



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

Dear Parents,

On Monday, we marked Black History Month with a special whole-school day of learning and reflection. Throughout the day, children explored the importance of Black History and learned about inspirational Black figures who have made a difference in Britain and around the world. Pupils discussed themes such as courage, kindness, equality, resilience, curiosity and helping others, while considering how these values can be lived out in their own lives. Children learned about influential individuals including Mary Seacole, Marcus Rashford, Floella Benjamin, Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela and others.

Each class also studied the work of a Black artist and created their own artwork inspired by their style. This included colourful paintings, story quilts, printed portraits, self-portraits and mixed-media creations. Across the school, pupils took part in thoughtful discussions, creative activities and shared stories linked to Black History, helping them to develop a deeper understanding of the contributions, experiences and achievements of Black people throughout history and today. Thank you to Miss Kurtulus for planning the day and to all staff and pupils for getting involved.

It was lovely to welcome parents, carers and family members of Rowan and Beech classes into school this morning for our harvest service. The children did a wonderful job performing a harvest poem and reading a prayer. I have included the poem and prayer below as they were so great I wanted them to be shared with our school community!

Mrs Sage

Beech's Harvest Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for the sunshine

Thank you for the rain

Thank you for the fruit and vegetables

Thank you for the farmers

Who work hard to grow our food

Help us to share with others

As we celebrate Harvest,

fill our hearts with joy

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 & Oak

Well done!

Registration Form	Class attendance
Willow	95.7%
Sycamore	98.5%
Beech	100.0%
Maple	99.5%
Elm	98.9%
Rowan	95.5%
Oak	100.0%





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Diary Dates

October

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
5th – Flu vaccines for children Reception to Year 6 (parental consent will need to be given)
10th- Nursery children Christmas photos (more info sent soon)
11th- Understanding Children's Behaviour workshop
12th – Guiding Lights workshop in school for KS2

More information will follow as we get closer to each event

Parents' Evening

Our Autumn Term Parents' Evenings will take place on Monday 9th November and Wednesday 11th November, from 3:30pm to 6:00pm on both days.

At this early point in the school year, discussions will focus on how children have settled into their new class, their wellbeing, relationships and learning behaviours, as well as how they are engaging with school life.

Bookings will open on Arbor next week, and we will send an email once appointments are available to book.

The Harvest We Share

Autumn is here, the leaves are bright,
Red, gold and orange — what a lovely sight!
The fields are full of crops to share,
The harvest season is everywhere!
Apples are growing, juicy and sweet,
Pumpkins and carrots are ready to eat.
Potatoes are hiding beneath the ground,
And golden corn is growing all around.
Farmers have worked from morning till night,
Growing our food and getting it right.
They plough and they plant, they water and sow,
Then watch as their crops begin to grow.
But we know that farmers don't work alone,
God gives us sunshine, rain and soil to grow.
So today we say thank you to God above,
For all that He gives us, with kindness and love.
For apples and berries, for pumpkins and grain,
For rivers and sunshine, for sunshine and rain.
For all of the food that we have every day,
We thank you, dear God, as we gather to pray.

But harvest means more than food on our plate,

It's thinking of others who don't have as much.
Some people have plenty, some people have less,
So sharing our harvest can bring happiness.
A tin of beans, some pasta or rice,
A little bit of kindness can make something nice!
Jesus taught us to love and to care,
To help one another and always to share.
So let's be thankful for all that we've got,
And remember the people who might not have a lot.
Let's care for our planet, our home and our land,
And always remember to lend someone a hand.
So thank you, dear God, for the harvest we share,
For food, friends and family, and people who care.
For food, friends and family, and people who care.
For all of your blessings, both great and small,
We give thanks today — thank you for all.
The harvest is here, so let's celebrate,
With grateful hearts for the food on our plate.
Thank you, God, for all that you do —
Happy Harvest Festival to all of you!