

Weekly Newsletter

19TH SEPTEMBER 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

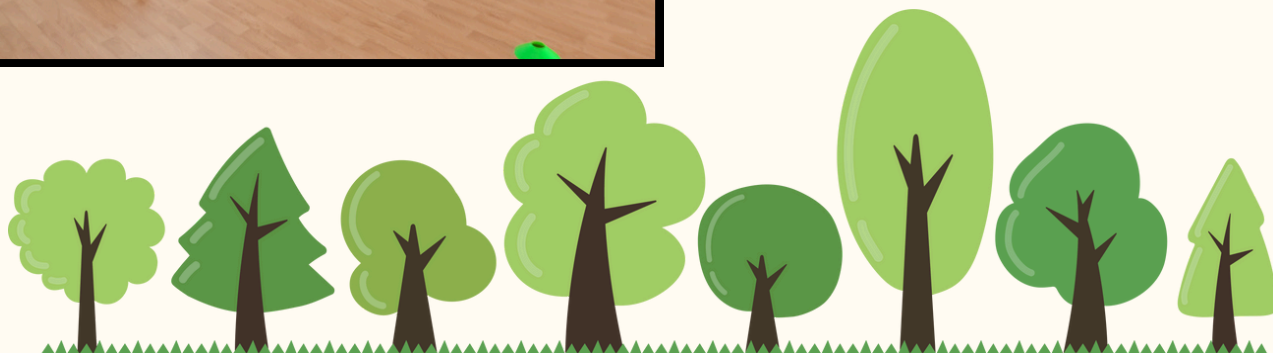
What a wonderful day we had at Whipman Woods yesterday! Although I was away from school on a course and missed the bookfair fun, I've heard it was a huge success, with many delighted children proudly showing off their new books.

We are delighted that 180 worth of books have found new homes with our children, supporting their reading journeys and deepening their love of books. In addition, your purchases have helped us expand our EYFS picture book collection and our library's non-fiction section with an additional 18 books – we will really treasure them.

A heartfelt thank you for supporting our very first Boggledybook Bookfair. The Boggledy team were full of praise for how friendly and polite our children were while buying their books - another wonderful reflection of what a positive and enjoyable day it was for all.

Mini Athletics

On Tuesday, Elm, Willow, Cedar, and Beech Classes took part in a fantastic Mini-Athletics session. The children had lots of fun taking part in exciting activities, including avoiding being eaten by the shark, feeding the teacher to the shark (a definite favourite!) and joining in with lively team races. There was a wealth of enjoyment in all the sessions, and it was clear that everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves - as well as developing their ABCs (**A**gility, **B**alance and **C**oordination)!



Star of the Week

As we shared with you last week, this week's values focus was Kindness – the value that flows through every word, thought, and action here at Whipman Woods.

Our definition of kindness is: Caring about other people and showing it with helpful or gentle actions and words.

Throughout the week, teachers have been thoughtfully observing how children interact - in lessons, at playtimes, and during lunch - and have chosen these wonderful children for the positive difference they make to others. Each of them shows, in their own unique way, how they are already making their mark on the world in all the right ways.

Today in assembly, these children were celebrated and proudly received their certificates in recognition of their kindness.

Looking ahead to next week, our focus turns to demonstrating:

Effective Communication: Sharing ideas, information, and feelings in a way that others can easily understand, while listening carefully and responding thoughtfully so everyone is heard and understood.

We can't wait to see which children shine in this next important value that contributes to our children being 'Unique'!



