

Weekly Newsletter

11TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope you are well and have had a good week!

Our children have been working incredibly hard to settle into their new classes and get back into the swing of the new school year - for a full week! We have been touched by the children's kindness and care towards each other, as well as the adults in school. They have also shown great dedication to following the school rules and demonstrating this week's focus value which has been 'Aspiration' which, at Whipman Woods, is defined as:

We have hopes and dreams for the future and believe that, with effort, courage and support, we can achieve them. We aim high, try new things and work hard to be the very best that we can.

The children all look incredibly smart in their new uniforms, please can I take this opportunity to remind you that PE kit should consist of a **white t-shirt** and **black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings**. **Any jumpers or hoodies should be plain black with no writing or logos.**

Thank you for all your support and positivity.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicola Green
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Autumn Half Term 1

Tuesday 15th September - Boggledy Books Bookfair

Thursday 24th September - EYFS Open Evening - 2027 intake 5pm

Friday 25th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning (all parents invited)

Thursday 1st October - EYFS Open Evening - 2027 intake 4pm

Tuesday 6th October - Maple Bikeability Session

Thursday 8th October - Beech class and Maple Class History Experience Days - Beech: Great Fire of London and Maple: Shang Dynasty

Friday 16th October - Harvest Festival (Time to be confirmed)

Friday 16th October - **Last day in school before the Half Term break**

Autumn Half Term 1

Monday 2nd November - Back to school

Thursday 5th November - Individual School Photos

Thursday 12th November - Oak Class Trip - Holocaust Centre

Monday 23rd-Friday 27th November - Assessment Week (Year 1-Year 6)

Tuesday 8th December - EYFS Parent Workshop on Reading 3.15pm-3.45pm

Wednesday 9th December - Elm and Willow Nativity Production 9.30am

Wednesday 9th December - Cedar and Beech Nativity Production 2pm

Thursday 10th December - Cedar and Beech Nativity Production 9.30am

Thursday 10th December - Elm and Willow Nativity Production 2pm

Friday 11th December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 14th December - Elm (Nursery) and Willow (Reception) Christmas Party Day

Tuesday 15th December - Maple (Year 3/4) and Oak (Year 5/6) Christmas Carol Concert

Wednesday 16th December - Cedar (Year 1) and Beech (Year 2) Christmas Party Day

Thursday 17th December - Maple and Oak Christmas Party Day

Friday 18th December - **Last day in school before end of Term break**



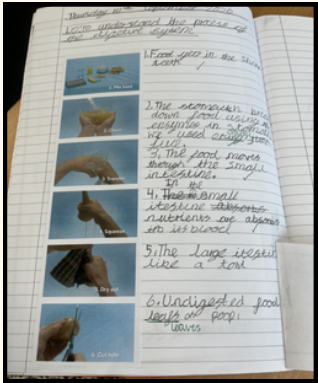
SPOTLIGHT ON MAPLE

This half term, Maple Class are learning all about the digestive system. This week, we took part in a practical activity to recreate the journey food takes through the body. Using a freezer bag to represent the stomach and tights to represent the small intestine, the children explored how food is broken down and nutrients are absorbed.

We learned that digestion is the process of breaking food down into substances that our bodies can use, providing us with the energy we need to stay healthy and active.

First, we placed biscuits, a banana and some water into a freezer bag and crushed everything together. This represented the mouth, where food is chewed and broken down into smaller pieces. Next, we added orange juice to represent the stomach acid and enzymes that help digest food in the stomach. Then came the messiest part of the investigation. We poured the stomach mixture into a pair of tights, which represented the small intestine, and squeezed out the liquid to show how nutrients are absorbed into the body. We then used a towel to remove any remaining water, representing the large intestine absorbing water from waste. Finally, we cut the end of the tights and squeezed out the remaining waste to demonstrate the process of excretion, which caused plenty of laughter and amusement amongst the children!

The children thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on practical activity, which brought the digestive system to life and helped them develop a deeper understanding of how our bodies process food, even if it was a little messy!



A 'READING FOR PLEASURE' OPPORTUNITY!

On **Tuesday 15th September**, Boggledybook Children's Book Shop will be returning to Whipman Woods! Throughout the day, each class will have the opportunity to visit the bookshop and make a purchase should they wish to.

ALL books are either £1, £2 or £3! The company ask that you send your child with the right amount of change (where possible) to make any transactions run as smoothly as possible.

The bookshop will also be open at the end of the day for a short time for parents to browse the selection of books on offer, too.

For every 10 purchases made, Boggledybook Children's Book Shop will donate 1 book to school.



Happy Reading!



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to our winners for our Celebration Assembly! This week our celebration assembly value was **Aspiration**.

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Stars of the Week	Readers of the Week	Kindness Awards
Willow: Sadie Cedar: Darcie Beech: Poppy Maple: Jude Oak: Kamila	Willow: Kai Cedar: Liam Beech: Deontay Maple: Ishan Oak: Elif	This week's Kindness Awards go to: Freya W for caring for the newest children in Nursery, playing beautifully and comforting them when they've felt sad and Atalya for a beaming smile and speaking to her peers in a calm and welcoming way.

ABSENCE REPORTING REMINDER

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please remember to contact the school's absence reporting line each day that your child is poorly. This helps us to keep our attendance records accurate and ensures we know why your child is absent.

If your child remains unwell for more than one day, please continue to report their absence each morning until they are well enough to return to school.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE DATA

Willow	Cedar	Beech	★ Maple	Oak	Whole School
98.7%	99.4%	98.2%	100%	96.6%	98.5%

Well done to Maple class! You are this week's attendance winners!

This is an excellent first week's attendance for the whole school - thank you to all of you! Let's keep up the great work!





Boggledybook
Children's Bookshop



**Our award winning Book Fair is visiting on
Tuesday 15th September!**

**All books are brand new and just
£1, £2 or £3 each!**

**A fantastic range of picture books, chapter
books, activity books and non-fiction,**

**Each class will visit to buy a book - if possible
please send the correct amount of spending
money to minimise children handling change**

**A free book will be donated to school for
every 10 collectively sold!**

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