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Important Information for September 2026	This Bulletin contains important information about returning to school in September. Please take the time to read it carefully, as the information applies to all pupils at Round Hill, both new and existing. The Bulletin is divided into two sections: information you need before the end of term and details for the start of the new school year in September. We break up for the summer holidays tomorrow, Friday 24th July. Staff will return for two training days at the start of the new term, and the children's first day back at school will be Thursday 3rd September 2026. This Bulletin may be a little longer than usual, but please read it through to the end, as it includes important updates, key reminders, and many reasons to celebrate before we finish for the summer.
Before we break up messages	
End of Year Message and Thank You From Mr Nash	As we approach the end of another successful year at Round Hill, I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of our school community for your continued support, commitment and encouragement. This has been a year filled with achievement, growth and memorable experiences for our pupils, and none of this would have been possible without the collective efforts of our families, staff and governors. Whether you have supported learning at home, attended school events, volunteered your time, or simply provided encouragement and care for our children, your contribution has been invaluable. The strength of the partnership between home and school plays a crucial role in helping our pupils thrive. Your support enables us to create a caring, ambitious and inspiring environment where children can succeed both academically and personally. I am incredibly proud of all that we have accomplished together this year and of the many successes we have celebrated as a school community. As we look ahead to the new academic year, I am excited about the opportunities that lie before us and confident that, by continuing to work together, we will achieve even more for our pupils. Thank you once again for your unwavering support throughout the year. I wish you and your families a wonderful and restful summer break. I would like to wish parents/carers who have a child leaving us in Year 6 best wishes for Secondary School as well as welcoming our new families who have a child joining us in September.
Staffing Update	Many of you will already have met the newest members of our staff team at parent events over the summer term but we would like to say a very warm welcome to: - Mr Parkes - new Teacher in Foxes - Miss Waring - new Teaching Assistant - Mrs Whitham - new Teaching Assistant We are saying a fond farewell to several members of staff. As previously mentioned, both Mr Khalique and Mrs Huskisson-Moore are leaving to pastures new. We are also saying goodbye to some of our Teaching Assistants - Mrs Hallam-Stanley, Mrs Park, Mrs Humphries and Miss Campbell. We would like to thank them all for their hard work whilst being at Round Hill and wish them well in their new ventures. Finally, both Miss Barton and Miss King are getting married over the summer and we would like to congratulate both of them on these special occasions. Miss Barton, class teacher in Hedgehogs will

	return in September as Mrs Abbott and Miss King, class teacher in Kestrels will return as Mrs Fletcher.
Positive Communication Strategy	We greatly value the positive partnership between home and school and appreciate parents and carers keeping us informed about matters relating to their child. Open and respectful communication plays an important role in helping us support every pupil to thrive. This year, we have received an unprecedented number of emails from parents/carers and therefore need to re-visit our communication strategy for dealing with these. To ensure that we can give our attention where it is most needed, please be aware that emails sent purely for information may not always receive an individual response. Unless a reply is requested, required, or further action is needed, staff will carefully note and consider the information shared, even if a separate acknowledgement is not sent. In addition, while we endeavour to respond to emails as promptly as possible, there are times when responses may take a little longer. Our shared goal is to provide the very best educational experience for all children. To help us achieve this, it is important that staff are able to dedicate the majority of their time to teaching, learning, and supporting pupils' wellbeing, while also maintaining effective communication with families. To help us work together efficiently, we kindly ask that before parents/carers send an email or phone the school office that the following sources have already been checked: - The Class pages on the school website - The Communication page on the school website - The latest Bulletin on the school website - Recent emails that have been sent with detailed information about events - The School Calendar on the school website with dates and times of events Thank you for your continued support, understanding, and partnership. By working together, we can ensure that our time and efforts remain focused on what matters most: helping every child succeed and flourish.
