

# Weekly Newsletter

13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that we have reached the end of another half term – it seems no time at all since we returned in January!

It has been a wonderful few weeks, packed with learning and fun. The children have settled beautifully into the year, and there has been fantastic progress across the school. In every class, children have shown great effort and pride in all that they do.

Not only is our children's academic learning strong, but so too is the way they conduct themselves: caring for and supporting one another and living out our school values each and every day.

At Whipman Woods, we are **aspirational**, **kind**, **effective communicators**, **confident**, **proud** and **curious**. We are also **responsible**, **resilient** and skilled **problem-solvers**!

Our children – your children – make us proud every single day. It is an absolute privilege to work with and alongside them, and I feel very lucky to do so. I know our wonderful teachers and support staff feel exactly the same.

Thank you for your continued support and for instilling the attitudes and values in your children that contribute so strongly to their success, both now and in the future.

I wish you a wonderful half-term break. We look forward to many more special moments and exciting events when we return to school in just over a week's time.

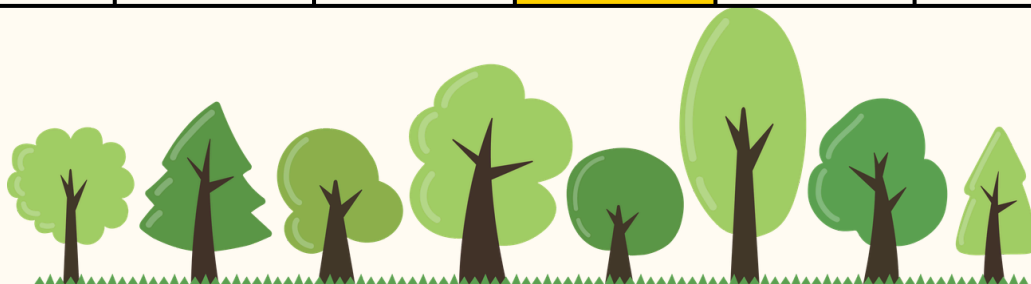
**Finally, please remember that Monday 23rd February is an INSET day. Our staff will be working hard, while the children can enjoy an extra day of rest!**

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicola Green  
Head Teacher

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

Willow	Cedar	Beech	Maple	Oak	Whole School
96.55%	97.86%	98.67%	100%	96.15%	97.72%



# YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6 BOOKS AND BISCUITS

Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us for our Books and Biscuits event. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive school community that truly values and champions children's learning.

Encouraging a love of reading from the earliest age is vital to children's success across all areas of learning. At Whipman Woods, our mantra is: **First, we learn to read, so that we can read to learn.**

We would really appreciate your continued support in helping your child's reading journey continue throughout the half-term break, so that their skills, confidence and fluency keep developing over the holiday. Reading aloud to an adult remains hugely beneficial for all children - even those in Year 6!



## STAR OF THE WEEK

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

Our definition of pride is:  
*"Feeling happy and confident about our hard work and achievements and celebrating these in ourselves and others."*

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Willow: Luna  
Cedar: Mya  
Beech: Henry  
Maple: Zarah  
Oak: Millie

## 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!

### READERS OF THE WEEK

Willow: Liam  
Cedar: Duru  
Beech: Levi  
Maple: Maia  
Oak: Ashley

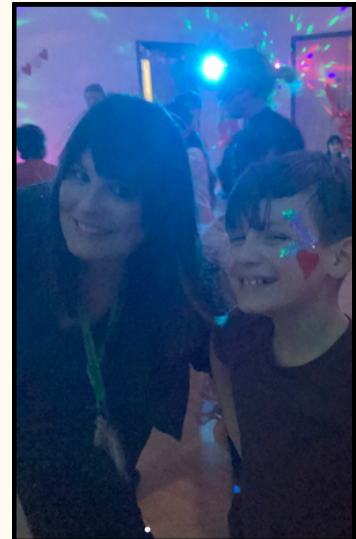
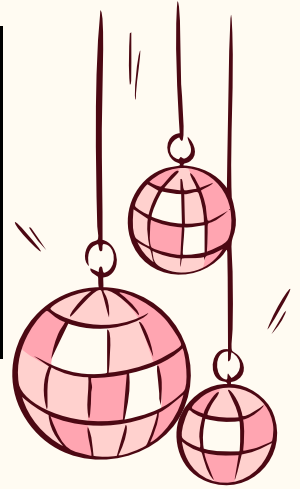


## VALENTINE'S DISCO

Our children - and adults - had a wonderful evening dancing the night away at Whipman Woods' second-ever disco! The hall looked fantastic, having been beautifully decorated by Mrs Lax, who leads the Friends of Whipman Woods PTA, alongside Mrs Rodgers.

