

Weekly Newsletter

8TH MAY 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome this week's newsletter!

As our Year 6 children (and staff) anticipate the beginning of their Key Stage 2 SATs Week, we would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Our children have worked incredibly hard and we are extremely proud of their resilience, determination and positive attitudes.

Although SATs are an exciting opportunity for children to show what they have learned throughout their primary school life, we know they have achieved so much more than test results. Their kindness, creativity and character matter most, and we are already so proud of all they have achieved.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we help the children approach next week feeling positive and prepared. They **HAVE GOT THIS!**

A poem for you, Charlie, Damilola, Harry, Hena, Hunter, Jaylah, Jenson, Karol Lewis, Selma and Tommy:

It's almost SATs week, your time to shine,
To show what you've learned throughout your primary time.
You've worked so hard throughout the years,
With the courage and effort we truly cheer.

Remember each night to sleep nice and tight,
Wake up refreshed and 'SATs morning' bright.
A delicious breakfast will help your brain start strong,
Arriving nice and early will help your day along.

Read a little, stay calm and believe,
In all the amazing things you will achieve.
Take deep breaths and try your best too,
Remember, we are already so proud of you.

SATs are important, but here's what's true:
They don't show the kindness that shines out of you.
Your laughter, creativity, teamwork and care,
Are the wonderful qualities you'll always share.

Armed with confidence and ready to try,
With heads held high and aiming for the sky,
*Know you are loved and valued more than a score or grade –
You are all our superstars, perfectly made!



IMPORTANT STAFFING UPDATES



Hopefully, you received our more detailed email yesterday, informing you of two staffing changes taking place at the end of this academic year.

Mrs Parkinson, Deputy Headteacher and Year 2 teacher, has secured a new Deputy Headteacher role within another trust, supporting specialist settings for vulnerable children. We are incredibly proud of her achievement and wish her every success in her new role.

Miss Fleming has also decided to leave the teaching profession to pursue a new career path. We thank her for her dedication and care, particularly for our Year 5 and 6 pupils, and wish her all the very best for the future.

Both members of staff will remain with us until the end of the academic year and plans are already in place to ensure continuity for the children. Vacancies have been advertised and we remain committed to maintaining the high standards of teaching, care and support across the school.

Please share our Facebook post if you know anyone who may be the ideal candidate for these roles.

PRE-LOVED BOOK DONATIONS APPRECIATED



We are always looking for new ways to inspire a love of reading and to help our children discover the joy of getting lost in a good book. To continue growing our beautiful library, we would be incredibly grateful for any donations of pre-loved picture books or children's novels that your family may no longer need.

If you do have books to spare, we kindly ask that they are in clean, undamaged condition and free from graffiti or writing, so that they can be enjoyed for years to come.

Every book will help to support our children's reading journey - please drop any donations at the school office. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Please remember to check your child's attendance regularly on Arbor. The app provides a clear visual guide showing whether your child's attendance is **excellent (96-100%)**, **needs improvement (90-95%)**, or falls into **persistent absence (below 90%)**.

As the guide highlights, **90% attendance equals one day off every two weeks - almost four weeks of learning missed across a year.**

Attendance below 90% is classed nationally as persistent absence.

Good attendance is vital for academic progress, friendships and positive routines.

96% – 100% Excellent Attendance	90% – 95% Needs Improvement	Below 90% Persistent Absence (PA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">You are in school almost every day.You are making the most of your learning.You are building strong friendships and routines.This is the national expectation in England.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You are missing more school than you think.90% attendance = 1 day off every 2 weeks.This equals nearly 4 weeks of learning missed in a year.Support may be offered to help improve attendance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This is the official threshold used in EnglandYou are missing a significant amount of learning.85% attendance = nearly 1 day off every week.School and family will work together to improve this.
<p>✔ You are in school almost every day.</p>	<p>⚠ 90% attendance = 1 day off every 2 weeks.</p>	<p>⚠ 85% attendance = nearly 1 day off every week.</p>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY AND FOOTBALL CAMPS

Next Level Sports are running exciting holiday camps (with a wide range of activities to suit all interests - not just sports) for Whipman Woods children on **26th and 27th May, 9.00am-3.30pm. £24 per child, per day.**

Football Academy Camp also available on 27th May.

Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Children heard all about the camps in assembly this week and were very excited! Please have look at the attached flyers for more information.

To book a place, please scan the QR code on the flyers attached or contact Next Level Sports directly if you have any further questions.

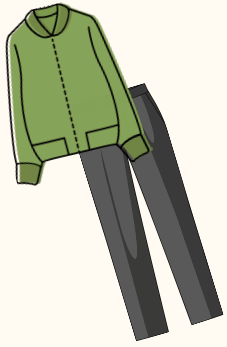


NAMED UNIFORM - REMINDER

With the arrival of warmer weather, children are taking cardigans, jumpers, and coats off more often as temperatures change throughout the day.

Please make sure all uniform items are clearly named. Named clothing almost always finds its way back to its owner - even if it spends a little time in lost property first!