Celebrating a Fantastic Year of Achievement at Round Hill	As we reach the end of another successful year, we are delighted to share some of the excellent outcomes achieved by our pupils. There is much to celebrate across the school, with results reflecting the hard work, determination and resilience of our children, alongside the dedication and commitment of our staff team. Recent external reviews also recognised that the school improvement work undertaken over the last two years is now having a clear impact on outcomes for pupils. Our youngest learners have had an exceptional year, with 82% of children achieving a Good Level of Development in EYFS. In phonics, we are particularly pleased that 95% of Year 2 pupils met the expected standard, demonstrating the effectiveness of our reading curriculum and the excellent support provided by staff and families. Key Stage 2 Outcomes We are especially proud of our Year 6 pupils, whose outcomes compare very favourably with the most recently available national figures: • Reading: 78% achieved the expected standard compared with 75% nationally. • Writing: 83% achieved the expected standard compared with 72% nationally. • Mathematics: 80% achieved the expected standard compared with 74% nationally. • GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling): 78% achieved the expected standard compared with 73% nationally. • Reading, Writing and Maths Combined: 68% achieved the expected standard compared with 62% nationally.

	We also saw a strong performance from pupils working at higher standards: • 36% achieved Greater Depth in Reading compared with 33% nationally. • 17% achieved Greater Depth in Writing compared with 13% nationally. • 30% achieved Greater Depth in Mathematics compared with 26% nationally. • 12% achieved the Higher Standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics Combined compared with 8% nationally. These outcomes are a fantastic reflection of the commitment shown by our pupils throughout their time at Round Hill and demonstrate the positive impact of the continual improvements we are making across the school. We are incredibly proud of every child, regardless of their starting point, and would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support. Working together, we continue to ensure that Round Hill pupils receive the very best opportunities to succeed. Well done to all our children and staff. We couldn't be prouder of what has been achieved this year! ★
Meet the Teacher Transition PowerPoints	Thank you to everyone who attended the Transition event after school on Tuesday 14th July. The PowerPoints used by the teachers at this event can be found on each of the Class Pages.
Donations for School	As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting the emotional wellbeing and social development of our pupils, we are continuing to develop our Nurture Room and provide resources for our Wellbeing Ambassadors to use with children during break times. To help create a more enriching and supportive environment, we are kindly asking for voluntary donations of pre-loved or new items that are in a clean and usable condition. These items will be used to support play, creativity, and relaxation for all children who access these spaces. We are currently looking for the following items: • Barbies and Action Men • Small toy cars • My Little Ponies • Action figures • Picnic blankets • Wicker storage baskets • Large building blocks • Colouring books • Felt tips / colouring pencils • Large chalks • Giant games (e.g. Jenga, Connect 4) • Ring toss, quoits, or similar outdoor games • Wheeled toys (e.g. scooters, bikes, trikes) If over the summer you have a sort out and have any of these items that you are happy to donate, please send them in with your child or drop them off at the school office at the start of the new term in September. Your support makes a real difference, and we are incredibly grateful for any contributions you can make.
Summer Holiday Reading Challenge	Each year we provide children with optional activities to take part in over the summer holidays. We believe children need a break and there is no expectation that children have to get involved, but we do realise that some children enjoy holiday activities. If your child wishes to get involved, please read about the Summer Holiday Reading Challenge 2026 on the school website. This year the Summer Reading Challenge is Read to the Beat, delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries and powered by Universal Music Group UK.

	The theme inspires children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity. As in previous holidays, staff will not be looking at or responding to their ClassDojo messages, but children will be able to add things onto their portfolio to celebrate with their classmates in September.
IRL Explorer Passport	The IRL Explorer Passport is a free printable packed with simple, screen-free adventures for children aged 7–11. Designed to be completed mostly independently, it encourages children to explore, create, solve problems and try new things – helping them build confidence while discovering what they enjoy, what they’re good at, and just how capable they really are.
Reminder - ACE Sports Coaching Holiday Club	ACE Sports Coaching will once again be holding a holiday club at Round Hill every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the summer holidays. Places are still available. For details of how to book a place, please click here.
Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC) Initiative	We are delighted with the news regarding the Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC) initiative and the plans to ban social media for under 16’s. Thanks to the determination and collective voice of parents, schools and communities across the country, the campaign has gained significant momentum, and it is encouraging to see that the Government has listened. Changes are now beginning to take shape, with growing recognition of the need to better support children’s wellbeing, online safety and healthy childhood development. At Round Hill, we have been proud to support conversations around responsible device use and the benefits of delaying smartphone ownership for younger children. We are grateful to the many parents who have engaged with the initiative and helped raise awareness within our community. While there is still more work to be done, this progress demonstrates the impact that can be achieved when families and schools work together towards a shared goal. We look forward to continuing these important discussions next year and keeping you updated as further developments emerge. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping our children enjoy a happy, healthy and balanced childhood.
Bike / Scooter Storage	We are fortunate to have many pupils who travel to school by bike or scooter, and we are pleased to support active and sustainable travel wherever possible. We would like to remind families that bikes and scooters left on school premises are stored at the owner's risk, and the school cannot accept responsibility for any loss, theft or damage. We strongly encourage all bikes and scooters to be clearly labelled and secured with a suitable lock. Following two recent incidents involving theft and vandalism, we would like to reassure parents that both incidents occurred outside of school hours, where bikes had been left on the school site overnight. Both matters have been reported to the police and are being investigated. We have also reviewed our site security arrangements and are continuing to explore further measures, including improvements to CCTV coverage and bike storage locations. If you become aware of any concerns relating to bikes, scooters or site security, please contact the school directly. We kindly ask parents and carers to avoid speculation on social media, as this can sometimes make it more difficult to establish the facts surrounding an incident. By sharing information directly with the school, we can monitor concerns appropriately, work together as a community and liaise with the relevant authorities where necessary. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
Arbor Account for Year 6 Leavers	As previously communicated, if your child is in Year 6, hopefully you have planned to have the correct amount of money in your school Arbor account to pay for school meals. If you have any money left in your child’s account at the end of the school year, then please email the school office to request a refund. Please note that it is not possible to transfer money from one sibling to another.

	If you have already emailed the school office but haven't yet heard back, please bear with the team as they work through the requests. All requested refunds will be processed by the end of August.
Arbor Information	A reminder that you can update your contact details yourself via the Arbor App or Parent Portal. Please take the time over the summer to check all contact details are correct. Please also check all medical and dietary information that we hold for your child as well as photo permissions.
Lost Property	Any unnamed lost property left at the end of term will be used in our Preloved Uniform stall run by the PTA. The children will get the opportunity to look for their lost belongings before the end of term. When returning in September, please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name as this ensures items can be returned to the correct child.
Cool Milk	Children receive free milk at school until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to receive milk, through Cool Milk, paid for by parents/carers. If you are interested in signing your child up with Cool Milk, please visit their website: www.coolmilk.com/register
ClassDojo	On 24 th July, ClassDojo will be archived and switched off in preparation for pupils moving into their new classes in September. From this date, ClassDojo will no longer be available for communication, and messages sent through the platform will not be received or responded to. Please note that teachers will not be monitoring or responding to any communications during the summer holiday period. If you need to contact the school over the summer break, please do so via the school office email address. Please note, routine emails may not be responded to immediately during the holiday period.
MHST Parent Summer Newsletter	The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) School Summer Newsletter is available for you to read on the Community Leaflets page on our school website. The Team has also let us know about an event they are holding at Beeston Library on Monday 10 th August. More information is in the flyer on the Community Leaflets page.
Community Leaflets	We have also added lots of other new flyers to the Community Leaflets page on our school website in the last few weeks. There are several flyers about clubs during the summer holidays if you are still looking for ideas of what to do. We have also added a flyer from Football Active with details of their Sunday Soccer School which they are going to hold at Round Hill on Sunday mornings as of September. Visit the flyer on our website or click here for more information.
When we return in September	
Change of Classrooms	Last week, we spoke with the children in the classes affected by these changes, and I would now like to formally confirm the new classroom arrangements with you. • Foxes will move to the current Hedgehogs classroom. • Hedgehogs will move to the current Foxes classroom. • Hawks will move to the current Kestrels classroom. • Kestrels will move to the current Hawks classroom. These changes have been made to ensure that children who require access to outdoor and nurture learning spaces can be accommodated more effectively.
