

# Weekly Newsletter

26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your generous contributions towards our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon yesterday and for sending your child in with money to enjoy 'cake at break' today too. There was great excitement in the air when they arrived in school this morning!

Our Macmillan charity fundraiser has been a roaring success and raised **£269.57** in cash alone! We are still waiting to see how much we have raised in card payments via the QR code and will let you know the final total in next week's newsletter! It was wonderful to see you all enjoying a chat over coffee and cake and being able to catch up with you too. We feel so lucky to have such wonderful families and friends within our community and we can't wait for more opportunities to be able to come together.

It goes without saying that Macmillan are a very deserving charity and we are delighted to be able to teach our children, in a very real way, the importance of being willing to give a little of what we have to support others.



## Pupil Premium Eligibility letter

Earlier today, we sent an important letter about Pupil Premium funding. Pupil Premium is additional government funding that helps schools provide extra learning support, resources, and enrichment activities for eligible children. Even if your child already receives free school meals in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2, registering now could bring in over £1,500 of extra funding to support their education.

Please take a moment to read the letter and check whether your child may qualify. It explains who is eligible and how to apply quickly and confidentially.

Every successful application makes a real difference - helping us to fund additional teaching, small-group work, subsidised trips, and resources that benefit your child and the whole school community.

Thank you for helping us make sure every child gets the very best opportunities to reach their full potential.



## Spotlight on Cedar Class - by Miss Lodge

What a wonderful week of learning we've had in Cedar Class! The children are really beginning to settle into school life, arriving each morning with eager smiles and a readiness to embrace whatever the day holds. Our daily routines are now familiar and comforting, giving everyone the confidence to dive into new challenges and adventures.

In PE, we explored how our bodies can move and change shape - stretching tall like trees, curling into tiny seeds, even springing into the air with careful control. The children remembered the safety rules brilliantly, showing care and teamwork as they moved. That same focus and precision carried into our maths learning, where we investigated place value by comparing and ordering numbers. As we sorted objects and used new mathematical language - smallest, fewest, most, and greatest - we were stretching and flexing our thinking, just as we had stretched our bodies!

In our PSHE session, we talked about how friendships sometimes change, and that's okay. We discovered that kindness and compromise are the keys to putting things back in place when disagreements arise.

To round off our week, we enjoyed a peaceful visit to the school library. Here, imagination took centre stage as we chose picture books and used their beautiful illustrations to help us tell and retell stories, strengthening our love of words and our confidence as storytellers.

Cedar Class, you have truly shone - working hard, moving safely, thinking deeply, and caring for one another. What a brilliant start to the term!



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## EYFS Outdoor Hero Needed!

We have big dreams for our EYFS outdoor area - and we need a champion to help bring them to life! Do we have any talented builders or landscapers among our families and friends? Your skilful eye could help us imagine and shape the future of our space: planning a beautiful, practical design, advising on the best materials, and guiding us as we fundraise and budget for the transformation.

By sharing your expertise, you wouldn't just be lending a hand – you would be a true hero for our children, creating an inspiring outdoor environment that will spark play, discovery, and joy for years to come.

If you can help (or know someone who might), please let us know. Together, we can turn our vision into reality!



## Stars of the Week

This week's Stars of the Week have been specially chosen for demonstrating a very special value... **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 are extremely proud of each one and it was inspiring to hear the reasons why our 'stars' were chosen this week.

Since we returned in September, we have been especially impressed by the courtesy, kindness, and care our children show - both to the adults in school and to one another. Over the past couple of weeks, several visitors have remarked on what remarkable young people they are, which has made us feel truly proud. Thank you for all your support with this.

Next week, we move onto our next set of values under the characteristic of **EXCEPTIONAL**. Next week's focus value is 'confidence' and our staff will be looking out for those children who are bringing this definition to life in all aspects of school life:

**Confidence....**

*...Believing in yourself and trying your best even when something is challenging.*



## Whipman Woods' Reading Heroes



This week's readers were thoughtfully chosen by their teachers for a variety of reasons - whether overcoming challenges, championing a love of books, or showing outstanding dedication to reading at home. A heartfelt thank-you to each of you for being such inspiring reading role models and for embodying the Whipman Woods' Way. Keep up the wonderful work, and continue to share your enthusiasm for reading, inspiring others to discover the joy and power of books.

