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School has started again!

On Monday, August 18th, the 2025–2026 school year officially began. We all started fresh and full of energy, and we wish you and the children a happy and healthy school year.

Speaking of fresh: at school we have the agreement that children bring fruit (or vegetables) in the morning, and no pre-packaged foods, candy, cookies, or juice boxes for lunch.

Unlike processed and pre-packaged foods, fruit & vegetables, and also a sandwich in a lunchbox, keep waste to a minimum, are healthier for the children (and for adults as well), and better for your wallet.

Each classroom has a refrigerator, so it is possible to keep lunch cool, fresh, and tasty. As a sustainable and green school, we try to contribute as much as possible to a sustainable society and (learning) environment. Will you help us?

“Door policy”

We hear from parents that it is not always clear when the school doors open and when they can bring their children inside.

The doors at the stairs to the slide and the door by the indoor stairs in the hall open at 8:25 a.m. The “airlock door” at the entrance on the Zevensprong side is opened by Patrick at 8:25 a.m. as well. This way, everyone can enter the school at the same time.

Festive opening on Friday, June 27 2025

It was a wonderful day to officially open our new school building! This year, we combined the traditional end-of-year celebration with the opening ceremony, which also marked the conclusion of a beautiful “Growth Week.”

We watched and enjoyed the talents of our children during their circus performance, admired the vegetable train, and made the most of the lovely weather.

Together with the Parents’ Council, we will start thinking about how to shape the traditional end-of-year celebration in the future.

Klasbord / Parnassys / Parro

We use Parnassys and Klasbord, but not the Parro functionality (of Parnassys).

We kindly ask you to check in Parnassys whether your contact details are still correct, and within Klasbord, under “my privacy settings,” to tick what applies to you. Do you have multiple children at school? Then you need to set this for each child.

A friendly request: you are, of course, free to adjust the settings. To prevent us from overlooking any changes, we ask—purely for practical reasons—that you preferably make updates at the beginning of the school year (before October 1st). Should you wish to make changes later in the year, please feel free to do so and inform your child(ren)’s teacher(s).

For kindergarten children, of course, parents can only adjust the settings according to their preferences once they have a Klasbord account.

Calendar

Attached you will find a PDF of our annual calendar. Unlike in previous years, there will be no QR code to import the calendar directly into your personal agenda (on your phone). Reason: not everyone appreciates having all school activities appear in their private calendar, especially when they are not relevant for their child(ren).

Below you will also find an overview of the school holidays and study days:

School holidays & study days 2025–2026

Start of the 2025–2026 school year	Monday, 18 August 2025
Study days	Thursday, 11 & Friday, 12 September 2025
SBO (Stichting B.O.) study day	Friday, 3 October 2025
Autumn holiday	Friday, 10 October 12:00 PM – Sunday, 19 October 2025
Study day	Monday, 8 December 2025
Christmas holiday	Friday, 19 December 2025 12:00 PM – Sunday, 4 January 2026
Study day	Wednesday, 21 January 2026
Carnival holiday	Friday, 13 February 12:00 PM – Sunday, 22 February 2026
Study day	Thursday, 19 March 2026
Easter Monday	Monday, 6 April 2026
May holiday & study day & Liberation Day	Friday, 17 April 12:00 PM – Tuesday, 5 May 2026
Ascension Day and free Friday	Thursday, 14 & Friday, 15 May 2026
Whit Monday & study day	Monday, 25 & Tuesday, 26 May 2026
Study day	Friday, 26 June 2026
Summer holiday	Friday, 10 July 12:00 PM – Sunday, 23 August 2026

National Parents' Evening "Say No to Vaping": How to Talk to Your Child About Vaping

1 in 10 children aged 12 has already tried vaping. Vaping is very harmful and highly addictive. Your child could also start and become addicted without even realizing it. By talking to your child about vaping in time, you can help prevent this. But how do you start that conversation? Sign up for the National Parents' Evening Say No to Vaping.

On Wednesday, October 1st at 7:30 p.m., the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS), in collaboration with the Trimbos Institute, is organizing the National Parents' Evening Say No to Vaping. During this evening, you will receive practical tools from experts and tips from other parents on how to have this important conversation with your child. A pulmonologist will also explain the harmful effects of vaping, and a neuropsychologist will discuss why teenagers are especially vulnerable to addiction. The final program, including an overview of the experts, will follow in September.

Say NO to vaping and register now for the online parents' evening via the registration link. Participation is free.

Date: Wednesday, October 1st, 2025

Time: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Online

Register via:

<https://ntp.webinargeek.com/nationale-ouderavond-nee-tegen-vapen>

Youth Nurse

The school year has now begun, and in the first week the annual information session was on the agenda. During this moment, you were able to meet your child's teacher and received an overview of what is planned for this school year. We also briefly shared information about the support provided by the Public Health Service (GGD) and the school social work available at our school.

Two years ago, Viviane Bierkens-Hermans, youth nurse from the GGD, regularly visited our school for a Q&A session. Unfortunately, due to illness, it is no longer possible to continue this in its current form. As soon as there is more clarity about her replacement and the continuation of this consultation hour, we will, of course, inform you through *het Kleppertje*.

In addition, our school has a school social worker. She started with us last school year and briefly introduced herself in *het Kleppertje*. We are happy to share her introduction again. You may contact her directly if you or your child are dealing with issues where support is welcome. Naturally, your child's teacher can also take the initiative to get in touch with her.

School Social Work

May I introduce myself:

My name is **Susan de Klerk**, and I have recently started as a school social worker employed by Lumens, working across two primary schools in Best.

I am 50 years old and live with my family in Valkenswaard, where I grew up. I worked as a primary school teacher for 26 years and have been a mother for 16 years—first to a son and later also to a daughter. I greatly enjoyed and valued my time teaching at the village primary school, but I felt the need to spread my wings further. In recent years, I have increasingly focused on the well-being of children. I believe every child deserves the best possible childhood; in this, parents and school naturally play a very important role. I have specialized in socio-emotional development, parenting, mindfulness, and happiness.

Now, as a school social worker, I will be working at De Zevensprong primary school—your child's school. The municipality of Best is completely new to me, and I look forward to meeting you as parents, as well as the children and teachers. In the coming period, I will be present at school every Wednesday. My role within the school is to support both children and parents with social and emotional issues. So, if you have questions or concerns about your child's well-being, or if you have parenting-related questions, please feel free to drop in on Wednesday mornings. Would you prefer to schedule an appointment? You can also reach me by phone at **06-44235154**, so we can arrange a meeting at school or at your home.

I look forward to working together with the children, parents, and teachers of De Zevensprong to make a positive contribution to your child's development.

Kind regards,

Susan de Klerk

Reminder – Spots Still Available!!!!

PUBQUIZ!!

Hi everyone,

A few enthusiastic parents are organizing a fun pub quiz at 't Tejaterke on **Friday evening, November 21st (expected time: 7:30 p.m. – midnight)!**

Test your knowledge, form a team, and enjoy a drink. The proceeds will go toward sports and play opportunities for the children of KC De Zevensprong—such as contributions to existing projects, extra materials, or activities.

Thanks to sponsors like *Wijnhuis Best*, *Cablepark Aquabest*, *Klimrijk*, *Il Gusto Best*, and *Powerbase Fitness*, there are also great prizes to be won!

Details:

- When: Friday, November 21st, 2025
- Time: 7:30 p.m. – midnight
- Teams: max. 5 people
- Cost: €50 per team
- Sign up: before November 7th via <https://www.pubquizdecru.nl>

Be quick—spots are limited!