There was plenty of dancing, snacking and laughter, and the excitement in the lead-up to the event was lovely to see. It was wonderful to watch our children enjoying such a well-deserved and amazing time as a reward for all their hard work this term. And it wasn't just the children who had fun - the staff joined in enthusiastically too! Glitter tattoos and face paint were truly the icing on the cake.

Thank you so much for your support of this event. **We raised approximately £385 (!!!)**, which will be added to the funds raised over the festive period and will directly support our staging project. Finally, please don't forget to buy a raffle ticket (or two!) for our Valentine's raffle, which is currently running. Prizes include a P. Louise Advent Calendar (RRP £150!) and a selection of adult beverages — including a bottle of Moët Champagne. You've got to be in it to win it! The raffle will be drawn at the end of the first week back after half term!



## B&Q TO THE RESCUE

Following our recent social media appeal for support with developing our EYFS outdoor area, we were delighted to be contacted by the B&Q Distribution Centre in Worksop, who generously offered their help. Their support goes far beyond providing resources; they will also be working with us to design and construct a more purposeful, high-quality outdoor learning environment.

Today, Mrs Green and Miss Martin were invited to visit the centre to explore the equipment available and to discuss our vision for the area. Phil was incredibly welcoming, giving them a tour of the site and taking time to talk through how he and his team can help bring our plans to life.

Our aim is to create a well-organised outdoor space with clearly defined areas and zones that encourage exploration, communication, problem-solving and physical development. These enhancements will support purposeful play, allowing our children to revisit and deepen their learning, follow their own interests and engage in meaningful interactions with both adults and their peers.

We are incredibly excited about the impact this will have on our EYFS provision and the rich learning opportunities it will provide for our youngest children! **Thank you B&Q!**



**THANK YOU**

## TOYS IN SCHOOL

Please can we ask that children **do not** bring toys from home into school. As has previously been shared, there is little time throughout the school day for exploring toys and objects from home and, but there is a high risk of these posing a choking hazard, being lost or causing children to lose focus on their learning

## PARKING AND MANOUVERING

It has been brought to our attention that some parents/family members are attempting to turn round in the middle of the road after dropping their child at school. There has also been incidents where, when parking on the pavement, mounting/dismounting the kerb has created a dangerous situation for pedestrians as they walk past. As the streets around school form a natural one-way system, we would ask that cars continue around the 'block' to prevent the need for risky manoeuvres. We owe it to our neighbours and local residents to ensure that their driveways are kept clear, that their property remains undamaged and most of all, that everyone remains safe. **Thank you for your ongoing support with this.**



## FLOOD RISK WORKSHOP FOR MAPLE AND OAK CLASSES

As part of their Geography learning, Maple Class had a fantastic time taking part in an interactive flooding workshop with Nottinghamshire Council. The children learned why flooding happens, the risks it can pose to communities and how its impact can be reduced through careful planning and environmental solutions.

They enjoyed hands-on activities, including using a virtual sandbox to see how water moves across different landscapes and how land shape can affect flood risk. The class also explored a Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) model, discovering how green roofs, gardens, trees, and permeable surfaces help slow water flow and reduce flooding.

The highlight of the workshop was seeing the drone used to monitor flooding across the county, showing how technology supports flood management. The council team were very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and their excellent knowledge of the water cycle, which they confidently demonstrated throughout the session.



## 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 will 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!**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - SEND Parent Carer Forum 1.45pm-3.15pm

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

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

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** - Science Week Assembly (Maple Class only)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** - Science Week Material Fusion Workshop (Oak Class only)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** - Friends of Whipman Woods AGM (Details to follow)

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

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

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** - National Dentist Survey (Year 1 and Reception only)

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

# 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 3 – Continuing Support and Working Together

- Receive clear information and signposting to support services
- Explore ways to stay connected and keep supporting one another
- Discuss how a group could work with school staff on key issues and build lasting collaboration

## WHEN:

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 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 HAVE ATTENDED EARLIER SESSIONS – ALL WELCOME!**

