

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. The interim leadership arrangements remain in place for the Autumn term. 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.

You will have received communication from us regarding a new parent app that we are introducing throughout this academic year. The first part of this roll-out is an upgrade to the existing way we take payments here at school. If you have any questions regarding the new system or need any help in setting up your account, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ms Felicity Headen - Headteacher

Rachael Carr - Interim Executive Headteacher

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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.



Starting EYFS

This week, children in EYFS celebrated their first day of school! They settled in wonderfully and have showed big smiles and excitement in starting their learning journeys.



Holiday Homework

Our first golden assembly of the academic year celebrated the models and projects that children completed during the holidays linked to their new topics. Congratulations to our winners and a big well done to everyone who completed a holiday homework project.



Gardening Workshop

This week in their gardening workshop, Year 5 learned about different types of natural materials used for fabric. First, they separated the seed pods from the stalks using a comb in a technique called hackling. Next, they separated the flax seeds from the chaff.



Staffing Profile 2026 - 2027

Ms Rachael Carr - Interim Executive Headteacher Ms Felicity Headen - Headteacher			
Mr Zammedin Siddique Deputy Headteacher		Ms Erin Gillham Deputy Headteacher	
Ms Ivitia Grodze Assistant Headteacher	Ms Jazmin Clarke Assistant Headteacher/SENCo	Ms Beth Buttery 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 Meski Abdi	Laurel Class Lenna Marson	Hazel Class Natasha Tannis
Year 3	Cedar Class Rahima Islam		Walnut Class Jessica Brown
Year 2	Willow Class Kirsten Neave		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 Class Jessica Mendoza		

Key Dates

Bring a Significant Male to School
Wednesday 23rd September from 9:00am - 9:45am

Year 6 Chestnut Class Assembly
Tuesday 29th September at 10:45am

Black History Month
Month of October

Year 2 Rowan Class Assembly
Tuesday 6th October at 10:15am

Year 6 Redwood Class Assembly
Tuesday 6th October at 10:45am

World Week
wb Monday 12th October

Year 2 Willow Class Assembly
Tuesday 13th October at 10:15am

Year 6 Maple Class Assembly
Tuesday 13th October at 10:45am

National Dress Day
Thursday 15th October

International Evening
Thursday 15th October from 3:45pm to 5:00pm

Break up for the half term holiday
Friday 23rd 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.

Date	Focus
Friday 25 th September	<u>Inclusion</u> : What services does the school have to support your child?
Friday 9 th October	<u>Culture</u> : How does World Week develop a sense of belonging?

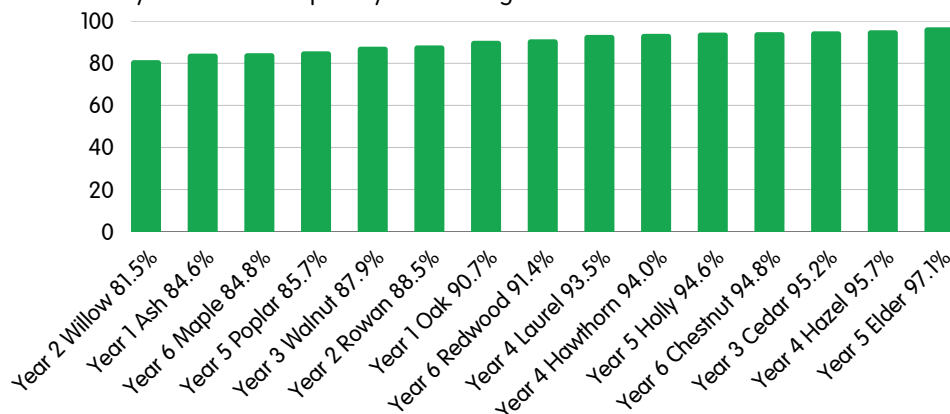
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 85.5%.

Well done to Year 5 Elder, last week's winners with 97.1% 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 23rd October at 3:30pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2026 -2027 term dates.



School Uniform

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