

# Weekly Newsletter

17TH OCTOBER 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

## **A Half Term to Celebrate!**

As we reach the end of this half term, it feels only right to pause, take a breath, and reflect on all that we've achieved together. Life so often encourages us to rush ahead to the next thing - but taking time to appreciate our shared journey reminds us just how far we've come as a school community.

Since September, our focus has been on settling our newest members into school life. Our Nursery and Reception children have flourished in their new surroundings, thanks to the care, patience, and dedication of their teachers and support staff. To anyone visiting, it would be hard to believe they've only been with us a few short weeks — they look as though they've been part of the Whipman Woods family forever!

Early in the term, we celebrated our very first Boggledy Bookfair, a wonderful event that brought our community together to share in the love of reading. It was wonderful to see so many children discovering new stories and authors, and our Reading Ambassadors have continued that enthusiasm by helping to keep our library beautifully organised and inviting. We have already recognised so many of our 'Stars' and 'Readers of the Week' - children who have gone above and beyond to embody our school values and do things the Whipman Woods Way. Their achievements are a credit to their own hard work and the encouragement they receive from staff and families alike.

Our commitment to helping others has also shone brightly this half term. Together, we have supported two charities - Bassetlaw Foodbank and Macmillan Cancer Support - showing that even the youngest among us can make a big difference when we act with kindness and generosity. This spirit of giving was beautifully reflected in our Harvest Celebration, led by our wonderful Year 5 and 6 pupils. Their thoughtful performances and reflections captured the true meaning of gratitude and community, and it was heart-warming to see so many parents join us to share in this special occasion.

Of course, it hasn't all been work and no play! We held our first-ever school disco, which was a huge success and will certainly be the first of many. 'Break the Rules Day' was another highlight, giving our children a chance to have some fun while also raising funds to improve our school environment.

At lunchtimes, we've introduced our new Playleader Mrs Rodgers, who has brought her energy and creativity to the playground, helping children learn about teamwork, fair play, and positive relationships. Our brand-new lunchbox trolleys have also made lunchtimes smoother and more independent for everyone - small changes that make a big difference to daily life. Behind the scenes, our PE cupboard is now wonderfully organised (and looking fantastic!), ensuring our children have everything they need to stay active and enjoy their lessons. We were delighted to welcome families into school for two very successful Parents' Evenings, both of which were incredibly well attended. The positive feedback from families was heartening, with many commenting on the warmth of our school, the enthusiasm of our staff, and the quality of the learning taking place every day.



We also hosted two Open Evenings for prospective parents, which gave us the opportunity to showcase our wonderful school to the wider community. Visitors were full of admiration for our facilities, the engaging curriculum, and the sense of belonging that is already so tangible.

This term has also seen the successful appointment of a wide range of pupil leadership roles, which have grown in number since last year. Our children now proudly serve as Kindness Leaders, Play Leaders, Reading Ambassadors, Eco Champions, Pupil and Deputy Pupil Ministers, and members of the School Council. This is a true testament to how significant our children are as young leaders - eager to take responsibility, support their peers, and play an active role in shaping school life for everyone. Their commitment shows just how much they value being part of the Whipman Woods community.

As we close this half term, we do so with hearts full of pride and gratitude - for our children, who make every day a joy; for our staff, whose passion and commitment never waver; and for our families, whose support and trust make all of this possible.

Here's to a well-deserved rest and to even more adventures when we return!

Mrs Nicola Green  
*Headteacher*

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### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** - First day of Autumn Term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** - Remembrance Day and Craft Afternoon

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November** - School Individual Photos (more details to follow)

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - EYFS Books/Biscuits Event 2.40pm

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Y1-Y6 Books/Biscuits Event 2.30pm

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** - Maple School Trip Sheffield Manor Lodge

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** - Cedar and Beech Trip South Yorkshire Air Museum

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Craft Day

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - EYFS Nativity Performance (1.30pm-2.30pm)

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - KS1 Nativity Performance (1.30pm-2.30pm)

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Oak School Trip Jorvik Centre

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Fair 2.30pm-4.30pm

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - KS2 Carol Concert 2pm-3pm

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Last day of Autumn Term



## Whipman Woods First Halloween Disco

Our very first school disco was a huge success! We raised an incredible **£368** to go towards school funds, and it was wonderful to see all the children having such a fantastic time on the dance floor. There were some truly amazing costumes, and the energy and excitement throughout the evening made it a night to remember. A huge thank you to our “Friends of Whipman Woods” for organising the event, to Mr. Lodge for providing the lights, and to all the parent volunteers who helped on the night. Hopefully, this will be the first of many school discos to come!