Thank you for your support in helping us reunite children with their belongings quickly.



SPOTLIGHT ON CEDAR

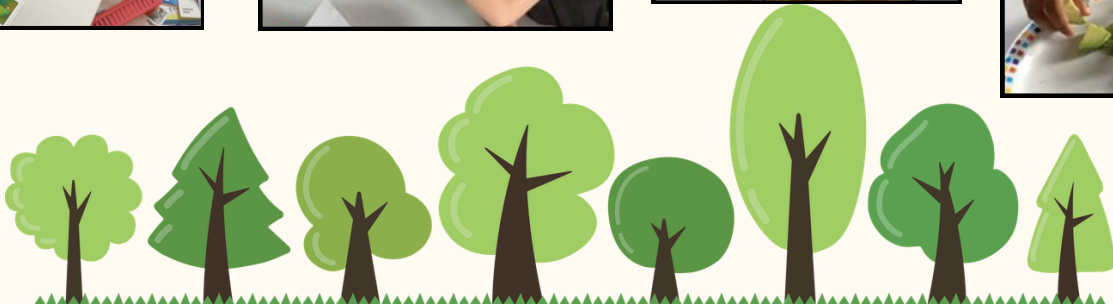
Cedar Class have had another fantastic week full of hands-on learning!

In Science, we have been learning all about mammals, fish and birds. We became animal experts by spotting different features and sorting animals into the correct groups. Miss Lodge even threw in a few tricky ones to try and catch us out, but we worked carefully together to explain our choices using scientific vocabulary.

In Design Technology, we have started exploring the story Handa's Surprise! We noticed that by the time Handa reaches her friend, lots of the fruit has disappeared because the animals have stolen it! This inspired us to begin planning and making our own fruit kebabs using the different fruits from the story.

Today, we became fruit tasters and tried lots of exciting fruits. Miss Lodge even surprised us with dragon fruit, which many of us had never tasted before! We discussed the different textures, smells and flavours and shared our opinions with our friends.

Well done, Cedar Class, for your enthusiasm, teamwork and brilliant learning this week!



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Effective Communication

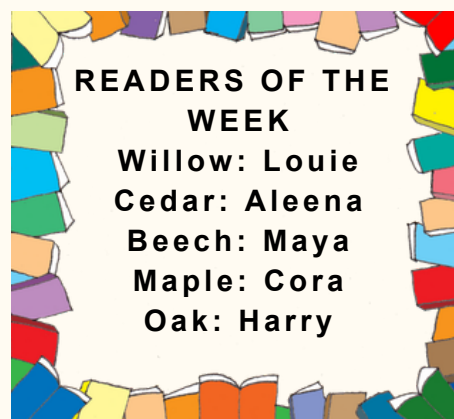
Our definition is:

“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 their amazing attitude to reading, both during lessons and at home. Thank you for being such dedicated ambassadors to our reading culture in school where **‘first we learn to read so that we can read to learn’!**



Well done to Cedar and Beech class! You are this week’s attendance winners!

Willow	Cedar	Beech	Maple	Oak	Whole School
98.33%	100%	100%	99.5%	99.54%	99.4%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11th May - 15th May - Year 6 SATs Week (8am breakfast club for all children - please sign up on Arbor - see letter sent today)

Friday 22nd May - Break the Rules Day! (More details to follow)

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 Group 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

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)**



HALF TERM

CHILDCARE

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26 - 27 MAY 26

**Active, structured days
for 5-11 years**

09:00 - 15:30

CAMP VENUE

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Gatekeeper Way, Worksop, S81 7FT

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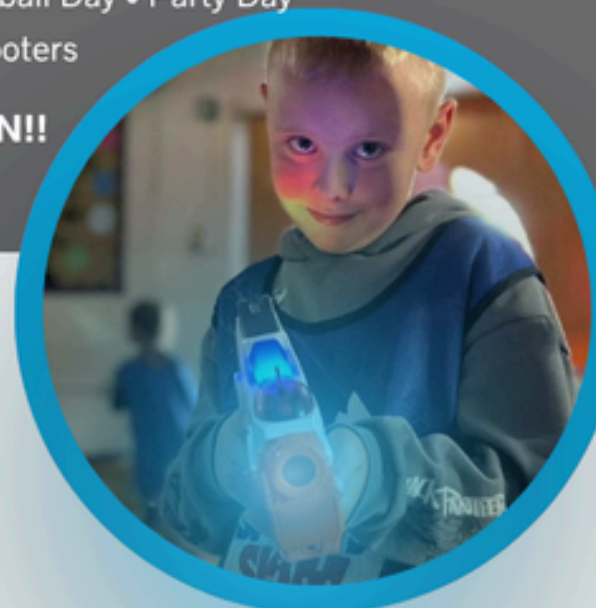
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FOOTBALL ACADEMY CAMP

27TH MAY 26

09:00 - 15:30
AGES 5-11

ACADEMY VENUE



Arnold View Primary School
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