Weekly Newsletter

9TH OCTOBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,
Thank you to everyone who joined us for Parents' Evenings this week. Our teachers have really valued the opportunity to celebrate your children's achievements and discuss how they have settled into their new classes. Strong partnerships between home and school are so important, and we are grateful for your continued support. If you were unable to attend, please speak to your child's teacher to arrange an alternative appointment.

On Monday, we welcomed a representative from Bassetlaw Food Bank, who helped our children understand the vital work foodbanks do in supporting local individuals and families experiencing difficult times. As part of our Harvest Celebration, we are collecting donations to support this important cause (please see the letter shared earlier this week for further details). The foodbank is particularly in need of: **Long-life milk, cooking sauces, instant noodles, tinned fish, custard, tinned carrots, soup, porridge, biscuits, bleach, cleaning cloths, washing-up liquid, laundry pods, shampoo, conditioner and deodorant.**

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Celebration on Friday **16th October at 9.30am.** It will be lovely to bring our whole school community together for such a special occasion!



Please send donations to school with your child or drop them off at the school office before or on Friday morning. Thank you for your generosity and support in helping our children understand the value of giving and community spirit.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Nicola Green
Headteacher

AUTUMN DISCO

We can't wait to welcome the children to our school disco on Tuesday! Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 may bring their party clothes or costumes to school, and staff will help them get changed ready for the fun. Please send these in a named bag, which can then be used to take their uniform home.

3.30–4.30pm: Willow, Cedar and Beech Class Disco
4.45–5.45pm: Maple and Oak Class Disco (children should go home first and return for their disco).

Older children who have permission to walk home independently must have this confirmed by a parent or carer via telephone or email to the school office.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE DATA

Willow	Cedar	Beech	Maple	Oak	Whole School
97%	98.7%	96%	98.3%	98.3%	97.7%

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

MAPLE & BEECH HISTORY EXPERIENCE DAY

Maple

We absolutely loved deepening our learning through our Shang Dynasty drama workshop yesterday! Using freeze frames and role-play, the children brought their history learning to life as they explored key figures including King Tang, the founder of the Shang Dynasty, Fu Hoa, the warrior queen who led soldiers into battle, and King Di Xin, whose unkind role led to the dynasty's downfall. It was wonderful to see the children using drama to help remember important historical facts whilst having lots of fun along the way.

Beech

As part of our History enquiry into The Great Fire of London, we were incredibly lucky to welcome this experience into school, bringing this significant historical event to life through an exciting and interactive performance!

The children were absolutely captivated from start to finish as they were transported back in time to London in 1666, discovering what life was like during the Great Fire and imagining what it might have been like for the people who experienced it. One of the highlights was seeing the children have the opportunity to get involved and act out different scenes from the Great Fire of London! Some of our budding actors and actresses certainly stole the show! It was wonderful to see so many children confidently stepping into their roles, using their imagination and really getting into character.







MAPLE BIKEABILITY

This week, the children in Maple had a fantastic time taking part in Bikeability! We practised important cycling skills and learned how to stay safe when riding our bikes.

One of our key learning points was understanding when and how to brake correctly. The children worked hard to judge their speed, think ahead, and apply their brakes at the right time to stop safely and smoothly. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they practised and improved throughout the session.

Well done to everyone for showing great listening, determination, and resilience. We had lots of fun while learning an important life skill!






DIARY DATES

Autumn Half Term 1

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**

PUPIL JOBS

Children at Whipman Woods have the exciting opportunity to apply for one of our school jobs and make a real difference to our school community!

The following roles were introduced in this morning's assembly (and the job posters can be found below):



Key Stage 1:
Eco Warrior
Reading Champion
Safety Superhero



Key Stage 2:
Eco Warrior
Reading Champion
Safety Superhero
Lunchtime Leader



These jobs are designed for children to develop their leadership skills, share ideas, make decisions and take responsibility for making Whipman Woods an even more wonderful place than it already is! They will learn the importance of listening to others, respecting different opinions and working together as a Whipman Woods team!

