

# Weekly Newsletter

13TH MARCH 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter, which comes after a very busy week in school!

The week began with an exciting visit for Cedar and Beech classes to Clumber Park. It has also included a range of themed assemblies to support PSHE and celebrate British Science Week, as well as a variety of workshops for children across the school to participate in. These activities have strengthened their learning in fun and interactive ways.

In addition to all of the above, we celebrated a wonderful Mother's Day afternoon with our children's special people on Thursday. As always, we were completely in awe of our supportive community. The hall was bustling with lovely conversations, moments of mindfulness, and an unmistakable feeling of happiness. We hope you enjoyed every moment - events such as these create memories to last a lifetime, and we feel incredibly privileged to share them with you.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming you to our parents' evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. Many of you have already made an appointment to discuss your child's progress, but if you have not yet done so, please remember to book via Arbor. At this time of year, the focus of parents' evening is to share your child's progress towards the end-of-year expectations, give you the opportunity to ask questions, and help you understand how you can best support them in the areas identified.

Thank you for your continued support in so many ways.

*Nicola Green*

Mrs Nicola Green  
Head Teacher

happy  
Mother's  
day



## MOTHER'S DAY MINDFULNESS AT WHIPMAN WOODS

A huge thank you to all the mums, grandparents and other special people who joined us for our Mother's Day treat today. We were overwhelmed by the wonderful turnout - it was lovely to see so many of you there, and it looked like everyone was having a fantastic time. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to relax, chat and enjoy some calm moments together before the children came along to join you.

It was especially wonderful to see the children alongside their special ladies, enjoying some mindfulness colouring together while laughing, chatting and sharing what they had been up to. The room was filled with such a warm and happy atmosphere.

Teas, coffees and other drinks were served alongside a colourful display of delicious cakes, generously donated by Asda and Iceland, for which we are incredibly grateful. Your kindness helped make the morning feel extra special.

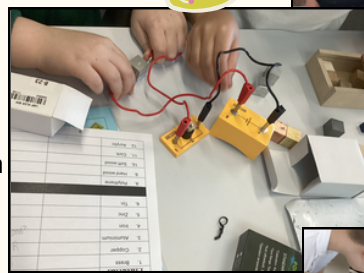
Thank you also for your generous donations, which came to **£98.92**. Your support is hugely appreciated and helps us continue to organise lovely events like this for our families. We wish you all a beautiful and relaxing Mother's Day! ❤️



## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK EXCITEMENT!

To support us in celebrating British Science Week, we had a visit from Sarah Shemilt who is a STEP Fusion Skills and Engagement Officer and came to deliver an assembly to our children in school, followed by a workshop with Oak Class and some sessions with a Robodog for our children in Willow Class.

During the assembly, the children learned about fusion energy, the same process that powers the Sun and other stars. They explored how tiny atoms, such as hydrogen, can join together (fuse) to form a new atom, releasing a large amount of energy in the process. Through simple explanations and activities, the session helped the children to understand how this natural process provides the heat and light that reach Earth. The aim of the assembly was to support children's understanding of how scientists are researching ways to use fusion as a clean and powerful future source of energy.



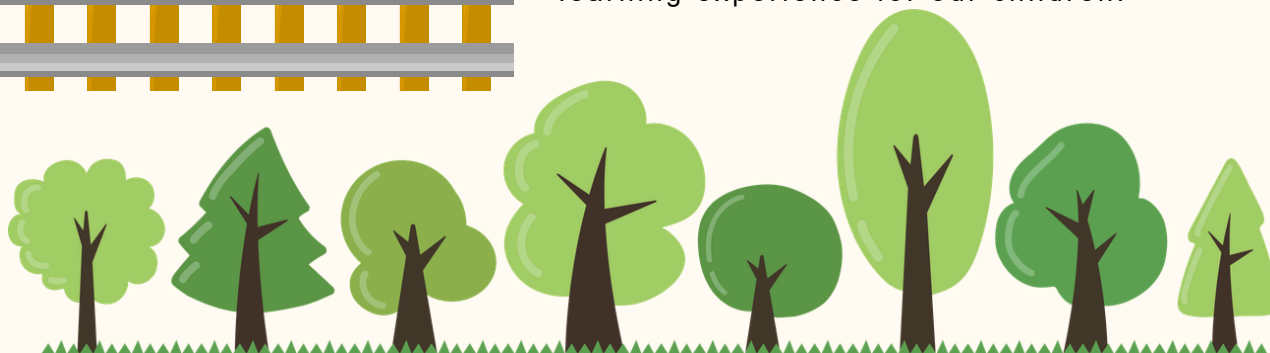
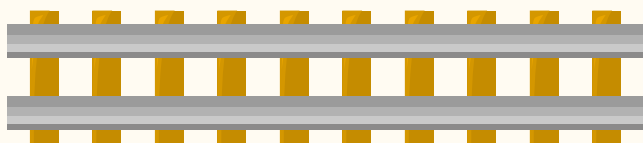
## RAIL SAFETY ASSEMBLIES

This week, pupils took part in an interactive and informative assembly delivered by Network Rail's education team.

