

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break. We extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and families joining our Reception and Nursery classes this academic year.

This week we have held 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for Years 1 to 6 to share the learning that will be taking place across this half term. If you missed this, please take a moment to read the year group curriculum newsletter which includes what children will be learning, homework expectations and what day PE will be taking place.

Within this newsletter, you will also find details of who is who on our whole school staffing structure for this academic year. Don't forget, lots of other useful information including diary dates and news can be found on our school website and social media accounts so don't forget to check and follow us. The details can be found on the overleaf of this newsletter.

Children have been talking about and celebrating their holiday homework projects which are being proudly displayed in classrooms and shared in assemblies. Thank you for taking the time to discuss and research new learning topics, this helps children to make links, ask questions and practise vocabulary with ease.

Children have been given new home reading diaries and reading books this week. Reading is an important part of wider learning. Daily practice supports fluency and understanding. Please help us to support children in developing this most important of skills by ensuring they read to, or with you each day.

Earlier this week you received a letter regarding a one off voluntary contribution for trips and enrichment. This year, instead of asking for a contribution for each trip/workshop, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £20.00 per pupil at the beginning of the academic year. Asking for a contribution now will help the school to manage the cost of trips/enrichment and makes it possible for all pupils to participate in these opportunities which enhance the learning that takes place inside of the classroom. Please note that this is entirely voluntary.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ms Felicity Headen - Headteacher | Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher

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Reminders

School Start Time

School starts at 8.55am. Please ensure children arrive on time to line up and enter the school with their class teacher when the bell goes.



Book Bags & Reading Diaries

Remember book bags and reading diaries need to be brought to school every day. This teaches both responsibility and independence.



Exploring EYFS

This week in EYFS, the children have loved exploring the environment and getting to know one another. They have thoroughly enjoyed role playing in the home corner, cooking and sharing a meal!



Cricket

This term, Year 2 are working with a coach to practise their cricket skills. This week they learned how to throw a ball under-arm and how to use different strategies to stop the ball such as a long save and a short save.



Historic Artefacts

This week in Humanities, Year 3 have discussed and looked at different artefacts from the Stone Age period. They then explored what the artefacts were used for and its importance.



Staffing Profile 2025-26

Children have now settled into their new classes and are back into a routine. A big welcome to the new members of the teaching team who joined us this September!

Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher Felicity Headen - Headteacher			
Ms Erin Gillham KS1 Deputy Headteacher		Mr Zammedin Siddique KS2 Deputy Headteacher	
Ms Ivita Grodze Assistant Headteacher		Ms Jazmin Clarke SENCO	
Year 6	Maple Class James Tilden	Redwood Class Marishae Sotiri	Chestnut Class Simmy Moosa
Year 5	Poplar Class Myles Hoary	Holly Class Steven Brown	Elder Class Anna Celi
Year 4	Hawthorn Class Hassaan Muzaffar	Laurel Class Lenna Marson	Hazel Class Natasha Tannis
Year 3	Cedar Class Seyma Cakir	Sycamore Class Meski Abdi	Walnut Class Nahida Islam
Year 2	Willow Class Rahima Islam		Rowan Class Yeliz Siddique
Year 1	Ash Class Catherine Rocha		Oak Class Faisa Nuur
Reception	Apple Class Janatee Miah		Cherry Class Sophie Peace
Nursery	Sapling Jessica Menzdoza		

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexible Space at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home. EYFS Workshops are held separately. Please see the dates below.

Date	Focus
Friday 26 th September	<u>Culture</u> : How do we celebrate diversity and promote inclusivity through our school values?
Friday 17 th October	<u>Knowledge and Understanding</u> : How can I support my child to recall and make links to prior learning?

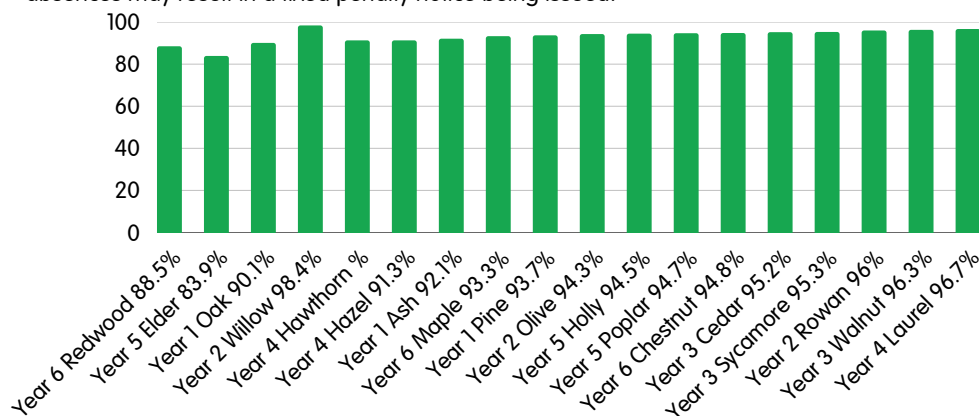
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 89.2%.

Well done to Year 4 Hazel Class, last week's winners with 98.8% attendance.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



Key Dates

Bring A Significant Male to School

Wednesday 24th September at 9:00am - 9:45am

Year 6 Chestnut Class Assembly

Thursday 25th September at 10:15am - New Hall

Black History Month

Month of October

Year 2 Rowan Class Assembly

Thursday 2nd October at 10:15am - Dinner Hall

Year 6 Maple Class Assembly

Thursday 2nd October at 10:15am - New Hall

World Week

w/b Monday 6th October

National Dress Day

Thursday 9th October

International Evening

Thursday 9th October at 3:45pm

Year 2 Willow Class Assembly

Thursday 16th October at 10:15am - Dinner Hall

Year 6 Redwood Class Assembly

Thursday 16th October at 10:15am - New Hall

Year 5 Orchid Class Assembly

Wednesday 15th October at 9:15am - Top Hall

Term End and Start

The first half of the autumn term ends on Friday 24th October at 3:30pm.

Please scan the QR code to view our 2025-2026 term dates.



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