

### 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.

Last week, we were delighted to welcome 30 trainee teachers from London Metropolitan University for a morning of observation and professional learning. As part of our long-standing partnership with the university, we are fortunate to host trainee teachers each year, giving them the opportunity to see excellent teaching in action and gain a deeper understanding of the rewarding role of a teacher. Our visitors spent the morning observing lessons, learning from our staff and experiencing the welcoming, inclusive atmosphere of our school. We were thrilled to receive so many lovely comments as they left. We are proud to support the next generation of teachers!

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. 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.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Ms Felicity Headen - Headteacher**

**Rachael Carr - Interim 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.



#### Mud Kitchen

This week, the EYFS children enjoyed exploring water, leaves and other natural materials in the mud kitchen. They used their imagination and creativity to make potions, pretend food and a variety of concoctions, using the outdoor resources around them.



#### Young V&A Museum

Children in Year 1 were very excited to visit the Young V&A Museum. They had a fantastic time exploring and playing with a variety of different tools, comparing those used in the past with the materials used in modern tools today.



#### Bread Workshop

This week, Year 3 had the exciting opportunity to take part in a bread making workshop. They learnt about the process of making bread and got to make their own loaves of bread using wheat that is homegrown in the school garden!



## Significant Male Morning

We had a wonderful time celebrating Significant Male Morning! It was lovely to welcome everyone into school. They joined in with a variety of fun activities, creating and learning together. The children were delighted to share their classroom with their special guests!



## Managing Emotions

Children enjoyed taking part in a Managing Emotions session which was run by the school's Education Mental Health Practitioner. The children explored Zones of Regulation. They looked at different emotions they may experience and discussed how these emotions can affect how they feel and behave.



## Key Dates

**Year 6 Chestnut Class Assembly**  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10:45am

**Black History Month**  
Month of October

**Year 2 Rowan Class Assembly**  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10:15am

**Year 6 Redwood Class Assembly**  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10:45am

**World Week**  
wb Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October

**Year 2 Willow Class Assembly**  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 10:15am

**Year 6 Maple Class Assembly**  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 10:45am

**National Dress Day**  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

**International Evening**  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 3:45pm to 5:00pm

**Break up for the half term holiday**  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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                                                              |
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| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October | <u>Culture</u> : How does World Week develop a sense of belonging? |

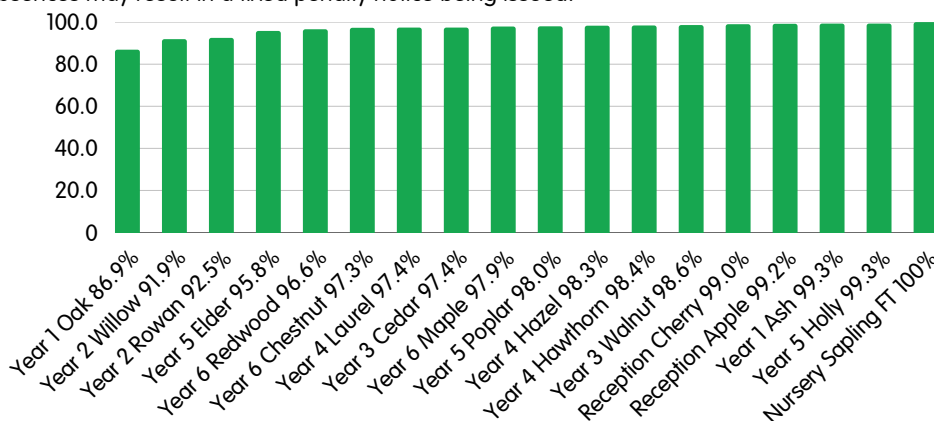
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 92.7%.

Well done to Nursery Sapling FT, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 3:30pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2026 -2027 term dates.



### School Uniform

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