

Weekly Newsletter

12TH SEPTEMBER 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well and that you've managed to stay dry during the surprise rainstorms we've had this week! Thankfully, the showers have been perfectly timed and haven't disrupted our breaktimes or lunchtimes.

This week in school, there has been a wonderful sense of focus and concentration. After spending time learning the rules, routines and expectations of their new classes and year groups, the children are now putting these into practice - creating calm classrooms, engaged learning and excellent discussions.

Visitors to our school often remark on the serene and positive learning environment we have built together. This is a direct result of our children's determination and aspiration to be the very best versions of themselves. They truly deserve a restful weekend after giving 100% effort to their learning.

Character and Values Focus

As proud members of the Flying High Partnership, we are committed to teaching, modelling and living the Trust's shared values. These values unite the Central Team, staff and children, ensuring that all of us—adults and pupils alike—are continually developing, modelling and upholding the same high standards. Together, we aim to be Unique, Exceptional and Sustainable, making a positive difference both now and for the future.

WE ARE FLYING HIGH

Together we will create **unique, exceptional and sustainable** schools that inspire communities and empower children.

Flying High Partnership

Together we make every day count

VALUES
Our schools will be:

Unique	Exceptional	Sustainable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Child centredContext informed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">High standardsContinuous improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developing peopleEmpowering ownership

CULTURE
Our adults will demonstrate:

Unique	Exceptional	Sustainable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">CareTrustHumilityAspiration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">CommitmentCuriosityDesire for feedbackDesire to improve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">EnablementResilienceResponsibilitySolution focused mindset

CHARACTER
Our children will demonstrate:

Unique	Exceptional	Sustainable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">AspirationKindnessEffective Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ConfidencePrideCuriosity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ResponsibilityResilienceProblem Solving



As we begin the new academic year, we want our values to be fully embedded in every aspect of school life, so that they are genuinely understood, lived and applied - leading to the very best outcomes for our children - both in learning and in life. To support this, each half term will highlight one of our Flying High Children's Characteristics, giving pupils the opportunity to be explicitly taught, on a continuous cycle, what each characteristic means and how it looks in action. This focus will be as follows:

Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Unique	Exceptional	Sustainable	Unique	Exceptional	Sustainable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspiration Kindness Effective Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidence Pride Curiosity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsibility Resilience Problem-Solving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspiration Kindness Effective Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidence Pride Curiosity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsibility Resilience Problem-Solving

Each characteristic and value is revisited twice a year, allowing children to develop a deeper understanding and to apply these principles confidently in all areas of their lives—both in school and beyond. As they progress through the school, they will increasingly embody these values and become role models for younger pupils, making a positive and lasting contribution to our school community.

This week's focus value has been ASPIRATION which means:

Having a big dream or goal that you really care about and working hard to reach it, even if it takes time and practice.

Each class teacher had the very challenging task of choosing JUST ONE child in their class who has shown commitment to improving on their best and achieving the targets that they have been set by their teacher, or have set for themselves.



We are very proud to share with you, Whipman Woods' first Stars of the Week for 2025/2026!

Willow: Alexander

Cedar: Eva

Beech: Hale

Maple: Mylah

Oak: Klian



Exciting Mini Athletics Taster Session - Elm, Willow, Cedar and Beech Classes

On **Tuesday 16 September**, our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children will enjoy a free 30-minute Mini Athletics taster session. 'Mini Athletics' is a local organisation dedicated to helping young children develop a love of physical activity and healthy living from the very start.

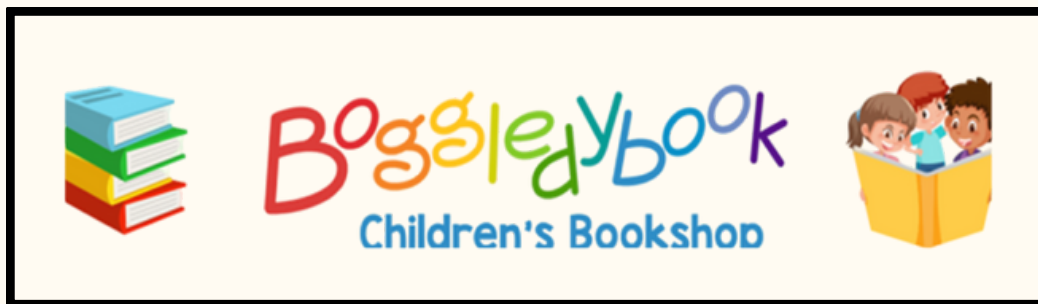
If your child is in Elm, Willow, Cedar or Beech class, please ensure they come to school in their usual PE kit so they can take part comfortably in this fun, energetic session.

