

Weekly Newsletter

24TH APRIL 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter - we hope you are well and have had a great week!

This week saw our first sports' festival which was an extra special one because it was designed in collaboration with our very own sports' leaders. Mrs Voice (also a secondary school PE teacher at Retford Oaks) and Bassetlaw's 'School Games' Lead spent time in school prior to the event getting to know our sports' leaders. These children became the voice for the rest of the school and, after getting out and about researching the type of sports/activities that their friends enjoyed, came back together to bring the plans for the day to life. We are incredibly grateful to Mrs Voice whose work with the school will support us in getting Whipman Woods 'on the sporting map'!

We have also welcomed Mrs Brierley, an experienced class teacher, into our school this week, joining us as the newest member of 'Team Whipman'! Maple Class have been very kind in helping Mrs Brierley get to know the routines of Whipman Woods this week and I know she has really appreciated their enthusiasm in doing so. Mrs Brierley is keen to build strong relationships with her children and their families so please don't hesitate to speak to her should you have any questions.

Year 6 continue to remain dedicated and focused on their upcoming Key Stage 2 SATS which will take place in just a few weeks now. Thank you for your support in keeping them on track with their homework tasks and regular reading. Although the learning happens in school - spending a little time in the evenings will help to reinforce and strengthen their knowledge, therefore supporting easier fluency and recall in lessons and in their forthcoming assessments. Please speak to Miss Fleming if there is anything you are unsure of.

If the weather forecast is to be believed, this weekend is set to be a really lovely one - we hope you get the chance to enjoy it!

As always, please just ask if there is anything we can support with.

Kindest regards,

Headteacher



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

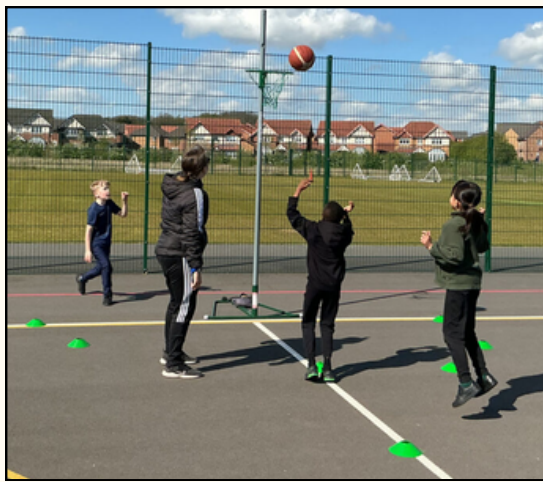
Willow	Cedar	Beech	Maple	Oak	Whole School
99.33%	96.55%	99.33%	98%	96.3%	97.78%



MULTISPORTS EVENT - BASSETLAW SCHOOL GAMES

On Wednesday, Cedar, Beech, Maple and Oak Classes enjoyed a fantastic session with Mrs Voice from Bassetlaw School Games! We hope you enjoy the photographs of us all having fun and being active! We are looking forward to making more memories in future events!





THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

As you may have noticed, our EYFS area now has sand and bark! We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Cutforth, whose association with Mansfield Sand Company Ltd., has meant that we have had a large supply of play sand delivered for our new sandpit (as well as plenty left over to top it up in the future)! We would also like to thank Mr Keogh for his delivery of bark for the mud kitchen area and Mr Lewis for sourcing us some HUGE tractor tyres which we have plans for in the very near future. To help us bring our tractor tyre plans to life, if anyone has any compost that they would be willing to donate, we would be extremely grateful!

We hope you enjoy the photographs of the children enjoying their new areas!



PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

A number of children have begun using the climbing frame and equipment before and after school. We have previously communicated that this equipment (which includes the school's bikes) must not be used during these times, and I would like to reiterate the reasons for this.

While we fully appreciate that many parents and carers are present and supervising their children, the school's insurance policy requires that all playground equipment is used only under the direct supervision of a member of school staff. This ensures that, in the event of an accident, appropriate procedures can be followed. In addition, first aid provision is not available before or after school, which further increases the risk.

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child does not access the climbing equipment outside of the school day. This is essential for maintaining a safe environment for all pupils and for upholding the school's policies.



We greatly appreciate your cooperation and ongoing support.



SCHOOL DINNER ORDERING VIA ARBOR

A friendly reminder to all parents and carers to please use Arbor to book your child's school dinner selections in advance **even if they are having a packed lunch.**

Thank you for your continued support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11th May - 15th May - Year 6 SATs Week

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May - HALF TERM

Monday 1st June - INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd June - Elm and Willow Books and Biscuits Event (time to be confirmed)

Tuesday 9th June - Maple School Trip Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Tuesday 9th June - Year 1-6 Books and Biscuits Event

Thursday 11th June - Class Photographs

Thursday 18th June - FHA Children's Awards (selected children already informed)

Friday 19th June - 'Dads and Doughnuts' - celebration for the special male role models in our lives! 2.30pm-3.15pm

Thursday 25th June - Oak School Trip Magna (Details to follow)

Monday 29th June - Y5 Bikeability (Details to follow)

Wednesday 1st July - Oak Class Road Safety Workshops (Within School time)

Wednesday 8th July - Sports Day (Elm and Willow AM, Year 1-6 PM - timing to follow)

Monday 20th July - Summer Fair (Details to follow)

Tuesday 21st July - Whole School Arts Showcase (Details to follow)

Friday 24th July - Year 6 Memories Assembly

Friday 24th July - END OF SCHOOL YEAR (Children in School)

