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

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week in school! Thank you to everyone who joined us for Parents' Evenings. It is always lovely to have the chance to talk with you about your children, celebrate their achievements and discuss how they are getting on in school.

There have been lots of other special experiences too. Nursery had their Christmas photos taken by Natalie Banner, KS2 welcomed the Garden of Remembrance team for a Guiding Lights workshop, and our Year 6 children visited the Holocaust Centre as part of their learning. We are very grateful to everyone who helps us provide these valuable opportunities for our children.

Next week gets off to a lovely start with our Community Coffee Morning at 9.15am on Monday. Please do come along if you can. Everyone is welcome, and it will be a great opportunity to get together over a cup of tea or coffee.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!

Mrs Sage

## Christmas Dates

Christmas is such a special time in school and so there are lots of things for you to know about! We will send reminders of events on Tapestry but for your information, here are our current Christmas plans:

**Friday 4th December** 3.15: Christmas Fayre
**Tuesday 8th December** in school: Rudolph Read-A-Thon for St Giles
**Wednesday 9th December** 2pm: Nativity (Willow, Sycamore & Beech)
**Thursday 10th December** 9.15: Nativity
**Friday 11th December**: Christmas Jumper Day
**Tuesday 15th December** 2.30: Nursery Christmas Song Time (Block A children)
**Thursday 17th December**: Christmas dinner
**Thursday 17th December** 2.30: Nursery Christmas Song Time (Block B children)
**Friday 18th December**: Christmas Service in school (Maple, Elm & Oak parents invited)

## 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

**Elm**

Well done!

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

| Registration Form | Class attendance |
|---|---|
| Willow | 96.9% |
| Sycamore | 98.5% |
| Beech | 99.0% |
| Maple | 98.6% |
| **Elm** | **99.4%** |
| Rowan | 96.0% |
| Oak | 97.4% |

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## Diary Dates

**November**
19th- Health checks for Reception & Year 6
20th – Dress down for Christmas fayre donations
24th- Royal Ballet & Opera live online lesson in school
26th – Wrapping party 3.15- 4.15
30th – Rowan Poetry & Popcorn

**January**
Monday 4th – Inset day, school closed to pupils
Tuesday 5th – Pupils return to school, Values Day
Wednesday 13th – KS2 trip to The Rep to see Peter Pan



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAISING TODAY…**

**WE RAISED £140.10!!**

## Term Dates Overview 2027-2028

**Autumn Term 2027**

- **Start:** Monday, 6 September 2027
- **Half-Term:** Monday, 25 October – Friday, 29 October 2027
- **End:** Friday, 17 December 2027

**Spring Term 2028**

- **Start:** Tuesday, 4 January 2028
- **Half-Term:** Monday, 14 February – Friday, 18 February 2028
- **End:** Thursday, 23 March 2028

**Summer Term 2028**

- **Start:** Monday, 10 April 2028
- **Half-Term:** Monday, 29 May – Friday, 2 June 2028
- **End:** Friday, 21 July 2028

## Collective Worship this week

This week in Collective Worship, we have continued to explore our Christian value of Respect. We thought about the words from Genesis 1:26–27 and reflected on how everyone is special, valued and deserving of respect. The children were encouraged to think about what respect looks like in their everyday lives and were given a simple challenge: to notice someone they do not usually spend time with and make a special effort to show them respect.

We also came together as a school to mark Remembrance Day, learning why we pause at 11am to remember those who have lost their lives through war and conflict. Our worship gave us the opportunity to reflect, show gratitude and think about how remembering the sacrifices of others is another important way of showing respect.

As we look ahead to Anti-Bullying Week, we will encourage children to "Break the Silence" by speaking up when something is wrong, supporting others and talking to a trusted adult if they are worried. We will remind children that they do not have to solve problems by themselves and that their voice matters in helping us create a school where everyone feels safe, valued, respected and heard.




## Parent Survey

Please do take a few minutes to fill our latest parent survey if you haven't already:

Parent Survey & Carer Survey- November 2026 – Fill in form

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**LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME**

**UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.
The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.
All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.
**The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.**

- ***Penalty Notices are issued to <u>each parent of each absent child</u>, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means <u>each</u> parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).***
    - ***<u>First Leave of Absence offence:</u> The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.***
    - ***<u>Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice):</u> The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.***

- ***Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.***

Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

**Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.**