

Good afternoon,

We're well settled back into Term 1 now and looking forward to a number of events and opportunities to engage with our families. Please read on for the weekly update.

Have a great weekend

Best wishes,

Mr Spencer & The Tadpole Team

Date	What?	Who?	Additional info
Tuesday 19th September	Year 3 swimming starts	Y3	Please make sure you have paid by Monday 18th September
Tuesday 19th September	Swimming	Y3	
Tuesday 26th September	Bake Sale (Young Carers)	ALL	3.30 - 4pm in the Small Hall
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Wednesday 27th September	Open School/Meet The Teacher - Y1, Y3 & Y5	Y1, Y3, Y5	3.30 - 4.30 Meet your child's new Class Teacher and see what they've been learning in the first few weeks of Term 1.
Thursday 28th September	Open School/Meet The Teacher - YR, Y2, Y4 & Y6	YR, Y2, Y4 & Y6	3.30 - 4.30 Meet your child's new Class Teacher and see what they've been learning in the first few weeks of Term 1.
Friday 6th October ** NEW DATE **	School Photos	ALL	In school
Thursday 2 November	Flu Vaccination provisional date	YR - Y6 only	More details to follow on how to sign your child up
Thursday 2nd November	Parent Consultations 1	ALL	Details on how to book a slot to follow
Tuesday 7th November	Parent Consultations 2	ALL	Details on how to book a slot to follow

Open School/Meet The Teacher

We're opening up our School to our parents/carers. Please come along to meet your child's new Class Teacher and to see what your child has been learning so far in Term 1. Any information shared with parents will be emailed out after these sessions in case you're unable to attend.

Please see dates in the calendar above.

KS1 parents - Class Dojo

KS1 are trialling an app called 'Class Dojo' instead of using Seesaw.

Class Dojo is a school communication platform that teachers, students and families use every day to build close-knit communities by sharing what's being learned in the classroom and home through photos, videos, and messages. Children can also earn 'Dojo Points' for all sorts of reasons from showing our Values or Spotlight behaviours to showing great effort in something. Your child should have come home on Friday (today) with a login/QR code which you can use to set up your free account. Please be patient with KS1 teachers as they work hard to get their heads around this app. We'll be asking for your feedback soon as we continue to look at ways that we can improve communication and information sharing with our families.

Bake Sale (Young Carers)

Exciting news: we are holding our first fundraising event of this school year.

We are going to be hosting a bake sale on Tuesday 26th September straight after school finishes, from 3:35pm, in the Small Hall. If pupils that attend our Lilypad wraparound care would like to buy a cake, please send your child in with 50p.

We are raising awareness for our Young Carers and how important these young people are. Our Young Carers group meet within school time and the money raised from the bake sale will go towards resources for the group and a trip at the end of the year.

If you would like to contribute either bought or baked goods please send them in with your child on Tuesday 26th September.

Thank you

Miss Milsom and Miss Jenner

Homework Parent Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to complete our homework survey. We had a fantastic 125 responses with some great feedback. We are busy working through it and will be sending out a revamp of our homework by the end of next week. Thank you once again!

Musical Instruments

A flashback to childhood spelling tests: we're on the lookout for donations of glockenspiels or xylophones. If you think you can help, please let us know.

Breakfast Club Availability

We currently have a few places available for our breakfast club ('Lilypad'). If you would be interested in finding out more about this, please Fill in [this Lilypad form](#) and email it to school@tadpolefarmcepa.co.uk or hand it in to the office. Thank you

Change Y5 pick up time to 3:25

Currently, our Y6s leave via the front of the School at 3.25pm. This helps to avoid congestion in pedestrian areas at a very busy time.

The pick up area in front of the Drop Zone has been very busy this week and this can make it challenging to hand over younger pupils to parents.

Firstly, please can we ask that all parents/carers spread themselves out so pupils can leave the site safely.

To help further, we are going to extend the **3.25pm** leaving time to our **Y5 pupils from Monday 11th September**.

They will still leave via the double gates in front of the Drop Zone.

Many of them walk/cycle home already. If they don't, please arrange a place to meet them away from the area directly in front of the gates.

Closing of side gate between Monday 18th & Friday 29th September

From Monday 18th, the side gate by the staff car park will be closed.

This is due to the work that is taking place to develop our NEST space.

Parents will not be able to access the school playground from that entrance during this time.

If you are picking up pupils from Y1, please access the site via the gate at the front of the school near Reception and Nursery. Y3 pupils will be handed over via the double gates by the Drop Zone.

Please can we ask for your understanding during this period: these areas will be a little busier than normal for a couple of weeks. We will do everything we can to make sure that pupils can leave safely and swiftly.

