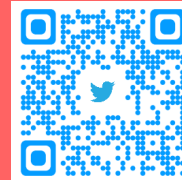


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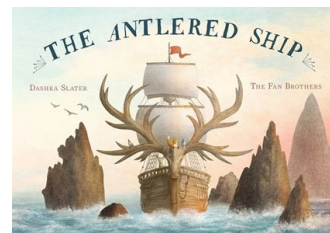
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06/09/2024

Hello everyone

We would like to offer **a very warm welcome back to school to everyone!** It has been so lovely to see the excitement and enthusiasm in school this week. Our new Year 3 have settled extremely well into their classes and have already made a fantastic addition to our Thornton Family — **well done Year 3, we are very proud of you!** The new Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 classes have also made a very positive start to their new year.

The children have all had fun, whilst working hard, in this first week back reading and enjoying a whole school book **'The Antlered Ship' by Dashka Slater** (more about our new author of the month on page 2!). We are looking forward to sharing with you the imaginative and skillful artwork the children creatively produced in response to this book next week...



An **extra special thank you** to all those children who worked incredibly hard at home over the summer holidays to produce some **outstanding creative homework** linked to their new topic. Please scan the QR code at the top of the newsletter to see their work on your school Twitter ('X') page! We can't wait to see more CREATIVE homework when it comes into school as the term goes on.

Over the next 2 weeks, we are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers into school to hear all about to support your child's learning at home in our **'Parent Welcome Meeting'**. Each meeting gives you chance to find out about what your child will be studying this academic year, and how you can help. You will also be able to find out about trips and experiences planned for them, as well as meet your child's teacher, the Inclusion Team and the Senior Leadership Team, and ask us lots of questions whilst having a cup of tea!



**Wednesday 11th September 9-9.45am — Year 4 Parent Welcome Meeting**

**Thursday 12th September 9-9.45am — Year 6 Parent Welcome Meeting**

**Wednesday 18th September 9-9.45am — Year 3 Parent Welcome Meeting**

**Thursday 19th September 9-9.45am — Year 5 Parent Welcome Meeting**

Some other important dates for your diary are:

**Tuesday 17th September — 3ST & 3MJ Outback to Basics trip**

**Friday 20th September — 3GJ & 3SQ Outback to Basics trip**

**Tuesday 24th September — 5BA & 5ST National Space Centre Leicester trip**

**Wednesday 25th September — 5TR & 5ZY National Space Centre Leicester trip**

**Wednesday 2nd October 3.45-6.15pm — Parents' Evening**

**Friday 4th October — Year 6 Black Country Museum trip**

**Wednesday 9th October 3.45-6.15pm — Parents' Evening**

**Friday 11th October 9-9.30am — Y6 Harvest Festival Assembly**



Have a great weekend everyone and thank you for making it such a good one!

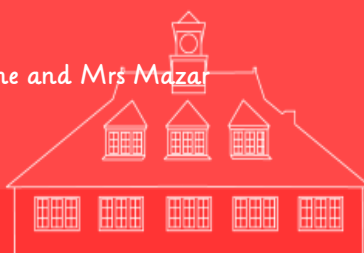
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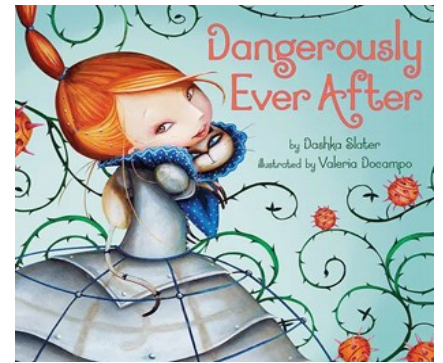
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# Author of the Month 'September'

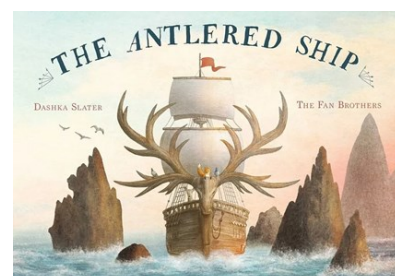
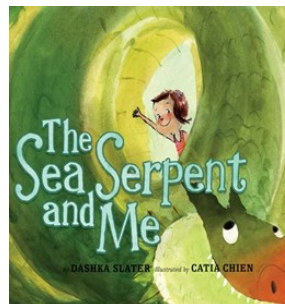