## Whipman Woods First “Break a Rule Day”

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our very first “Break a Rule Day”! The children absolutely loved taking part and came in some truly amazing outfits — and even most of the teachers joined in the fun by wearing their pyjamas! Thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible **£261.65**, which will go towards supporting EYFS areas. It was a fantastic day full of laughter and creativity. We really appreciate everyone who helped make it such a success!

### Reading Heroes

Congratulations to this weeks Reading Heros. They are Ada, Beau, Ayan, Abraham and Charlie. We are so proud of you and your efforts. Lets keep it up over half term.



### Stars of the Week

This week’s Stars of the week are: Darcie, Jack, Otis, Atalya and Asil.

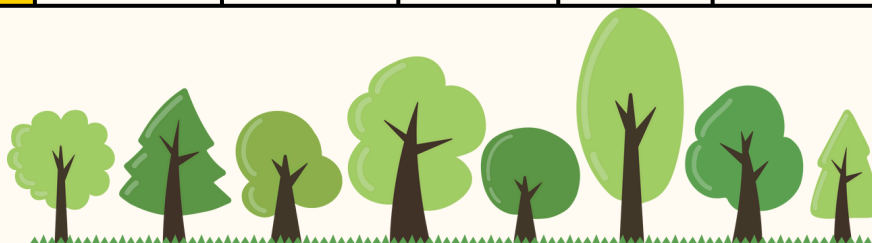
Well done to all our ‘stars’ – it was wonderful to hear what their teachers had to say about you in this week’s assembly.



