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Dear families,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. First of all, thank you to all who came for our Meet the Teacher events over the last two weeks. I know lots of you found this helpful. If you didn't get chance to make these sessions, class teachers have uploaded all information to your child's class dojo page.

As we move further into Autumn term 1, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some of the wonderful things happening at school, share key information, and introduce you to our newest school council members. We are immensely proud of all children, who delivered their speech with such confidence and courage. A very well done to all!

Our new school council

At Over Hall Community School we value pupil voice – encouraging every student to take part in shaping our school community. With that in mind, I'm delighted to introduce our newly elected **School Council for 2025-26**. Over the last few days, children across year groups 1-6 have taken part in a democratic voting process to elect their representatives on International Day of Democracy. In assembly, children discovered that the voting age is being discussed by the government and the right to vote is being reduced to 16 years of age. Candidates prepared speeches and presentations to share their ideas for making our school an even better place to learn and grow. The enthusiasm, thoughtfulness, and maturity they showed were truly impressive.



HSA Family BBQ

The family BBQ on Friday 12th September was a huge success and attended by lots of you. Thank you for supporting this wonderful annual event. We all enjoyed meeting you and welcoming our newest families to our Over Hall Community. The burgers were delicious too... thank you to all staff and HSA volunteers for helping to organise it.



Extra-curricular (after school) clubs

Starting next week, we have a range of exciting clubs that you can sign your child up for on School Gateway. All clubs finish at 4:15pm and children are to be collected from the main playground.

Monday

Art Club for Year 1 & 2 with Miss Bannan

Tuesday

Debate club for KS2 with Miss Stanley
Gardening club for KS1 & KS2 with Mrs Oakley and Mrs Clews

Thursday

Choir for KS1 and KS2 with Miss McEnaney and Mrs Barlow
Video News Club for Y5 & Y6 with Miss Marshall



Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is 92%

Reception	95%	Year 3	92%
Year 1	89%	Year 5	92%
Year 2	89%	Year 6	89%

Year 4 have the highest attendance again this week with:

99%

Some upcoming events- dates for your diary

22.9.25	After school clubs start- please book in
26/9/25 8:40-9:15	Reception coffee morning and book fair
29/9/25 8:40-9:15	Y1/2 coffee morning and book fair
30/9/25 8:40-9:15	Y3/4 coffee morning and book fair
1/10/25 8:40-9:15	Y5/6 coffee morning and book fair
2/10/25	Y2 Library Visit
6/10/25	School photos- individual and sibling
7/10/25	Y4 Library Visit
9/10/25	Y5 Library Visit
10/10/25	World Mental Health Day- wear something yellow
13/10/25-15/10/25	PGL Residential
Date for this will be confirmed	Y6 Library visit
21/10/25	Y3 Library Visit
21/10/25	HSA Spooky disco
Autumn Half term	27 th October - 1 st November
4/11/25 or 6/11/25	Parents' /carers' evenings
14/11/25	Children in Need - wear something spotty for the day
21/11/25	Y1 Library visit

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and we will look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rachel Oakley