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💬 Primary School Applications

The application window for primary school places is now open! If your child is a school leaver due to start primary education next September, now is the perfect time to start booking onto local school open days.

- The Deadline: All applications for primary school places must be submitted via the local authority portal by the 15th of January.
- Need Advice? If you have any questions about school readiness, transition forms, or how the application process works, please see your key person for a chat at drop-off.

Learning in Action








Parent Corner Reminders

- Labelled Spare clothes
- Spare socks
- Coats (hats and gloves if possible)
- Waterproofs and wellies
- Reporting Absences: If your child is unable to attend their session, please notify us by 9.30 AM.
- Been up to something exciting or have news to share? We would love your photos for our 'memories' board.

Dates for your Diary

23rd October	End of Term 1
2nd November	Start of Term 2

Key Person

As always, your key person will be available to discuss any concerns or queries you may have. (We may need to arrange a suitable time depending on the nature of the discussion).

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Tiny Tech: Five Simple Steps for Safer Screen Time

Even for our youngest children, digital devices are becoming a regular part of everyday life. Whether they are watching their favourite show or playing an educational game, here are five quick tips to help keep screen time safe, positive, and balanced:

1. Turn off Autoplay: Stops videos from rolling into unsuitable content automatically.
2. The "Turn and Tell" Rule: Teach children to turn the screen face-down and tell an adult if something scary pops up.
3. Lock Down Purchases: Password-protect app stores to prevent accidental buys.
4. Screen-Free Bedtimes: Switch off devices 1 hour before sleep to protect bedtime routines.

For more great step-by-step guides on setting up parental controls on home WiFi and tablets, check out InternetMatters.org or NSPCC Online Safety.

Recipe of the Term

Autumn Apple Oat Bars

Make the most of the late-season apples with these delicious, zero-added-sugar oat bars! They are a fantastic, filling alternative to sugary cereal bars and pack away brilliantly in lunchboxes.

Ingredients:

- 200g rolled oats
- 2 very ripe mashed bananas
- 1 grated apple (squeezed to remove excess juice)
- 1 tsp cinnamon

Method:

- Preheat oven to 180°C (Fan) and line a small baking tin.
- Mix the banana, apple, and cinnamon in a bowl, then stir in the oats.
- Gently fold in the blackberries and press the mixture firmly into the tin.
- Bake for 20–25 minutes until golden, then cool completely before slicing into bars.

Superpower Smiles: Top Tips for Healthy Teeth

We are so proud of how brilliantly the children have settled back into our daily supervised brushing routine as part of the SCFT Oral Health Scheme! To help keep those superpower smiles shining bright at home:

- Brush Twice Daily: Two minutes last thing at night and at one other time during the day.
- Spit, Don't Rinse: Encourage your child to spit out toothpaste without rinsing with water, preserving the protective fluoride.
- Water & Milk Only: Keep setting water bottles filled with plain water only to protect against tooth decay.
- Book a Check-Up: The new term is a great time to schedule your child's routine dental check-up!