



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3: 18th Sep 2026

Be Courageous. Be Strong. Do Everything with Love. (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to explain a change that has been made around Pupil Premium funding (for all school-age pupils) and Free School Meals availability (for pupils in KS2). From September 2026, Free School Meals (FSM) have been expanded so that all children in households receiving Universal Credit may now be eligible for a free school meal, regardless of household income. However, there is an important difference between Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding. Children who qualify under the new expanded criteria will receive free school meals, but only children who meet the lower-income 'Targeted FSM' criteria will attract additional Pupil Premium funding for the school. We therefore encourage all families receiving Universal Credit to apply, as this will ensure children receive any support they are entitled to and help us identify those who may qualify for additional funding and support. If you think this may apply to you, please speak to Mrs Parker who will be able to give you more information.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Year 2 reading information meeting and our coffee morning this week. It is always a pleasure to welcome you into school. Next week, Miss Ryan will be leading a phonics information session for Willow parents, and we look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Enjoy your weekend!

Mrs Sage

Values

This week in Collective Worship, we heard the story of The Good Samaritan. We were encouraged to reflect on these questions:

- Do I notice when someone is alone?
- Do I include others?
- Do I speak kindly to other people?
- Do I help when I can?

Brooklyn & Harper-Lilly from Oak wrote this prayer:
Dear God,

Thank you for another week full of learning and light. This week, we thought about how we can show kindness to each other in school. Please guide us so that we can be loving, respectful and kind to everyone in our school community, just how the Good Samaritan treated the injured man.

We promise to do our best with the guidance you give us.
Amen

Class Attendance Award

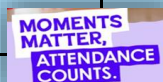
Each week we will be awarding the class with the highest weekly attendance with an extra playtime.

This week's winning classes are

Beech & Maple

Well done!

Registration Form	Class attendance
Willow	95.3%
Sycamore	99.3%
Beech	100.0%
Maple	100.0%
Elm	91.5%
Rowan	96.4%
Oak	95.4%





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Diary Dates

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21st at 2.45- Phonics information meeting for Willow parents

25th- International Day of Languages

October

5th – Black History Month launch day

6th 1.30- Open afternoon for September 2027 starters

7th – Individual & sibling photos (Willow to Oak)

9th 8.50am– Harvest service in school (Beech & Rowan parents invited)

9th 10.30- Open morning for September 2027

12th 2.45- Oak Poetry & Popcorn

16th – Silly socks day (dress down)

20th at 2.30- Nursery Tea Party for pupils who attend Block A

22nd at 2.30- Nursery Tea Party for pupils who attend Block B

23rd- Finish for half-term break (no after-school wraparound)

November

2nd- Inset day, no children in school

3rd- Children return to school

Important national assessment dates

Year 6 SATs: Monday 10th May to Thursday 14th May
Year 4 Multiplication Check: weeks beginning 7th and 14th June
Year 1 Phonics Check: week beginning 14th June

Please ensure that no leave of absence requests are made during these weeks.

School Development Plan

Each year our Senior Leadership Team creates a School Development Plan. In this plan, we outline key areas of focus that we will be working on over the year. This year, we are working to ensure that all children take pride in presenting their work to a consistently high standard, that writing is assessed accurately so teachers can plan the best next steps for learning, and that support for pupils with SEND is identified and provided consistently across the school. We are also strengthening the way our Christian vision and values are reflected throughout school life to ensure they are clearly seen and understood in all that we do. These priorities will help us continue to improve outcomes and experiences for all pupils.

If you have any further questions about our SDP, please email the school office FAO Mrs Sage.

FAWNS meeting

We would love to invite all parents and carers to our next FAWNS (PTA) meeting on Thursday 1st October at 2.15pm. FAWNS plays a vital role in supporting our school community, helping to organise events and raise funds that enrich opportunities for our children. Whether you are interested in becoming a regular member or would simply like to find out more, we would be delighted to welcome you.

If you would like to attend, please email the school office so that we can plan accordingly. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!