Weekly Newsletter

6TH NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great start to the second half of the autumn term! It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome the children back to school after the break, and, as we saw on Monday, there is no better greeting than the smiling faces of our wonderful Whipman Woods children.

Our focused children's characteristic this week has been 'Pride' - and spending even a few moments in our classrooms, seeing the children engaged in their learning, taking pride in their achievements and supporting one another, shows just how much we have to be proud of as a school community.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. The high standards, clear expectations and culture of kindness that underpin the 'Whipman Woods Way' are strengthened by the shared commitment of our children, staff and families. It is this sense of working together that makes our school community so special, and we are incredibly grateful for the part you play in it.
Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Nicola Green

Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Thursday 12th November - Oak Class Trip - Holocaust Centre
Friday 13th November - Children In Need - Dress down for children
Monday 16th November - Odd Sock Day
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th November - Assessment Week (Year 1-Year 6)

Wednesday 2nd December - Maple Jingle Jog Sherwood Pines Bassetlaw Games (details to follow)
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**

BASSETLAW GAMES NETBALL - RETFORD OAKS

Some of Oak Class children have had an action packed afternoon taking part in the Bassetlaw School Games Netball Festival, hosted by Retford Oaks Academy. A group of 15 children chose to represent Whipman Woods, taking part in netball skills within some mildly competitive scenarios. Each of the games was supported by the secondary school PE students at Retford Oaks - and they were excellent sporting role models!

The children had a fantastic time, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. They were a real credit to our school and represented Whipman Woods brilliantly! Thank you to Mr Bunting and Miss Martin for accompanying the children and making the afternoon possible. Well done, everyone!







HOUSE CAPTAINS ELECTIONS

This week has marked a hugely significant moment in the history of Whipman Woods Flying High Academy, as we held our very first House Captain elections!



On Tuesday and Wednesday, candidates from Oak Class took to the stage to deliver their speeches for Earth, Water, Fire and Air. Writing a speech from the heart, practising its delivery and then standing up to speak in front of a hall full of people is a remarkable achievement which has taken courage, determination and resilience. We are SO proud of each and every candidate.

Following the speeches, the rest of the children had the important job of casting their votes. Each child was given a ballot paper and the opportunity to vote for the candidates they felt would best represent their house. It was a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience democracy in action and understand the importance of having their voices heard.



The votes have been counted and we are excited to announce the results on Monday. We look forward to seeing the successful candidates take on these important leadership roles, represent their houses and help make Whipman Woods an even better place than it is already.



WHIPMAN WOODS CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are delighted to announce that our school Christmas Fair will be taking place on **Thursday 3rd December from 3.15pm**. This promises to be a festive, community event which will bring together our local and school communities whilst also raising funds for our school.



We are looking for stallholders who would be interested in joining us and helping to make the event a great success.

We would also be very grateful for any donations of tombola and raffle prizes. Whether it's a new gift, an unwanted present or a festive treat, every donation is greatly appreciated.

Come and join us for a wonderful afternoon of Christmas fun! And, please get in touch if you can help in any way - either with prizes, donations or other festive ideas!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE DATA

Willow	Cedar	Beech	Maple	Oak	Whole School
99.3%	98%	93.6%	97.6%	97.3%	97.2%

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



HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES AND SNACKS

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families that, as well as being a nut-free school, we are committed to promoting healthy eating habits and encouraging children to make positive choices about the food they eat.

We kindly ask that snacks brought into school are healthy options, such as a piece of fruit, a cereal bar or something similarly nutritious. **Sweets and crisps are not suitable choices for snack time, and we would really appreciate your support in reinforcing this expectation.**
Through our PSHE curriculum, children learn about the importance of a healthy, balanced diet and how the choices they make contribute to their overall health and wellbeing. By encouraging healthy eating in school, we can help children put this learning into practice and develop positive habits that will benefit them throughout their lives.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

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

Our definition is:

"We feel proud of the things we have worked hard to achieve and recognise our own effort and successes. We notice and celebrate the achievements of others too."

Stars of the Week	Readers of the Week	Kindness Awards
Willow: Dagney Cedar: Beckett Beech:Oliver Maple: Levi Oak: Shekinah, Ayla, Lexa, Rose, Reyon, Charles, Odin, Janet, Elif, Daniela, Darasimi, Millie, Sophia, Esther, Klian and William	Willow: Heather Cedar: Luna Beech: Seraphina Maple: EwaOluwa Oak: Eva	This week's Kindness Awards go to: Darasimi for showing genuine encouragement and care towards his peers and Ayan for being an attentive and caring reading partner during the reading lesson.

Make Every Day Count

WHIPMAN WOODS

FLYING HIGH ACADEMY

CHRISTMAS FAIR!

Thursday 3rd December

Starting at 3.15pm

Festive stalls, fun and Christmas cheer!

STALL HOLDERS WANTED!

DONATIONS OF TOMBOLA AND RAFFLE PRIZES gratefully received!