

5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and enjoyed the summer break with some of the sunniest weather we have had in years.

We welcome new children, parents and members of staff across our schools this September.

Staff have been in school over the holidays busily preparing for the beginning of the Autumn Term. Lots of our schools have had building work completed to enhance the provision in schools. Staff at Looe have also had to contend with some flooding across the playground which hampered progress for the start of term, all cleared now, thankfully.

Everyone had a successful INSET day on Wednesday to complete mandatory training and to continue to prepare for the return of the children.

There has been a lot of media coverage about the expense of school uniform. I hope all our parent community can see we keep costs to an absolute minimum, and all schools have second hand uniform available. Thank you to all our parents and carers for ensuring the children have returned to school looking so smart; with only two days for the children this week, we hope the uniform stays clean, and the children have looked after their new shoes.

Premises

It was a busy summer for the premises team and contractors to work through maintenance schedules in the school buildings, upgrading facilities across school sites. There was a big project at Brunel this summer to move the reception classes into the main building – we hope parents are as impressed as the staff with the improved provision there.

Home School Agreement/ Parental Consents

As in previous years it is very important that we hold the most up-to-date information on our school systems, so please can you take some time to log into your Arbor Parent Portal/App over the next couple of days to check both your own and your child's data, amending where necessary ensuring you have details of at least two contacts on your file in case of an emergency. All changes you make will automatically update the school. Once logged in you will notice that the 2025/26 Home School Agreement has been uploaded. Consents are to be completed for every child to enable them to have photos taken, watch PG films, attend local sporting events and access approved learning platforms etc. Please be aware that without consent your child will unfortunately not be able to participate in certain activities.

If you do not currently use the Arbor Parent Portal/App and would like to, please contact the School Office who will arrange login details to be sent to you. However, if you don't have internet access available to you, the School Office can arrange for a paper version to be sent out for your completion. Please note, where we do not receive a response the system entry will automatically show as a 'NO CONSENT' until confirmed consent is received. If you have any queries regarding the Home School Agreement/Parental Consents, please don't hesitate to contact the School Office.

Thank you for your continued support as the Autumn Term begins, we have enjoyed welcoming the children back to school this week. We look forward to a successful first half term.

With all good wishes,

Adrian Massey and everyone in Bridge Schools