## Parents' Evenings – Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th October

Next week, you will receive an Arbor invitation to book a settling-in review appointment with your child's class teacher. The purpose of this meeting is to share key insights from your child's first half-term in their new class, including how they are settling into daily routines and engaging with their learning.

This is a valuable opportunity for you to ask any questions about any aspect of your child's learning and well-being. We look forward to meeting with you and working together to ensure the very best start to the year. Please book your appointment promptly to secure a time that works best for you.



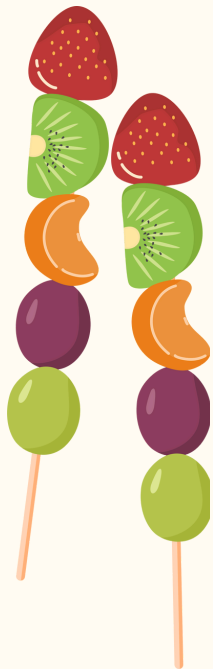
## Outstanding Attendance

Wow!!! We want to thank you for the tremendous effort you are making to ensure your child is in school every single day. Since our return in September, attendance has been truly outstanding, and this is a direct result of your commitment and shared understanding of how vital daily attendance is.

Learning in school moves quickly and builds on what has already been taught, so even a single missed day can make it harder for children to stay fully in line with their peers.

Let's keep this fantastic momentum going together! We can't wait to celebrate at half-term with lots of 100% attendance certificates. Each half-termly certificate will be a different colour – why not challenge your child to collecting the whole set?!

Weekly Attendance	Percentage
Willow	99.3%
Cedar	100%
Beech	100%
Maple	100%
Oak	98.7%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>99.63%</b>



## Healthy Snacks

We have noticed that some children are still bringing bags of crisps for their breaktime snack. Sometimes these come from their lunchboxes, but we kindly ask that they save those for lunchtime and instead enjoy a small, healthy snack during morning break. Fresh fruit, a handful of raisins, or a nut-free cereal bar are all good choices.

Establishing healthy snacking habits early in life is important for children's growth, concentration, and long-term well-being. NHS guidance highlights that snacks rich in vitamins, fibre, and slow-release energy help maintain focus and steady energy levels throughout the school day - unlike crisps, which are high in salt and fats but low in nutrients.

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September** - SEND Drop in Sessions run by PIN @2pm

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** - National Child Measurement Programme (Reception and Year 6)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Flu Immunisations

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** - Friends of Whipman Woods' Halloween Disco (not Elm Class)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** - Parents' Evening

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** - Parents; Evening

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Festival (more details to follow)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - 'Break a Rule' Fundraising Day



# Coffee & Chat Group

Project for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools [PINS]

## FOR

- Any parent/carer of a child with any additional needs – no diagnosis needed.



## SESSION 1 – You, Your Child, and School

- Connect with people who 'get it' and understand
- Share the challenges and what really helps
- Use your experiences to suggest ways inclusion could work better in schools
- Get information and signposting to services

## WHEN:

- Mon 29th Sept, 1:45- 3:15pm



## WHERE:

- Whipman Woods Flying High Academy

For further information please  
contact: [enquiries@nottpcf.org](mailto:enquiries@nottpcf.org)



*These sessions are being run by Nottinghamshire Parent Carer Forum - an independent charity run by and for parent carers.*

**NO NEED TO MAKE EVERY SESSION – EVERYONE'S WELCOME!**





# 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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# HALLOWEEN DISCO

TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER



RECEPTION/YEARS 1 & 2: 3.30PM-4.30PM

YEARS 3,4,5 & 6: 4.45PM-5.45PM

**£4 A TICKET  
INCLUDES SQUASH AND SNACKS**

Ticket only event: Collect your tickets  
from the school office