Families who would like to find out more about the wider sessions available outside school can visit the Mini Athletics website:
www.miniathletics.com



Boggledybook Bookshop Visit

On **Thursday, 18th September**, we are delighted to be receiving a visit from the Boggledybook Children's Bookshop. This is a wonderful way of supporting your child to develop a positive attitude towards reading/sharing books whilst also supporting us to provide a wonderful selection of books for our school library too. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



McMillan Coffee/Cake Afternoon

On **Thursday 25th September**, as part of our ongoing commitment to helping children understand how they can make a positive difference in the lives of others, we will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee and Cake Afternoon.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for parents and family members - both new and familiar - to meet, connect and further strengthen our school community. We believe it is just as important for you to feel a sense of belonging here as it is for your child(ren).

The afternoon will begin at 2:45 pm in the school hall, where coffee, tea, juice and a tempting selection of cakes will be served. Tables will be set out to create a relaxed setting for your enjoyment. The event will continue until 3:30 pm, so that after dismissal your child(ren) can join you to enjoy cake and a drink with friends and family.

We look forward to welcoming you to this special occasion. Further details will follow soon.



PE Kits

Thank you for the time, money and care you have given to making our children look smart for their return to school. Please can we remind you to ensure that on PE days, your child wears the PE kit listed below. Unfortunately, some children are wearing brightly coloured t-shirts, football style tops and jogging bottoms/leggings of varying colours too. We are working hard to create the cultural and behavioural expectations within the school and your support in this is very much appreciated.

Whipman Woods FHA - PE Kit

- Plain black or white trainers, or black plimsolls
- Plain white or woodland green T-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings, or jogging bottoms
- If a jumper/sweatshirt is needed – this should be black without logos or branding.
- No jewellery



Parking

Following recent amendments to our parking arrangements, we would like to remind everyone to park considerately and safely in the areas around school. Whenever possible, please walk - either from home or from a more distant parking spot. If driving is necessary, ensure that you keep clear of driveways, junctions, double yellow lines and zig-zag markings.

These measures are in place to keep our children and the local community safe. Like many schools across the country, we face challenges due to limited parking space in and around the site. We kindly ask all parents and carers to show the same kindness and consideration for others that we encourage in our children every day.

Whipman Woods FHA - Reception and Nursery Open Events

It's that time of year when many parents and carers begin exploring school options for their child's start in September 2026.

To help families learn more about life at Whipman Woods, we will be hosting two Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Open Events, both starting at 5.00 pm:

- **Tuesday 23 September**
- **Tuesday 30 September**

The local authority's application window for Reception places is:

- Applications open: **3 November 2025**
- Applications close: **15 January 2026**
- National Offer Day: **16 April 2026**

Families considering Nursery places for September 2026 are warmly invited to attend as well.

For further details, please see the attached flyer or contact the school office. We would also be grateful if you could share this information with friends or relatives who might be interested.



Weekly Attendance

We are delighted to share that our first full week back to school has seen excellent attendance across the whole school, setting a high standard for the term (and year) ahead.

Regular attendance means children don't miss key knowledge and skills, enabling them to make the best possible progress and engage fully in deep, enjoyable learning.

A very special congratulations goes to **Willow Class**, who have achieved an incredible **100%** attendance all week - what an amazing start! Which class will take the attendance crown next week?!

Class Attendance	Percentage
Willow	100%
Cedar	97.7%
Beech	93.3%
Maple	97.4%
Oak	99.5%
Whole School	98.2%



Thank you to all our families for your continued support in helping the year start so smoothly for our children. We look forward to the weeks ahead as we build on this positive beginning together.

Kind regards,

Nicola Green
Headteacher





Boggledybook

Children's Bookshop



**It's Book Fair day in school on
Thursday 18th September!**

All books are 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!**

**Prefer to order online? Place an order by midday on Wed 17th
Sept and we'll bring it to school. Just choose Click & Collect and
add a note on the checkout page with your school name,
child's name and class. Online purchases will be included when
calculating free books for school. Find books from baby to
teen at www.boggledybook.co.uk/onlineshop**



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WHIPMAN WOODS FLYING HIGH ACADEMY EYFS OPEN EVENINGS

23rd & 30th September: 5:00pm

**Are you looking for a School or
Nursery place for your child in
September 2026?**

Applications Open: 3rd November 2025

Application Deadline: 15th January 2026

National Offer Day: 16th April 2026

We are a warm, welcoming school where every child is loved, valued and supported to achieve their very best. As a team, we strive for excellence every single day.

Together with families and our community, we pride ourselves on a caring environment interwoven with an inspiring curriculum that builds confidence, curiosity and lifelong success. Come and see our thriving school in action!

**ALTERNATIVELY,
' PLEASE CONTACT US TO ARRANGE A
SEPARATE VISIT**

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