



Hi Studfall families

I can't believe we are already halfway through term 1 – and what a great start to the new academic year it has been!

The children have been working incredibly hard in their classes, getting used to new routines and making new friendships in their classes. It is lovely to see how settled and independent they are becoming.

I'm excited to share some new initiatives in this second edition of Infant Heads Up and also provide information about up and coming events as well as dates for your diary.

Please note the revised date for individual photographs, which is scheduled for Friday 9th October.

Karen Parris

Head of Academy



Phonics meetings

A big thank you reception and year one families that attended our recent parent meetings for phonics. It was lovely to see such a great turnout and the children enjoyed demonstrating their phonics in classes.

Please refer to the school website for further information about phonics. If you did not make the session, class teachers will be happy to help or answer any questions.

Thank you to those families that have dropped me a message on class dojo, providing feedback. This is really useful for us to ensure we are offering the right support for our families. If you can spare a few minutes to do this, it would be much appreciated.





Studfall
Inspiring Brighter Futures

All
Families
Welcome!

Studfall Tumble Tots

Play
Explore
Tumble
Make Friends

Community Play Sessions
for Toddlers & Pre-Schoolers

Come along to meet new parents
and children and enjoy a fun
play session!

Designed
for toddlers
and pre-school
children

Active
Children
Happier
Tomorrows

Small
Steps
Big
Achievements



Wednesday
15th October
9.30 - 10.30

Thursday
5th November
9.30 - 10.30

Thursday
19th November
9.30 - 10.30

Thursday
3rd December
9.30 - 10.30



Meet local
families



Supports
play, movement
and development



Light
refreshments
will be available
for families



A friendly and
supportive
community
environment

Small Children ♥ Bright Futures ♥ Stronger Communities

Pupil Premium

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal through the government's **Universal Infant Free School Meals** scheme. However, some families may also qualify for additional support through **Targeted** or **Expanded** Free School Meals.

Targeted Free School Meals

Your child may qualify if your family receives **Universal Credit** and has household earnings of **£7,400 per year or less**.

If eligible:

- Your child receives a free school meal.
- The school receives **additional Pupil Premium funding** to support your child's learning.
- Your child may be eligible for other support and activities including a £50 voucher for uniform and trips.

For more information and guidance through this process, please contact the school office, where the team will be happy to help and advise.

Monday 5th October

Yr 2 - Harvest Festival



Year Two will be taking the lead in the Harvest Festival, joined by Revd Canon Ian Pullinger, Vicar of St Columba church.

The festival will start at 2.00pm in the school hall followed by activities in classes with the children.

Any unopened food and household essentials will be gratefully received from all year groups.

Studfall Food Station

‘Donations from our families, shared with our families’

On Friday 9th October, we'd like to invite families, if they wish to pick up a food parcel from the hall – this will be open from 3.00pm onwards.

Any family is welcome to take items from the station.

"Take what you need, give what you can, helping our school community thrive together."

Individual Photographs – Friday 9th October

Please ensure your child is in their school uniform and ideally wearing a purple jumper/cardigan as the background is often white.

There will be an opportunity for family photos from 8.00am – 8.45am and will take place in the school hall.

We will send out a sibling form to indicate if you would like your children photographed with siblings (within school). Look out for this over the next few days.

Year 2 Parents

It is really important that you do apply for the year 3 place

How to apply

The easiest and quickest way to apply is online at

[Apply for a primary school place | North Northamptonshire Council](#)

The application process opened on 10th September 2026 and you will need to register using an email address. Alternatively, you may wish to complete a paper application form which you can request from the School Admissions Team (contact details above).

School tours for Reception 2027

If you have pre school children,
or know of families deciding on
a school place for September
2027, please share the QR code
To book a school tour.



Parent Consultations

There is a slight change to the previously advertised parent consultation dates.

Time slots will be available on Wednesday 14th October from 3.30 – 5.30

There will be a second session on Thursday 22nd October 3.30 – 5.30

Whilst we will try to stick to these time, class teachers may also offer time slots on different days to accommodate all families.

Class teachers will contact families through class dojo to organise times and dates.



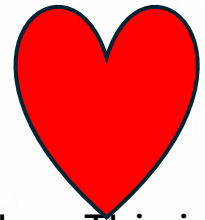
Halloween Fun!

This year, Halloween is during half term break, however we will still have an afternoon of Halloween fun at school.

Children can come to school on Wednesday 4th November in their Halloween costumes. We will enjoy activities, games and dancing.

To support this event, please donate £2.00 on the day.

Wear Red day!



We are having a 'Wear Red' day on Friday 23rd October. This is in memory of Ann Winters, who was a member of staff at the Infant school who died on Christmas Eve 2011 and Thomas McNamee, aged 10 who died at school on October 23rd 2014.

It would be great if as many people could support the day as possible.

There are many activities that the children can take part in:
Come in red clothes, head bands, have red hair etc.

In school we will have a red heart face painting

Nails painted red

Red treats throughout the day

We kindly ask families for a £2.00 donation towards activities and funds for children to support their learning.

End of term 1 – Friday 23rd October

Teacher training day – Monday 2nd November

School open for children – Term 2 - Tuesday 3rd November