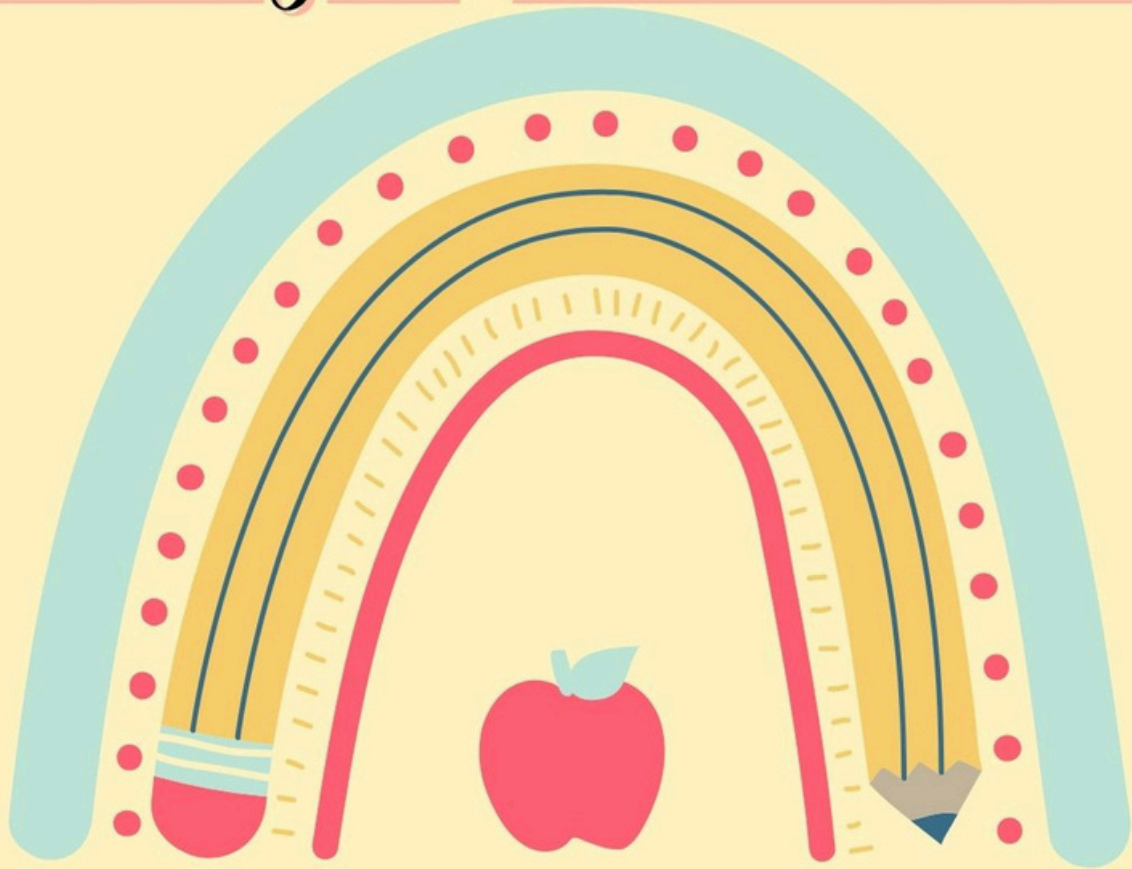
### Attendance

Please be reminded that family holidays during term time will not be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances. This is in line with Nottinghamshire County Council and national attendance regulations.

Willow	Cedar	Beech	Maple	Oak	Whole School
99.25%	96.92%	97.33%	93.04%	93.04%	96.46%



# Nursery & Reception Books and Biscuits Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025



JOIN US ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:40PM FOR  
'BOOKS AND BISCUITS' (FOR ELM AND WILLOW  
CLASSES).

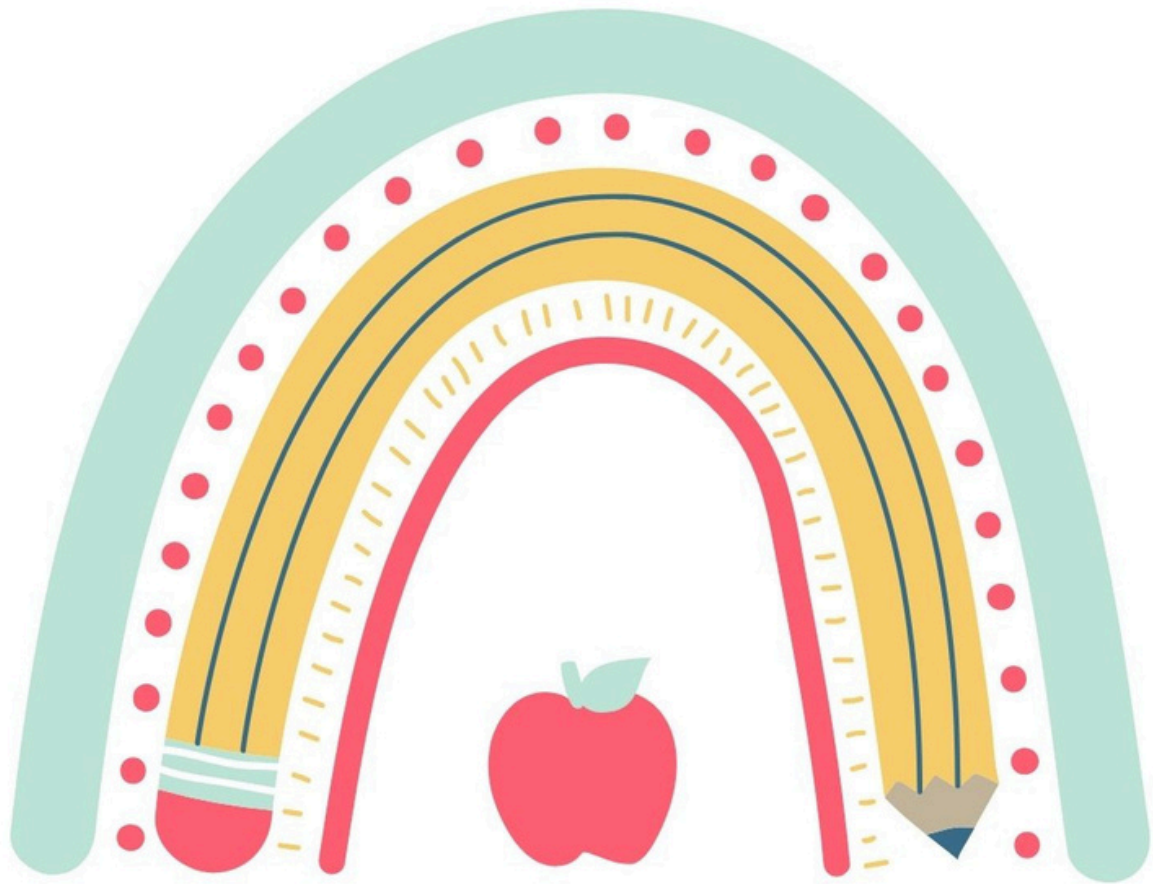
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