

Weekly Newsletter

18TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter – this week has flown by in the the blink of an eye!

Thank you for your enthusiasm and support of the Boggledbook Fair this week, it was a great success and wonderful to see many of you there at the end of the day too – more information is detailed below.

Following last week's newsletter, we had some queries regarding PE uniform. If your child would like to wear their school cardigan or jumper on PE days, that is absolutely fine. The other alternative is a plain black hoodie or jumper. This is so that, even on PE days, our children still look and feel smart, avoiding sportswear that is brightly coloured and/or has large branding or logos. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

There has been some excellent learning going on in school this week; I have seen Elm Class enjoying their 'messy maths', Year 2 getting to grips with Place value and doing a fantastic job, showing great levels of independence and I have also seen Oak Class honing their skills at recognising and saying very large numbers with the help of Uno cards and place value counters! And in EVERY lesson, our children have been working incredibly hard and trying their best – a really positive start to the year!

Mrs Nicola Green
Headteacher



BOGGLEDYBOOK CHILDREN'S BOOK SHOP

The Boggledybook Children's Book Shop was a resounding success this week and we would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the children, parents, carers and families who helped make the event so special.

Every class was incredibly excited to visit the fair and browse the tremendous selection of high-quality, engaging books on offer. Our visitors were also quick to comment on just how polite and well-mannered our Whipman Woods children are – something we are incredibly proud of!

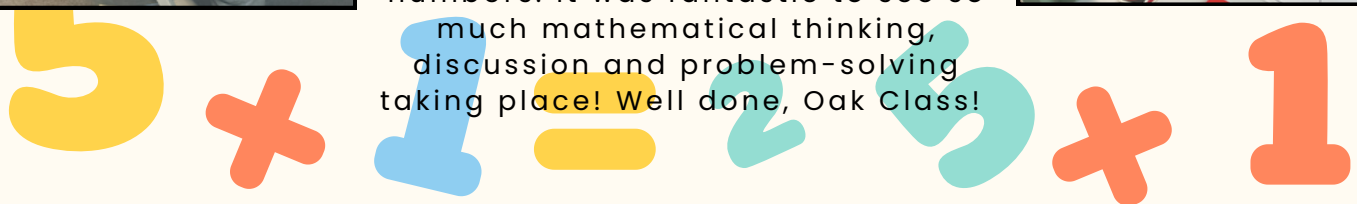
Thanks to your incredible generosity, we were able to choose **25 new books** to add to our school collection, providing our children with even more opportunities to discover new authors, stories and adventures.

Boggledybook
Children's Bookshop



SPOTLIGHT ON CEDAR

This week, the children have been diving into the world of place value and tackling some seriously BIG numbers - all the way up to 10 million! On Thursday, things got particularly exciting as the children worked in pairs to create their own 7-digit numbers. They then used place value counters to build their numbers, carefully considering the value of each digit before finding as many different ways as possible to partition them. The children really embraced the challenge, with many pushing themselves to find increasingly creative and sophisticated ways to partition their numbers. It was fantastic to see so much mathematical thinking, discussion and problem-solving taking place! Well done, Oak Class!



PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' Evenings will take place on **Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th October**. At this early point in the school year, appointments will take the form of a 'Settling-In Review', providing an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and year group. This will include their attitude to learning, friendships, wellbeing and any early strengths or areas where support may be helpful. Rather than a detailed academic progress review, the focus will be on sharing information between home and school and ensuring your child has had the best possible start to the year.

Appointments are available to be booked via Arbor via 'Guardian Consultations'.



CLASSROOM ACCESS

When dropping your child off at school in a morning, we know you may need to speak to your child's class teacher. If this is the case, please ensure that you wait to one side of the door until a convenient time, allowing all children to be able to access their classroom and be greeted by their class teacher as they do so. Ensuring that our children are safely in the building and ready to start their day is really important. At this time, it would be helpful if any conversations are short so that the register can be taken in a timely manner. If a longer conversation with your child's class teacher needs to take place, please wait until the end of the school day (once all the other children have been dismissed), or ask for a meeting. We do have some children in school who pose a flight risk and therefore being able to get them into the building quickly and safely is of paramount importance. Thank you for your understanding.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

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

Our definition is:

"We are fair, support each other and treat others as we would like to be treated. We are polite, have the courage to admit when we are wrong and make sure everyone feels valued."

