

Weekly Newsletter

16TH JANUARY 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a positive and settled one across the school, with children continuing to return to familiar routines. It has been lovely to see how well everyone is engaging in their learning. Our new nursery children have continued to adapt to the setting amazingly and it is wonderful to see new friendships forming. Thank you to all those parents who joined us in the EYFS on Monday morning - we hope you enjoyed gaining an insight into the beginning of the school day for our youngest children.

On Thursday, the children took part in an assembly all about the festival of Lohri, a traditional harvest festival celebrated in parts of India, particularly Punjab. Lohri marks the end of winter and the beginning of longer days, and is often celebrated with music, dancing, bonfires, and sharing food as a way of giving thanks and welcoming success.

Today, we had our weekly celebration assembly, which focused on the importance of effective communication and how this helps us to build strong relationships and work well together. We were also proud to celebrate the many pupils who received their Bronze and Silver Awards this week – it is wonderful to see so much positivity, effort, and achievement being recognised around school!

We are also looking ahead to some exciting events, such as Year 3 Bikeability and our first ever Whipman Woods' Valentine's Disco. This half term promises to be another exciting and fun-packed one and we can't wait to share it with you!

Have a wonderful weekend -and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Nicola Green

Head Teacher

Well done to Beech Class! You are this week's attendance winners...again!

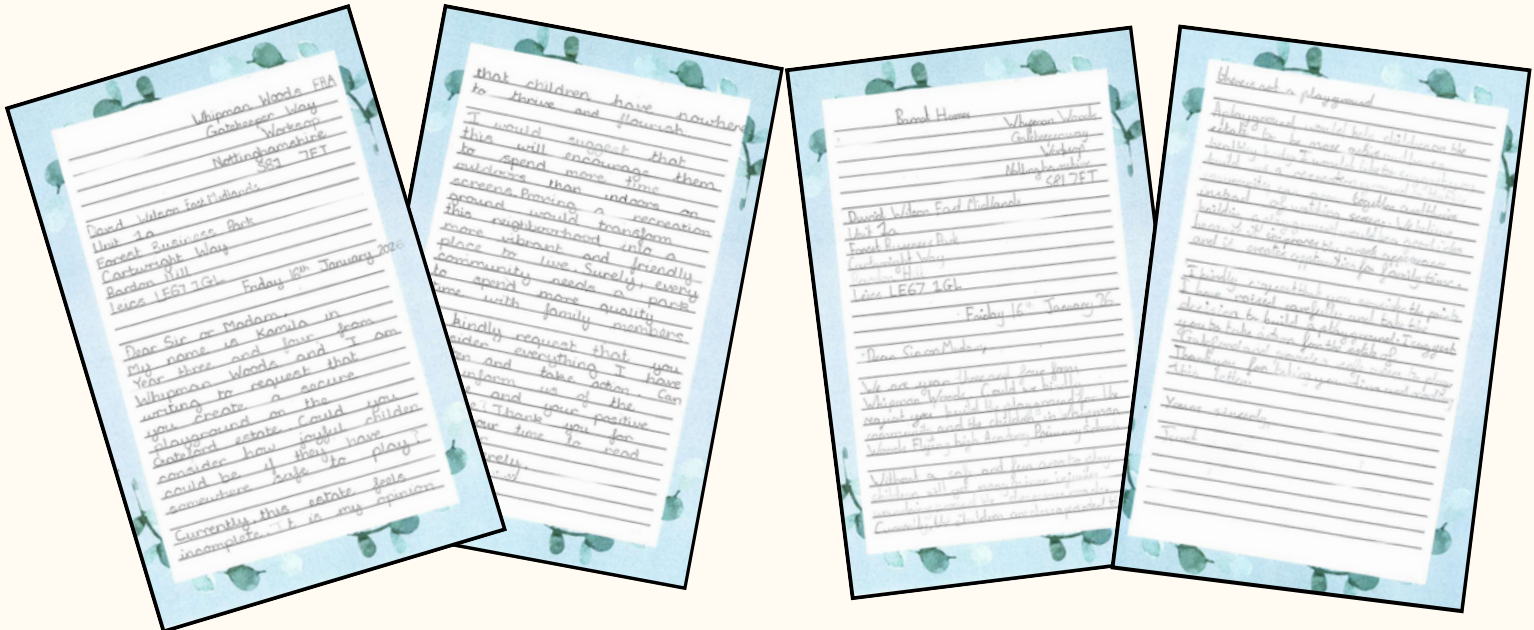
Willow	Cedar	Beech	Maple	Oak	Whole School
99.31%	99.29%	100%	96%	92%	97.21%

Please remember that if your child is unwell, the school must be notified each day of their absence. A quick phone call to the school office helps us keep accurate attendance records and ensures we know our students are safe and accounted for. Even if your child is expected to be absent for a couple of days, we still require a daily call while they are unwell.



Spotlight on Maple by Miss McKinlay

Maple Class children have been working incredibly hard over the past few weeks researching the promised playground for our estate. As part of this work, the children have written a formal letter to Barratt Homes, asking when the playground will be completed and clearly explaining the many benefits a playground would bring to them, and the local community. The children have put so much effort into their letters and are very excited to post them next week – we are all hoping to receive a reply!



Alongside this, Maple Class have also been busy in their computing lessons, where their focus has been on making music. The children have learned lots of new musical vocabulary, including tempo, rhythm, pitch and melody, and have enjoyed exploring these ideas using 'Busy Beats' on Purple Mash.

They have created their very own melodies using a range of different instruments and have shown great creativity and enthusiasm. Keep up the fantastic work, Maple Class!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Stars of the week. This week our celebration assembly value was **Effective Communication**.

Our definition of effective communication is: *"The ability to share ideas, thoughts, and feelings clearly and respectfully, while listening to and understanding others so that everyone feels heard and understood"*.



READER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Readers of the Week for doing amazing reading during lessons and at home. Keep up the good work!



Goodbye and Good Luck Molly!

We would like to make you aware that Molly has left our wraparound care provision. She was a huge favourite with many of the children who attend Breakfast and After School Club, and her positive energy will be greatly missed. We wish Molly every success and happiness as she continues to pursue her career in childcare.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 23rd January - Year 3 Bikeability

Tuesday 3rd February - EYFS Books and Biscuits (time to be confirmed)

Tuesday 10th February - Y1 - Y6 Books and Biscuits (time to be confirmed)

Thursday 12th February - Valentine's Disco

Friday 13th February - Last day of half term

Monday 23rd February - Inset Day (No children in school)

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day (Dress up as Traditional Tales)

Tuesday 10th March - Cedar and Beech School Trip (more details to follow)

Tuesday 17th March - Parents' Evening (more details to follow)

Wednesday 18th March - Parents' Evening (more details to follow)

Friday 27th March - Last Day In School (Easter Holiday)

