



REFFLEY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER September

Message from Miss Fendley

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting academic year at Reffley Academy.

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. It has been fantastic to see our children return to school with such enthusiasm, positivity and eagerness to learn.

As we begin a new year, it is also a time to reflect on the many achievements and memorable moments we shared last year. From academic success and sporting achievements to performances, trips and community events, there was so much to celebrate. These experiences are a testament to the hard work of our pupils, the dedication of our staff and the continued support of our families.

A special welcome goes to all those joining our school community for the first time. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to working in partnership with you throughout your time at Reffley Academy.

September brings with it a sense of excitement and opportunity. It is a chance for children to embrace new challenges, develop new friendships and continue their learning journey with confidence. As always, our commitment is to provide the very best education and opportunities for every child. We look forward to seeing our pupils demonstrate our values of Cooperation, Curiosity, Ambition, Respect and Resilience in all that they do.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we will build on the successes of the past year and ensure that every child feels happy, safe and inspired to achieve their very best.

We are excited for all that this year will bring and look forward to creating many more special memories together.

Communication

Please remember that all teachers are accessible via Class Dojo. We kindly ask that all communication is conducted in a respectful manner.

Changes to First Aid Communication

To ensure that parents and carers receive timely information about injuries and to improve our record-keeping processes, we are making some changes to how first aid incidents are communicated.

 *Any injury involving the head, face, neck or above the shoulders will always be followed up with a telephone call home.*

 *All first aid incidents will continue to be recorded electronically on our First Aid Log.*

 *We will no longer send paper first aid slips home.*

 *For injuries that do not involve the head, face or neck, parents and carers will receive a Class Dojo message informing them of the incident and any first aid treatment provided.*

These changes will provide a more efficient, reliable and environmentally friendly way of keeping families informed.

Parking Around School

Please Park respectfully around the school and be considerate of our neighbours.

The safety of our children remains our highest priority, particularly during drop-off and collection times.

Breakfast Club

Please ensure that you book places in advance, as we need to maintain the correct staffing ratios. There is a risk that families may be turned away if places have not been booked in advance. Children who wish to eat breakfast must arrive by 8.15am.

Lateness

If you arrive after the gate closes, please report to the school office and explain the reason for your lateness. Please do not enter through classroom doors, as registers need to be completed and lunch arrangements checked.

Booking School Lunches

Please remember to book lunches each day. Cost of school lunch is £2.80.

Lunches can be booked in advance via the Pupil Asset website. Please do not use the app, as it is no longer operational.

If you experience any difficulties, please contact the school office.

School Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term

- Term Time: Thursday 3 September - Thursday 22 October 2026
- Half-Term Holiday: Friday 23 October - Friday 30 October 2026
- Term Time: Monday 2 November - Friday 18 December 2026
- Christmas Holiday: Monday 21 December 2026 - Monday 4 January 2027

Spring Term

- Term Time: Tuesday 5 January - Friday 12 February 2027
- Half-Term Holiday: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2027
- Term Time: Monday 22 February - Thursday 25 March 2027
- Easter Holiday: Friday 26 March - Monday 12 April 2027

Summer Term

- Term Time: Tuesday 13 April - Friday 28 May 2027
(Monday 3 May 2027 is a Bank Holiday)
- Half-Term Holiday: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2027
- Term Time: Monday 7 June - Wednesday 21 July 2027

Important Dates

A more detailed calendar for the academic year will be shared shortly.

September

 3 September - Children return to school

 14 September - Year 6 Residential Trip Meeting
(More details to follow)

 16 September - Year 4 Trip to Roydon Common

 25 September - Year 4 Bikeability
(For pupils who have booked a place)

October

 1 October - Parent Drop-In Session, 2.30pm
(More details to follow)

 9 October - Year 5 Visit to the Space Centre

 19 & 20 October - Parents' Evening

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another successful year of learning, achievement and memorable experiences at Reffley Academy. Let's make 2026-27 our best year yet!