

Dear Families,

We are writing to you today to share some exciting news and to ask for your support. Our school is embarking on a new initiative to become a '**Prem Aware School**', a programme run by the charity, The Smallest Things. This award recognises our commitment to increasing awareness and understanding of the unique educational needs of children who were born prematurely. The Smallest Things is a premature baby charity that supports the needs of babies and their families following neonatal intensive care. The charity introduced the Prem Aware School award in 2020 because they believe all children born prematurely should have the opportunity to achieve their best possible long-term outcomes in school.



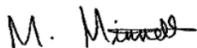
Evidence shows that children born preterm may be at a higher risk of Special Educational Needs compared to children born at term. In an average primary school class, two or three children in every class may have been born preterm. The Prem Aware School award will help our teachers and staff to better understand the long-lasting effects that preterm birth can have on a child's education and learning.

To help us better understand the needs within our school community and to provide appropriate support, we would like to gain a better awareness of how many of our pupils were born prematurely. We would be grateful if you could let us know if your child was born before their due date by clicking the link below to respond by **Friday 3rd October 2025.**

[Preterm Birth Form](#)

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,



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