

# Weekly Newsletter

6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an action-packed week in school with lots of wonderful things to happen. Our week began with a hilarious, but very clever, Magical Mayhem assembly with Andy and his funny friend 'Lewis'!

On the same day, another Flying High School - Hollingwood Primary School - arrived at Whipman Woods to provide some healthy competition in the first leg of our 'Debate Club' competition – more news on this later!

We have had a wonderful response to our plea for equipment for our EYFS area, culminating in a phone call from B&Q's Distribution Centre, who have invited us to have a look round their recycling centre and see what treasures we can find! We have also had offers via our Facebook page – thank you, we will be in touch to take you up on these very soon! Thank you also to parents and families of the school who have bought in valuable resources, we really appreciate these – your thought and kindness really do mean the world!

It was wonderful to see parents and family members joining our EYFS team to enjoy a 'Books and Biscuits' Reading session on Tuesday. The expressions of pure delight on the children's faces as they shared stories (and enjoyed a sweet treat or two) with their adults, including teachers, was wonderful! We look forward to next week's event for Key Stages 1 and 2 on Tuesday.

As always, the best things happen when we all come together, as a community to create the conditions that will lead to our children's success. Thank you for being such a huge part of this – your care and support is endless. We hope you are enjoying our school's journey as much as we are - the children (and staff) are extremely grateful.

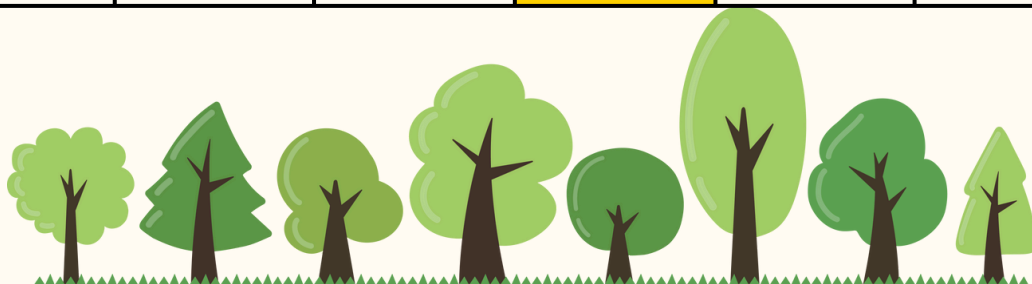
Have a wonderful weekend – let's see if we can keep up our FANTASTIC attendance for this half term during the final week!

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicola Green  
Head Teacher

Well done to Maple Class! You are this week's attendance winners!

Willow	Cedar	Beech	Maple	Oak	Whole School
97.93%	99.29%	96%	100%	96.92%	98.21%



## NURSERY AND RECEPTION BOOKS AND BISCUITS

Our EYFS team were delighted to welcome parents into the classroom (and hall) where they spent special time sharing books and biscuits with our Nursery and Reception children. There was an air of excitement as the children proudly invited their parents and family members to join them for a shared love of stories.

Everyone enjoyed reading a wide range of books together, sparking thoughtful conversations, plenty of laughter, and lots of curiosity. Sharing a biscuit along the way made the experience even more relaxed and rewarding, creating a warm and friendly atmosphere for everyone.

Such special times help to strengthen the partnership between home and school and show children just how valued and enjoyable reading can be. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the reading spaces feel extra welcoming and cozy!



# DEBATE CLUB - WHIPMAN'S WINNERS!!



On Monday, we were delighted to welcome Hollingwood Primary School to Whipman Woods for the first Debate Club event of 2026.

It was an inspiring morning, with children demonstrating impressive confidence, clear reasoning, and a strong ability to justify their views with well-chosen evidence.

The debates explored two thought-provoking questions: **'Is being unique always a good thing?'** and **'What makes someone exceptional?'** Both teams presented thoughtful, articulate arguments and listened respectfully throughout.

