

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pumpkin Patch Festival

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting our first Autumn Pumpkin Festival on Thursday 29th October. This event is a celebration of the changing seasons, nature, and the wonderful creativity of our pupils. It is also a special opportunity to celebrate a fantastic achievement for our school, as our pupils have successfully grown our very own school pumpkins for the first time!

We would love for families to decorate a pumpkin together at home and bring it into school. All the pumpkins will be displayed on the school grounds for everyone to admire, and there will be exciting prizes for creativity in EYFS, KS1 and KS2!

To ensure this event is fun, safe, and inclusive for every single child in our school community, we kindly ask that you follow these guidelines:

- **Theme:** Our theme is **Autumn, Nature, and Creativity**. We want to keep this event friendly and welcoming for our youngest pupils, so please avoid any scary, spooky, or gory designs. Instead, think about friendly faces, autumn leaves, animals, or even favourite book characters!

- **Carving or Painting:** You do not have to carve your pumpkin. Painting, drawing, or decorating the outside of the pumpkin is highly encouraged—it lasts longer and is a fantastic, safe option for younger children.

- **Safety:** If you do carve your pumpkin, please do not send real candles into school. If you would like your pumpkin to light up, you are welcome to place a battery-operated LED tea light inside it.

- **Timeline:** Please bring your completed pumpkins to the school grounds on Thursday 29th October at drop off time. Teachers will help display them for parents and carers to view at pick-up time at 3:10pm. All pumpkins will then be stored inside the school during Thursday night and pupils will bring them home at the end of the day on Friday.

Ensuring Every Child Can Join In

We want every child to be able to participate. If you do not have the tools at home, or if providing a pumpkin is difficult at the moment, please let us know. The school has a supply of spare pumpkins, and we will be running a lunchtime decorating club so that no one misses out.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school community so vibrant and creative. We cannot wait to see your wonderful designs!

Warm regards,

Balinder Kazi (Headteacher)