The assemblies focused on helping our children understand how to stay safe around railways. By linking the information to our local area of Worksop, the sessions felt especially relevant and meaningful for the children, helping them to understand how the safety messages apply to their everyday lives. Through interactive discussions and clear explanations, our children learnt important information about railway safety and why it is essential to make safe choices when they are out in the community beyond home and school.

We are very grateful to Chloe and Charlotte (who is also our Chair of Governors) from Network Rail for the time, care and effort they put into delivering these sessions for our school. Their work has played an important role in helping our children to develop awareness and understanding that will support them in staying safe throughout their lives.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Network Rail team for providing such a valuable learning experience for our children.



## CLUMBER PARK - CEDAR AND BEECH SCHOOL TRIP

Cedar and Beech Class had such an exciting day at Clumber Park! We took part in a special orienteering session with the National Trust, and everyone got stuck in with big smiles and brilliant teamwork. We started the day by learning how to draw our own maps. The children loved hiding objects and making maps to help their friends find them. There was lots of giggling as groups tested out each other's trails!

Next, we looked at bigger, trickier maps and learned how to follow them to different points around the park. The children did a fantastic job of spotting symbols and working together to find all the places they needed to go.

After all that exploring, we had a lovely sunny picnic lunch. It was great to sit together, chat, and enjoy the warm weather.

In the afternoon, we set off again to explore more of the park. We kept our eyes peeled for human features (like bridges and buildings) and physical features (like trees, lakes, and hills). Cedar class were brilliant detectives and spotted so many things!

To finish off our adventure, we had some time to play in the park, which was definitely a favourite part of the day - with lots of climbing, swinging, running, and laughing!

We had a wonderful time outdoors, learned lots of new skills, and represented the school beautifully. What a fantastic day!



## STAR OF THE WEEK

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

Our definition of pride is:

*"Keeping going and trying again even when something feels difficult and understanding that making mistakes help us to learn and grow".*

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Willow: DJ

Cedar: Hanna

Beech: Maisie

Maple: Reuben

Oak: Jenson

## READER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our 'Readers of the Week' for their amazing attitude to reading, both during lessons and at home. Keep up the good work - thank you for flying our reading flag!

### READERS OF THE WEEK

Willow: Ezzah

Cedar: Oliver

Beech: Henry

Maple: Daniela

Oak: Henry



## BOOK IN A BOX WINNERS!

Thank you to all our children (with the support of their families) who entered our 'Book in a Box' competition! We have been blown away by the quality of the entries and judging the winners was a difficult task! As we didn't have entries from all year group, we chose 6 winners from across the school.



The judging panel included Mrs Green and 2 of our (non-competing) Reading Ambassadors. It was a tough job but in the end our winners were...

- Kai (Elm Class)
- Wilfred (Cedar Class)
- Jaxtyn (Cedar Class)
- Olivia (Cedar Class)
- Harry James (Cedar Class)
- Reyon (Maple Class)



Well done to Willow class! You are this week's attendance winners!

Willow	Cedar	Beech	Maple	Oak	Whole School
98.1%	97.2%	97.9%	98%	97.1%	97.6%



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 17th March** - 8.45-9.30 Year 1 'Live Phonics Lesson' - Parent Invitation!

**Tuesday 17th March** - Parents' Evening

**Wednesday 18th March** - Parents' Evening

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

**Thursday 26th March** - Egg Decorating Competition Entries To Be In School

**Friday 27th March** - Dress Down Day (£1 Cash Donation) and Easter Egg Hunt

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

**Monday 13th April** - First Day of Summer Term (children in school)

**Monday 13th April** - New school dinner menu starts





V O L N T E E

What's missing?

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We'd love you to be part of Friends of Whipman Woods! If you're interested in shaping future activities, supporting the school, and helping build a thriving community group, please complete the [Expression of interest form](#).

Please contact Charlotte Lax with any questions or for more information [CLax@whipmanwoodsfa.co.uk](mailto:CLax@whipmanwoodsfa.co.uk)



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