



The Ridgeway CE Primary School

'Building for Life'

Newsletter 4th September 2026

News from Mrs Blockley

A very warm welcome back to all our existing families, and a special welcome to those joining us for the first time. It has been lovely to see everyone back over the last couple of days as we settle into our routines and begin the new school year.

We hope you've all had a wonderful summer. The children have already been busy sharing their adventures, from holidays and library trips to picnics and family days out. It sounds like everyone has made the most of the break, and it has been lovely to hear their stories!

A huge thank you to our school community

While the children have been enjoying their summer, there has been plenty happening behind the scenes! A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have given their time over the holidays to help prepare and improve our school. A special thank you to the Browning families for keeping our garden going through the summer heat (no mean feat), Mrs Allan, Mrs McKenzie and their families for developing our Forest School and Mr Angus for repairing our school steps. Thank you to all the staff who've been in moving furniture and preparing classrooms. I must also thank my own family, who have spent some of their summer dismantling sheds and filling skips! There is still some work to finish, so thank you for your patience. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has given their time and energy to The Ridgeway — your support really does make a difference.

Our summer work has not stopped us getting stuck into the new school year! Our first two INSET days have been jam-packed with learning, planning and preparation. Alongside our annual safeguarding training, we have been developing our English and Maths curricula to ensure we continue to provide an ambitious, engaging and well-sequenced education. As well as completing Special Educational Needs Training. We have also been looking ahead to how we can build on our strengths, support every child to thrive and make The Ridgeway an even better place to learn.

It has been a busy few days, but it has been wonderful to see the school come back to life. We are really looking forward to the year ahead and all that we will achieve together as a school community.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Blockley

Notices:

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Links to: [Diary Dates](#) & [Term Dates](#)

We're pleased to have planned some spelling and phonics/reading workshops, along with opportunities for you to meet your class teacher. Please see the dates and times below:

Robins Phonics Workshop (28.09.2026 8:40-9:30am)—This is for the parents of children who have joined Robin class. This will be an opportunity to learn about our phonics scheme, how we teach phonics, how you can support your child at home with phonics and reading.

Skylarks Phonics/Reading Workshop (Year 1&2) - 15.09.26—3:10-3:30pm. This will also be an opportunity to meet the teacher, learn about the class routines, how phonics and spelling is taught in Key Stage 1 and how you can support your child with their phonics/spelling and their reading at home.

House Martin—Meet the Teacher (Year 3&4) 10.09.26—3:10-3:30pm. This will also be an opportunity to learn about the class routines.

Wren—Meet the Teacher (Year 5&6) 16.09.2026-3:10-3:30pm. This will also be an opportunity to learn about the class routines.

KS2 Spelling Workshop (Wren & House Martin - 22.09.2026 3:10-4:00pm). This is an opportunity to learn about how spelling is taught in Key Stage 2. The workshop will also explain how parents can support their child with their spelling at home.