Drop off Arrangements for KS1	Year 1: We recommend that your child enters school via the EYFS playground each morning. This allows for a face-to-face handover with your child's class teacher and helps maintain the familiar routine established in EYFS. While Year 1 children can also enter via the large playground, please note that this route does not provide an opportunity to see the class teacher at drop-off.

	Year 2: Year 2 children in Rabbits and Hedgehogs may enter either through the large playground or the EYFS playground. Year 2 children in Foxes may enter through the large playground or directly into the Foxes classroom off the school field.
Exciting Changes to Our School Uniform from January 2027	We are providing this information to give parents as much notice as possible about positive changes to our school uniform. Please note, no parents/carers will be expected to buy new uniform in line with the below until their existing uniform has been grown out of: As part of our continued commitment to providing the very best play and learning opportunities for our children, we are delighted to announce that from January 2027, Round Hill Primary School will be moving to an active wear uniform. This change supports our ongoing development of OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) and reflects our belief that children learn best when they are free to move, explore, play, and be active throughout the school day. Research from the Active Uniform Alliance highlights that traditional formal school uniforms can restrict movement and create barriers to physical activity. In contrast, active uniforms are designed to be comfortable, practical, durable, and suitable for a wide range of learning experiences, both indoors and outdoors. They are also cost effective and inclusive. They enable children to run, climb, jump, explore, and engage fully in active play without worrying about keeping formal clothing pristine. From January 2027, our uniform expectations will focus on comfortable, practical clothing that supports children to be active every day. The new uniform will include: • A school t-shirt (one dark colour only, consultation in the autumn term) • A school sweatshirt or jumper (one dark colour only, consultation in the autumn term) • Black joggers, leggings, shorts, skorts or other suitable active wear • Sturdy dark trainers suitable for play and outdoor learning We will also continue to encourage children to come prepared for all weather conditions with appropriate coats, hats, and wellies where needed. This change is about much more than clothing. It is about creating an environment where every child can fully participate in active learning, outdoor play, and the exciting opportunities that our developing OPAL provision offers. We believe that an active uniform will help children feel more comfortable, confident, and ready to engage in all aspects of school life. Further information, including a detailed uniform guide and answers to frequently asked questions, will be shared with families during the autumn term. Thank you for your continued support as we take this exciting step towards making play, movement, and outdoor learning an even bigger part of every child's day.
Community Working Bees	Thank you to everyone who attended the Working Bee on Saturday 18th July. After the success of the first 2 Working Bees, we have planned an event for each half term in the next school year and we would welcome you sharing the dates of these events within the wider community. These dates are all Sundays: - 20th September 2026 - 15th November 2026 - 7th February 2027 - 14th March 2027 - 16th May 2027 - 20th June 2027

Arbor – School Meals	If your child is in Year 3 to Year 6 and has school meals, please remember to check your Arbor account weekly to ensure that there is sufficient money in your account to pay for the school meals. Accounts should not be overdrawn at any point. Arbor does not send reminders to you, so you do need to check this and top up your account accordingly. Arbor has recently made some changes for parents/carers to pay by card in Arbor so hopefully this will now be easier to top up your account. Whether you are topping up an account, purchasing an item from the school shop, or paying for a trip, you are now able to enter and save your card details, and pay by Apple or Google Pay on your desktop.
Smart Phone Free Childhood – Talk on Tuesday 6th October	Date for your diary: Tuesday 6th October 2026, 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. We are pleased to be hosting a talk from PAPAYA (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents), a UK charity dedicated to helping families navigate the challenges of growing up in the digital age. The session will provide expert advice, practical strategies and up-to-date information to help parents understand the impact of smartphones and social media on young people. Topics will include smartphone addiction, online safety, screen-time, and ways to support children in developing healthy digital habits. This promises to be an informative and thought-provoking evening for all parents and carers. Further details will be shared closer to the event. Please save the date and join us for this important conversation.
PTA Update	
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