursday at 12:00pm to book for the following week. (e.g. form will be live on Monday to Thursday next week to book for w/c 21/09/2026).

- Breakfast Club – runs from 7:45am till 8:30am and is now FREE to all pupils
- Care Club – runs from 3:00pm till 5:00pm (bookable in hour slots) and costs £3.50 per hour

Enrichment Clubs – we are looking at what we are able to offer this term and will be sending sign up out shortly.

Teaching & Learning at EWOA

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