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Dear Dell families,

We hope you have had a wonderful summer and enjoyed time with your families. As the summer break draws to a close, we wanted to share some 'back to school' information and reminders with you.

Back to School -

Our existing Nursery children will return to school on Friday 4th September, with new Nursery children having a staggered start week commencing 7th September – letters have been sent to confirm start dates, if you have any queries start dates can be found on your nursery place offer letter, alternatively please contact the school office.

All children from Reception to Y6 will **return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026**. As we have done in previous years, our children starting in Reception may choose to have a soft start if preferred, as below.

- Autumn born children may arrive between 8.30am-8.45am
- Spring born children may arrive at 10am via the school office
- Summer born children may arrive at 1pm via the school office

Cashless Office –

This is a polite reminder that we operate a cashless policy: any payments should be made electronically via Arbor. For new families to our school, please check your email as we have sent your Arbor login link to you to confirm your account. If there are any queries about logging in to Arbor, please contact the school office.

Breakfast, Wraparound and Enrichment Clubs -

Breakfast Club – begins from Wednesday 3rd September 2026

We are delighted to be able to continue offering breakfast club at no cost for all children. You will be able to pre-book sessions from 1st September by logging in to Arbor. Please remember to contact the school office if you need to cancel a session as we only have 70 places available, which is full most days.

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After School Wraparound Club – begins Wednesday 3rd September 2026
Wraparound Club can be booked via Arbor and will be open for bookings from 1st September. You will need to add your credit to your account to be able to book. We are unable to book this via the school office. Wraparound club is available up to 4.30pm at £3 per session. All children must be collected promptly at 4.30pm.

Enrichment After School Clubs – details to follow soon

We will be sharing details with you soon about our fabulous offer of enrichment clubs for the Autumn Term very soon, which are led by Teachers and Teaching Assistants. We will continue to have a wonderful array of opportunities for the children again. These clubs are all offered free of charge. When applying for a club space please only do so if your child/ren are committed to attending every session for that half term. Children who are offered a place and miss two sessions will be removed and the place will be offered to another child on the waiting list.

Healthy Snack –

You are welcome to send your child with a healthy snack for break time if you wish. We encourage you to choose from fruit, vegetables, yoghurt tubes or a non-chocolate cereal bar.

Nut Free School -

Due to allergies within school, we are a nut free environment. We would be grateful if you are able to carefully check any packaging before sending food into school.

School Uniform –

Our school uniform policy remains unchanged, and a copy of this should you need it is available on the school website. Our uniform is currently available to purchase from Screens. If you require support with school uniform please email admin@dellprimary.org.uk for the attention of Mrs Berrecloth and she will make contact with you.

Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) are required to wear a tie as part of their uniform.

Information regarding PE days will follow shortly.

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School Lunches –

A copy of the new menu for the Autumn term is now available in The Pantry booking system. If you are new to our school please check your inbox for an email from The Pantry to confirm your account to allow you to order school meals. We are unable to order school lunches via the school office or classroom.

School lunches must be booked by 9am so the kitchen know how many to cater for. If your child is not in school, please remember to cancel their meal before 9am, to keep food wastage to a minimum.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal school meal at no cost, your account with The Pantry has been updated so you are not charged when you book. If your child has just left Year 2 and is now starting in Year 3 their universal meal entitlement has now ended. If you think they may be entitled to Free School Meals, please apply.

Changes to Free School Meals –

Following on from our communications over the summer, you can now complete the form to assess your eligibility for free school meals under the expanded scheme. From September 2026, the government is expanding entitlement for free school meals. Children in households receiving Universal Credit will now qualify under the updated criteria.

We encourage all families to apply, even if:

- your child currently brings packed lunches
- your child already receives meals through Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 or Year 2)
- you have previously applied and were not eligible
- your circumstances have changed recently

Why it is important to register

Registering for free school meals can provide benefits beyond school lunches. Eligibility may also help our school access additional funding to support teaching, resources and pastoral care for pupils. Even if your child does not intend to have school lunches, the additional funding can still provide these wider benefits for all children at the school.

