

School Newsletter

Friday 23rd January 2026

Well done to the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive certificates in today's Celebration assembly for demonstrating our school value of **Compassion** for being kind and caring towards others this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Willow-Jane
Reception Maple Class	Colby
Year 1 Ash Class	Rosey
Year 1 Redwood Class	Zoleasha
Year 2 Birch Class	Hebe
Year 2 Elder Class	Darius
Year 3 Iroko Class	Willow
Year 3 Willow Class	Evelyn-Rose
Year 4 Juniper Class	Faye and Maddie
Year 4 Spruce Class	Elma
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Zoe
Year 5 Walnut Class	Molly and Kaylee
Year 6 Aspen Class	Harper
Year 6 Beech Class	Ellie

House points

Congratulations to the following pupils for earning the most house points this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Teddy
Reception Maple Class	Frankie
Year 1 Ash Class	Yusef
Year 1 Redwood Class	Yeka
Year 2 Birch Class	Phoebe
Year 2 Elder Class	Harper
Year 3 Iroko Class	Isla
Year 3 Willow Class	Sohan
Year 4 Juniper Class	Dua
Year 4 Spruce Class	Mahilini
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Flynn
Year 5 Walnut Class	Iverson
Year 6 Aspen Class	Fateh
Year 6 Beech Class	Chaise

Well done to the pupils in **Green** house for earning the most house points this week.

Attendance

We are aiming to achieve an attendance of 96% this year. Well done to all the classes highlighted in green for achieving that target last week.

Reception Maple Class	99%
Year 2 Elder Class	99%
Year 4 Juniper Class	98%
Year 6 Aspen Class	97%
Year 6 Beech Class	97%
Year 2 Birch Class	96%
Year 4 Spruce Class	96%
Year 1 Ash Class	95%
Year 3 Iroko Class	92%
Year 3 Willow Class	90%
Year 1 Redwood Class	88%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	87%
Year 5 Walnut Class	87%
Reception Chestnut Class	86%

Attendance Ladder



Tea time talk

This year, we are continuing to work with Voice21, a charity that supports schools to develop oracy. Oracy is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language and listening. Oracy skills set children up for success in school and life.



In order for children to develop their oracy, we need to provide them with lots of opportunities to practice their speaking and listening, which we do regularly in school. We will be sharing a discussion question each week in the newsletter to also provide you with a chance to have an interesting discussion with your children and support their oracy at home. This week's home discussion question is:

"You should try and help others, even if they don't ask for it."

Forest School

At Forest School this week, the children were making bird feeders, looking for wildlife and generally having muddy puddle fun!



Key dates for your diary

February

Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th February 3.30-6pm: parent-teacher meetings-further details to follow.

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February: half term.

March

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day-non uniform day (dress up as a book character).

Tuesday 24th March 9am & 2.30pm: Infant Spring concert-further details to follow.

Wednesday 25th March 9am & 2.30pm: Junior Spring concert-further details to follow.

Thursday 26th March: last day of term for Nursery pupils.

Friday 27th March: last day of term for Reception to Year 6 pupils-school finishes at 1pm.

Summer term

Monday 13th April: Training day (school closed for pupils).

Tuesday 14th April: First day of summer term for pupil.

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May: Half term(school closed for pupils).

Friday 17th July: Last day of summer term-school day ends at 1pm.

Term dates and holidays 2026/2027

Autumn term 2026

Training day (school closed for pupils) Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Term starts Thursday 3rd September 2026

Half term Monday 26th to Friday 30th October 2026

Term ends Thursday 17th December 2026 at 1pm

Spring term 2027

Training day (school closed for pupils) Monday 4th January 2027

Term starts Tuesday 5th January 2027

Half term Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2027

Term ends Thursday 25th March 2027 at 1pm

Summer term 2027

Training day (school closed for pupils) Monday 12th April 2027

Term starts Tuesday 13th April 2027

Half term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Term ends Wednesday 21st July 2027 at 1pm

PTA news

The PTA are really excited to start fundraising plans for this year! We met last Friday and agreed that our main fundraising objectives for this year will be:

- A large sandpit on the field for outdoor play
- Improvements to the nursery playground.

If we have money left over we will help towards classroom painting and storage.

Our plans so far are:

Friday 13/03/26 – Mothers' day sale during school hours 9.30-3pm

Friday 19/06/26 – Fathers' day sale during school hours 9.30 -3pm

If anyone is able to help that would be amazing please message the school office! Even if it just for an hour we would hugely appreciate the help :)

We have lots of others things we are currently trying to sort out so if you want to find out more please come to our next meeting on Tuesday 10/02/2026 which will be online - details to follow - again please contact the school office.

In addition to that, if anyone's company offers charity fundraising support, we are a registered charity and would really appreciate any help or donations.