Whipman Woods' Reading Heroes



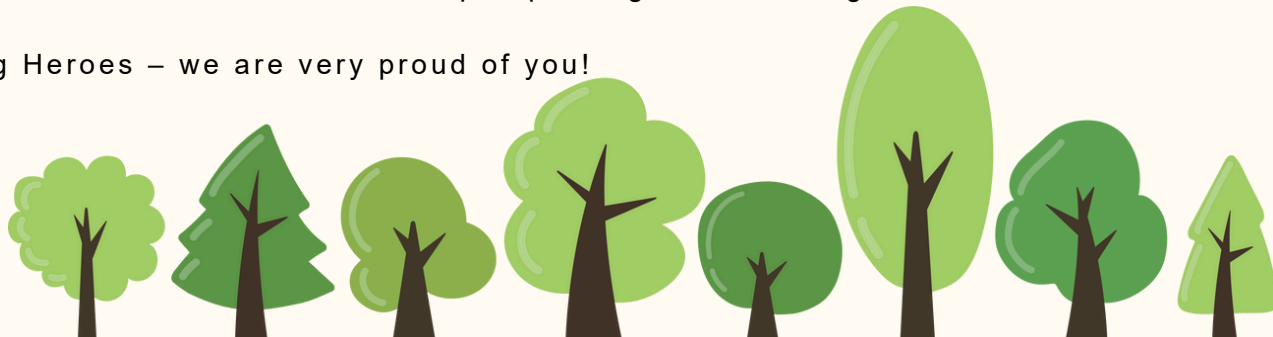
Did you Know? Reading is one of the most powerful ways to help children thrive - both now and in the future. Strong reading habits not only support mental wellbeing, offering calm, enjoyment and a way to manage emotions, but are crucial for unlocking the wider curriculum - from science to history and maths problem-solving. Research shows that regular reading builds a rich vocabulary, deepens understanding of the world and develops the critical thinking skills that lead to better life chances and long-term success. By exploring stories and information books, children gain a wealth of knowledge about people, places and ideas far beyond their own experiences. At Whipman Woods, we know that time spent reading - both at school and at home - is an investment in confidence, curiosity and lifelong opportunity.

So, with this in mind...

This week saw the launch of our new **Reading Hero Award!**

Each of these children has been chosen for their commitment to reading - whether by encouraging others, nurturing their own love of books, or simply reading a little more than before. This award celebrates not only our reading role models, but also those who show the dedication and determination to keep improving their reading skills.

Reading Heroes – we are very proud of you!



School Attendance

What an outstanding start to the school year we have had for attendance! A huge thank you to our children and their families for making every effort to be in school each day - your commitment is really paying off. Strong attendance (above 97% or better) means that children don't miss important learning, helping them to build knowledge progressively, sustain happy, healthy friendships, and make the very best progress.

Certificates will be awarded at the end of each half term to all pupils who achieve 100% attendance. Let's keep up this fantastic effort and make every second of learning count!

Weekly Attendance	Percentage
Willow	95.86%
Cedar	97.3%
Beech	98.7%
Maple	98.7%
Oak	100%
Whole School	99.1%



McMillan Coffee/Cake Afternoon

On Thursday from 2.45 pm to 3.30 pm, we warmly invite you to join us in our fundraising quest to support Macmillan Cancer Support. The social afternoon will take place in the school hall and promises to be a wonderful opportunity to chat with other parents, enjoy a peaceful half-hour, or even bring a friend for a well-earned natter over tea, coffee, and cake.

When the school day ends, we know the children will be keen to join in too, celebrating a hard day's learning with a slice of cake and a refreshing drink. Your generous donations for these treats will go directly to Macmillan, an incredible charity whose work touches so many lives.



Earlier in the week, our children will take part in an assembly exploring kindness, generosity, and the importance of giving a little of what we have to help others. This learning will help them understand the deeper meaning behind the event and see how small acts of support can make a big difference.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 25th September - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2.45-3.30pm

Monday 29th September - SEND Drop in Sessions run by PIN @2pm

Tuesday 7th October - National Child Measurement Programme (Reception and Year 6)

Monday 13th October - Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 15th October - Parents' Evening (more details to follow)

Thursday 16th October - Parents Evening (more details to follow)

Thursday 16th October - Harvest Festival (more details to follow)





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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