

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children are now settled into the routine of the new term. Our website is updated regularly with key diary events including coffee mornings, class assemblies and trips, news, and community information. Term dates can be found on the back of the fortnightly newsletter to help you plan ahead for holidays. If you have suggestions or comments, our school office has a parent comment box that can be used to share your thoughts.

This week we welcomed significant males into school to learn alongside children. A big thank you to those who came along! There are also special days for significant female family members and grandparents later in the year as well as our International Evening in October to look forward to. During their time with us, children will learn about a range of local and global historical events, as well as about different cultures and religions. We aim to provide children with lots of meaningful, creative, and inspiring educational opportunities, which, with your support, will ensure they become enthusiastic lifelong learners.

Physical activity in school is very important and we aim to provide a range of opportunities for structured physical games at playtime, and a range of physical activity curriculum clubs after school in addition to designated weekly PE lessons. PE days were shared on the curriculum newsletters sent out last week. Please take note in particular of PE days. We have a PE kit that we expect children to wear which will need to be brought into school on these days. One of the reasons that children are asked to change into their PE kit at school is for hygiene purposes. For example, the children learn that when they exercise, they sweat, and it is good practice to not wear exercise clothes all day. Changing for PE in school also allows younger children to develop their independence and learn how to dress themselves. For example, putting jumpers on, managing buttons, putting shoes on, and tying up laces.

Our curriculum is further enriched with a range of opportunities for children beyond classroom learning including clubs for all ages, chess in Year 3, swimming in Year 4, a residential visit in Year 5, and university visits in Year 6. As well as this, children across Key Stage 2 take cycling lessons and all children participate in gardening workshops with our resident gardener Cassie. Follow us on our social media sites to keep up to date!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

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Packed Lunches

We are committed to healthy lunches.

If your child does bring a packed lunch, this must contain healthy options. Please do not include chocolate bars, crisps or biscuits.



Lost Property & School Uniform

If you have misplaced a jumper, lunchbox or other item, please call into the school office who will show you to the lost property cupboard.



Mark Making

This week in EYFS, the children have been exploring mark making in a creative way using cotton buds on paint pouches. This activity helped them practise their fine motor skills while helping them to express their creativity!



Gardening

Year 1 took part in a gardening workshop with the school gardeners in our new school garden. They learnt about the different parts of a plant and their purpose. They also had the opportunity to plant their own seeds and water them so they can grow.



Cricket

This term, Year 5 will be having PE lessons with a cricket coach. To start the lesson, the children did some warm-up activities. They then spent some time practising their underarm throwing and catching.



Pupil Voice Fayre

Our Pupil Voice Fayre was a huge success. Children had the opportunity to visit each stall and learned about the different leadership roles within our school, from Eco Warriors to Peer Mediators and more! These roles give children a chance to make a positive impact in the school community!



Significant Male Day

This week, we celebrated the important male figures in our children's lives with Significant Male Day! It was wonderful to welcome dads, grandads, uncles, brothers and family friends into our setting. Together they enjoyed a fun filled morning of activities, laughter and shared experiences with the children!



Key Dates

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

Break up for the half term holiday
Friday 24th October at 3:30pm

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 17 th October	<u>Knowledge and Understanding</u> : How can I support my child to recall and make links to prior learning?

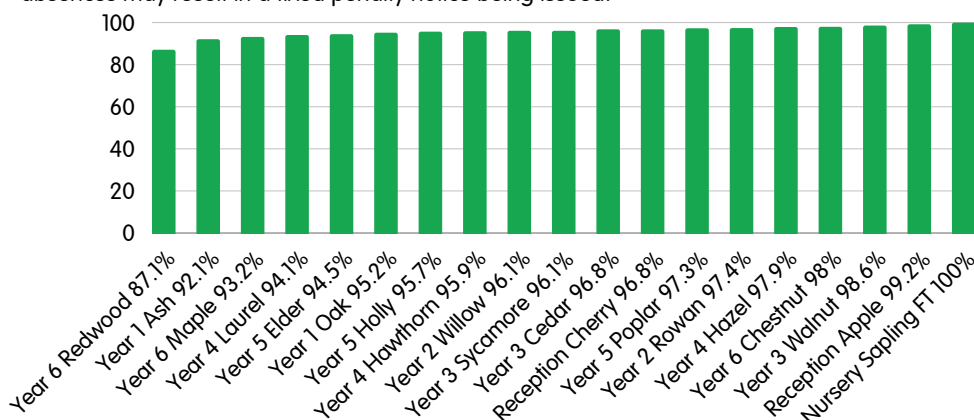
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.7%.

Well done to Nursery Sapling FT Class, last week's winners with 100% 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.



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.



School Uniform

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