Stars of the Week	Readers of the Week	Kindness Awards
Willow: Seven Cedar: Louie Beech: Eva Maple: Summer Oak: Jacob 	Willow: Fynley Cedar: Alexander Beech: Ruben Maple: Otis Oak: Ayla	This week's Kindness Awards go to: Abraham for being a welcoming friend to a new member of Maple and Eva A for not only trying her hardest in her own work but also kindly supporting others too. 

MACMILLAN COFFEE AND CAKE AFTERNOON: FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER - 2PM - ALL WELCOME

We are delighted to be holding our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on **Friday 25th September from 2pm**.

Parents, friends and other family members are invited to join us for coffee, cake and a chance to catch up with other members of our school community. After dismissal from their classrooms, our children are very welcome to join the fun too!

Last year, families told us how much they valued the opportunity to meet and chat with other parents – as well as enjoying a rare moment to sit, breathe and enjoy a little treat! We loved it too and can't wait to do it again.

Donations of cakes, brownies, cookies and other baked goodies would be very gratefully received. Please remember that, due to new allergy requirements, all donated food must be accompanied by a full list of ingredients so that allergens can be clearly identified.

We hope you'll join us for a lovely afternoon together while raising money for a fantastic cause. See you there!



SCHOOL MEAL BOOKING

Please can you ensure child's school meal choices is booked via Arbor, even if they will be having a packed lunch.

We have a three week rotating menu with the choice of our daily main meal, jacket potato or packed lunch from home.

When making your selections in Arbor, please remember to change the drop-down menu to "Autumn Term" to ensure you are viewing and booking the correct dates. You are able to book your child's meal choices for the whole term.



If you are not booking your child's dinners in, we will presume a main meal is required and add this charge to your account.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE DATA

Willow	Cedar	Beech	Maple	Oak	Whole School
96%	98.7%	95.9%	97.5%	99.3%	97.5%

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

Every day in school really does count. Learning is progressive and cumulative, meaning that each new piece of knowledge and each new skill builds on what our children have learned before. When days are missed, children can miss important building blocks that make future learning easier to understand and access. **Strong attendance therefore supports not only children's progress, but also their confidence, independence and sense of belonging at school. Being here, every day and on time, gives every child the very best opportunity to thrive.**

DIARY DATES

Autumn Half Term 1

Thursday 24th September - EYFS Open Evening - 2027 Nursery and Reception Intake 5pm
Friday 25th September - Macmillian Charity Coffee and Cake Afternoon 2.00pm (all family members and friends welcome)
Thursday 1st October - **EYFS Open Evening - 2027 intake 4pm**
Tuesday 6th October - Maple Class (Years 3 and 4) Bikeability Training
Wednesday 7th October - **Parents' Evening 1 - 3.30pm-6.30pm (booked via Arbor)**
Thursday 8th October - **Parents' Evening 2 - 3.30pm-6.30pm (booked via Arbor)**
Thursday 8th October - Beech class and Maple Class History Experience Days - Beech: Great Fire of London and Maple: Shang Dynasty
Tuesday 13th October - **Autumn Disco: Reception and KS1 3.30pm-4.30pm, Key Stage 2 - 4.45pm-5.45pm** - Tickets available via Arbor.
Friday 16th October - **Harvest Festival 9.30am**
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)
Thursday 3rd December - Christmas Fair
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**





AUTUMN DISCO

Tuesday 13th October



Tickets available on Arbor

£4 each



Drinks and snack
included!



Fancy dress optional!

Willow, Cedar
and Beech

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Maple and Oak

4.45pm - 5.45pm



Collection and drop off
to the school hall.