Our school jobs are also a fantastic way for children to put our British Values into practice and live out our school rules: **Be Ready, Be Kind, Be Safe!**

If children would like to apply, they can collect an application form from their teacher and explain why they would be perfect for the role. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 4th November**!



ECO WARRIORS

Full training will be provided!



ADULT LEADER: MRS KEOGH

Do you care about our planet and want to make a difference?

Whipman Woods Flying High Academy is looking for SIX 'Eco Warriors' (one from each year group - Reception to Year Six) to help protect our environment and make our school a greener place.

AS AN ECO WARRIOR, YOU WILL:

- 🌍 Help our school look after the environment.
- ♻️ Encourage others to recycle, reuse and reduce waste.
- 🗑️ Look out for litter and help keep our school grounds clean and tidy.
- 💡 Attend regular meetings to share ideas for making our school more eco-friendly.
- 👀 Look out for ways we can save energy and resources.
- 🌳 Help care for our outdoor spaces, plants and wildlife.
- 📣 Raise awareness of environmental issues and encourage others to make positive choices.
- 🌱 Lead by example and encourage others to care for our planet.

COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM AND HAND IN TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER BY WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

Lunchtime Leaders



Adult Leader: Mrs Gibb

Do you enjoy helping others and making lunchtime fun? Whipman Woods Flying High Academy is looking for SIX 'Lunchtime Leaders' (three from each KS2 class) to help make lunchtimes happy, friendly and inclusive for everyone.

Full training will be provided!

As a Lunchtime Leader, you will:

- 😊 Welcome children into the dinner hall with a friendly smile.
- 🤝 Help younger children feel comfortable by sitting with them if they are by themselves and know where to sit.
- 🍽️ Help younger children with lunchtime routines (e.g. holding knives and forks correctly and clearing plates).
- 🧹 Help keep tables and the surrounding area tidy by encouraging children to keep their area clean and tidy.
- 🗣️ Share children's ideas about lunchtime with Mrs Gibb.

Comlete an application form and hand in to your class teacher by Wednesday 4th November.

READING CHAMPIONS



ADULT LEADER: MISS CAIRNS

Do you love all things reading and books? Whipman Woods Flying High Academy is looking for SIX 'Reading Champions' (one from each year group - Y1-Y6) to spread the joy of reading across school.

AS A READING CHAMPION, YOU WILL:

- Encourage others to enjoy reading and share your love of books.
- Talk about books, share your ideas and opinions and recommend books to others.
- Be a positive reading role model around school.
- Care for all books in school and report any damaged books to an adult.
- Help promote and support reading events and activities in school.
- Help create a school community where everyone can discover and enjoy reading.
- Attend regular meetings to talk all things books!

Full training will be provided!

Complete an application form and hand in to your class teacher by Wednesday 4th November.

Safety Superhero!

Adult Leader: Mr Matthews



Do you care about helping to keep everybody safe at school? Whipman Woods Flying High Academy is looking for SIX (Y1-Y6) Safety Superheroes to help everyone make safe choices and look after one another.

As a Safety Hero, you will:

- 🗣️ Conduct a weekly check around school and report to Mr Matthews if you notice something that needs fixing - e.g. wobbly chair legs, chairs that haven't been pushed under properly or messy cloakrooms!
- 🚶 Look out for and encourage others to follow school safety rules and make safe choices.
- 🌟 Set a good example by making safe choices yourself.
- 🏫 Help promote safety messages around school.
- 📣 Remind others about safe routines in places such as the playground, corridors and dinner hall.

Remember:

Spot it. Report it. Keep everyone safe!

Comlete an application form and hand in to your class teacher by Wednesday 4th November.

Full training will be provided!

Make Every Day Count

WHIPMAN WOODS

FLYING HIGH ACADEMY

AUTUMN DISCO

Tuesday 13th October

Tickets available on Arbor

£4 each

Drinks and snack included!

Fancy dress optional!

Willow, Cedar and Beech	Maple and Oak
3.30pm – 4.30pm	4.45pm – 5.45pm

Collection and drop off to the school hall.