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If your child will be entering Year 3 in September 2026 and so has previously been entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (free meals for all children in Reception – Year 2), it is especially important to check if you are eligible now for Free School Meals from Year 3 onwards.

How to apply:

Please [click here](#) to apply online. Applying is quick and easy.

Families with British National (Overseas) status and families with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) are entitled to apply for Free School Meals by completing the NRPF Free School Meals application form which can be found [here](#).

Need help?

If you need further assistance, please contact the Council's free school meals team at fsm@norfolk.gov.uk in the first instance

Consents and Permissions –

In advance of our return to school there will be some consent requests shared with you to complete via Arbor, this includes photo permissions, Y5 and Y6 who can have permission to leave school without an adult, and local trips.

We review our consents every school year. These will be available for you from 1st September and must be completed, consents from last academic year are not carried forward. Please ensure you respond to any consents in Arbor by Thursday 3rd September when children return to school. If you need to change a consent throughout the school year, please contact the school office.

Inhalers and Medication –

All inhalers and medication must be signed in via the school office on Thursday 3rd September. The classroom staff will be unable to accept inhalers or medication. The school office will be open from 8:15am.

Timings of the School Day –

7.45am	Breakfast Club – the door closes at 8am.
8:30am	Gates open and free flow into the classroom
8:45am	Gates closed (children arriving late should sign in at the office)
8:50am	Registers close
11.30am	AM Nursery session ends
12:15pm	PM Nursery session begins
3:15pm	End of the school day
4.15pm	Extra-curricular clubs finish
4.30pm	Wraparound club collection

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Calendar Dates so far for the Autumn term –

Tuesday 1st September

PD Day

Wednesday 2nd September

PD Day

Thursday 3rd September

Back to School

Thursday 3rd September

New nursery starters – home visits

Friday 4th September

Existing (2025/26) nursery children return today

Monday 7th September

Staggered start week for new nursery children

Friday 11th September

Evolution Cup sports event (selected children)

Monday 14th September

Y6 Bikeability

Tuesday 15th September

Y6 Bikeability

Monday 21st September

Y6 Bikeability

Tuesday 22nd September

Y6 Bikeability

Thursday 24th September

School photos – individual and sibling

Friday 9th October

World Mental Health Day

Friday 9th October

Nursery/Reception Autumn walk

Tuesday 13th October

RUN-Dell event

Friday 23rd October

PD Day

Monday 26th October

Half term this week

Tuesday 10th October

Parents Evening

Thursday 12th October

Parents Evening

Friday 13th November

Children in Need

Tuesday 1st December

Bookworms Book Fair

Tuesday 1st December

Bedtime Stories event

Monday 7th December

Christmas Performances KS1 (am) / EYFS (pm)

Tuesday 8th December

Christmas Performances EYFS (am) / KS1 (pm)

Wednesday 9th December

Christmas Performances Y3/4 (am) / Y5/6 (pm)

Thursday 10th December

Christingle St Marks Church – Rec to Y6

Friday 11th December

Christmas Performances Y5/6 (am) / Y3/4 (pm)

Friday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 14th December

Christmas Craft event (am)

Friday 18th December

Non uniform with Christmas Jumpers

Monday 21st December

Christmas Holiday – return to school Tuesday

5th January 2027

Communication –

Each week we share an end of week newsletter on a Friday, please do take a moment to read this, it will share details of the weeks learning across the school, information and any updates to dates or additional events to our calendar. We also share a Monday Mail which arrives into your email inbox every Monday morning at 7.30am with details of what's happening in school for the week ahead.

All information is also saved on our school website, should you have any questions.

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Fundraising Events -

From time to time, we may host fundraising events where cash is accepted, but you will be advised in advance if this is the preferred method of payment. We have a PTA (FAST of Dell) if you would like to get involved, please email admin@dellprimary.org.uk and we will ask the Chairperson to get in touch.

As always, thank you for all your support and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday!

Yours sincerely,

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