Team Whipman were ultimately declared the winners, impressing the judges with their ability to link ideas to the curriculum, draw on prior learning, build on each other's points, and clearly express the values behind their reasoning.

We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who took part and are excited to see them debate again in the final at Flying High Headquarters, judged by Mr Wheatley and Mr Goodman. Huge congratulations also go to Miss Fleming, whose enthusiasm, guidance, and high expectations helped the children shine. A fantastic achievement all round.



## MUSIC MAYHEM ASSEMBLY

On Monday, our school hall was bursting with laughter and amazement as we welcomed Andy the Magician and his very funny feathered friend, Lewis! From start to finish, the children were completely hooked.

Alongside the brilliant tricks and lots of giggles, Andy shared a powerful message about how important (and fun!) reading can be. The children loved getting involved and were inspired to see books as a way to spark imagination and creativity.

Many children left the assembly talking about how they'd like to become magicians themselves!



If you would like to catch Andy during the half-term holiday, he will be putting on two shows as follows:

**Andy and Lewis - Magical Mayhem Show**

**Acorn Theatre, Worksop, Worksop, S80 2AN**

**Tuesday 17th February 2026 – showings are at 11am and 2pm**



## VALENTINE'S DISCO DETAILS

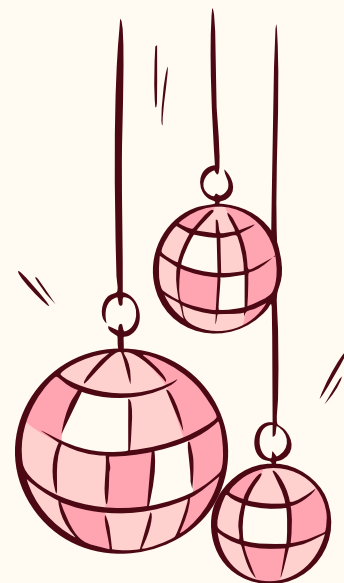
Thank you to everyone who has purchased a ticket for our Valentine's Disco. After the success of our autumn term disco, we are all really looking forward to another fantastic event!

### Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2):

Children are to bring their disco clothes in a clearly labelled bag. They will change in their classrooms (with support from school adults) at the end of the school day before heading to the hall. At the end of the disco, children will make their way to their classroom doors to be dismissed through their classrooms so they can collect their belongings.

### Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6):

Please drop off and collect children at the school hall door. Children will be dismissed directly from the hall at the end of the disco.



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## BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

We will be having a Bag2School collection on the **27<sup>th</sup> February**. Bag2School is a free, eco-friendly fundraising scheme that helps schools to raise money by recycling textiles. This is a fantastic opportunity for school to raise some money in an eco-friendly way. The more bags we manage to collect, the more money school with raise! This is a perfect chance for you to recycle any clothes that you do not want or wear anymore!



**They accept all the following items: Clothes, Paired shoes, Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Socks and Belts**

Donations can be brought to the school office in bin liners or any bag. There is also bags available from school should you need any extras.

**Please can we ask that all donations are received by 26th February. Thankyou for your support!**

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February** - Children's Mental Health Week (whole school assembly - for information only)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February** - Y1 - Y6 Books and Biscuits 2.30pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** - Valentine's Disco

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Last day of half term

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** - Inset Day (No children in school - staff training)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day (Dress up as Traditional Tales)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** - Cedar and Beech School Trip (letter sent on Arbor)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents' Evening (more details to follow)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents' Evening (more details to follow)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Last Day In School (Easter Holiday)



# Books and Biscuits

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Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026



JOIN US ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:30PM FOR  
'BOOKS AND BISCUITS' (FOR YEAR 1 - 6).  
SHARE A STORY WITH YOUR CHILD AND ENJOY A  
BISCUIT!





# Valentine's Disco

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February



Willow, Cedar & Beech: 3:15pm -4:15pm  
Maple & Oak: 4.30pm - 5.30pm



£4.50  
Payable on Arbor



Includes: Snacks, squash, disco games  
and face painting