## DASHKA SLATER

*New York Times*-bestselling author Dashka Slater has been described as a “triple threat” for her success in journalism, adult fiction, and children’s literature. The author of fifteen books of fiction and nonfiction for children, teenagers, and adults, her work has been translated into more than fifteen languages and has won numerous awards, including the 2024 J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize from the Columbia Journalism School and Harvard’s Neiman Foundation for her nonfiction narrative, *Accountable*, the 2023 Kurt Vonnegut Speculative Fiction Award for her short story, *The Jeanines of Summer*, and the 2018 Wanda Gág Read Aloud Award for her picture book, *Escargot*.

Her children’s picture books include the beloved *Escargot* series, *Wild Blue*, *Dangerously Ever After*, and *The Antlered Ship*. She is also the author of a middle grade fantasy series, *The Feylawn Chronicles*

Scan the QR code below to  
access Dashka’s Website!



## PE TIMETABLE

Monday 9th September  
Year 3

Tuesday 10th September  
Swimming for classes  
4NG and 4AA

Wednesday 11th September  
Year 4

Thursday 12th September  
Year 6

Friday 13th September  
Year 5

## P.E.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately as lessons may take place outside (weather permitting). It is really important that the children have as much time exercising outside as possible. We would be really grateful if you could support us by making sure your child comes to school in appropriate P.E. kit on the day they have P.E..



**We do not expect children to wear their normal uniform on their P.E. day.**

A perfect P.E. kit consists of the following:

**Blue or black jog bottoms or shorts**

**White Thornton t-shirt or a plain white or blue t-shirt**

**Trainers or black plimsolls**

**Warm blue or black round neck jumper or tracksuit top**



## Healthy Packed Lunch

Thank you for ensuring you send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch consisting of a:

**Healthy Sandwich**

**Piece of Fruit**

**Yogurt**

**Healthy drink (not fizzy or energy types!)**



## Contact Form

We urgently need you to **complete and return the contact form** that were sent out early this week with your updated details by **Monday 9th September**. This helps us to safeguard your children.

## Healthy Snacks

Children can bring a healthy, **nut free** snack to have at break time. For example, children can have a piece of fruit or a nut free cereal bar during break time. **Strictly NO NUTS are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies.**

Please do not send your child to school with unhealthy snacks such as crisps and chocolates.

**Break time snacks really help give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime! Thank you for your support.**



## Parent Pay

**Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance via Parent Pay, thank you.**

**Dinner money is £2.60 per day and £13 per week.**

**Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and £1.00 for any siblings.**

**After school club is £4.00 per day and £2.00 for any siblings.**

**A late pickup charge, £4, is made for any pupils picked up after 4pm.**

Please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs debts have been cleared at the start of each week and talk to us if you need help with this, thank you.

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Below are the term dates for this academic year

## School Year 2024 to 2025

### Autumn Term 2024

Term 1 Starts: Tuesday 3 September 2024 until Friday 25 October 2024

Half-term: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024

Term 2 starts Monday 4 November until Friday 20 December 2024

*Christmas holidays*



**\* Teacher training day - Monday 2nd September 2024**

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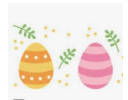
### Spring Term 2025

Term 1 Starts: Tuesday 7 January 2025 until Friday 14 February 2025

Half-term: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Term 2 starts Monday 24 February 2025 until Friday 11 April 2025

*Easter holidays*



**\* Teacher training day - Monday 6th January 2025**

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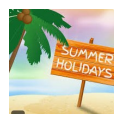
### Summer Term 2025

Term 1 Starts: Tuesday 29 April 2025 until Friday 23 May 2025

Half-term: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term 2 starts Monday 2 June 2025 until Monday 21 July 2025

*Summer holidays*



**\* Teacher training day Monday 28th April 2025**

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**\* Teacher training day Thursday 1st May 2025**

**\* Teacher training day Monday 21st July 2025**