

Weekly Newsletter

1ST MAY 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week of weather we have had - hopefully it continues into the Bank Holiday weekend for you all!

We had a fantastic assembly this morning celebrating all the children who have demonstrated our 'Kindness' characteristic. It is so important, especially in today's world, that our children not only understand how to be kind, but also recognise the deep and lasting impact their words and actions can have on the lives of others. At Whipman Woods, everything we do floats on a sea of kindness.

It was also wonderful to see so many children receiving awards for their positive points. We now have **four** children in school who have already achieved their '**Platinum Award**' - a goal that was realistically set for the end of the year! Congratulations to **Beckett in Willow Class** for achieving this today.

Thank you to all the parents who have contributed to showing our EYFS children what it means to be a real-life superhero by coming into school and giving the children an insight into your careers. We have been overwhelmed by your response and willingness to support us in helping our children understand how each of us, in our everyday lives, can make a positive contribution to others.

This week can not pass by without a special mention to our Year 6 children who continue to work incredibly hard towards their upcoming Key Stage 2 SATs. The positive attitudes and enthusiasm have shone - as have the smiles on their faces throughout. They very much deserve a longer weekend as a reward for all their efforts. Keep going with your homework practice Year 6 - you're almost there!

Mrs Brierley's Year 4 children are working hard on their multiplication tables for the upcoming multiplication check taking place in June, as are Miss Lodge's Year 1 children who will sit their Phonics Screening Check just after!

Wishing you, our children and our hardworking staff a happy bank holiday! We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Kindest regards,

Headteacher

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

Willow	Cedar	Beech	Maple	Oak	Whole School
96.67%	97.24%	94.67%	97.2%	94.81%	96.89%



ECO CHAMPIONS - UPCOMING FASHION SHOW

We are excited to announce an upcoming fashion show where children are invited to showcase their creativity by designing and creating their own outfits using recyclable materials. This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to explore their imagination while learning about sustainability and the importance of reusing everyday items.

The fashion show will take place on **Tuesday 19th May** in our morning assembly, where our very own Eco-Warriors will be judging the entries. Children can choose to wear their outfit or present it to the judges. All designs will be celebrated, and the top three fashion designers will be invited to attend a special afternoon craft workshop as a reward for their fantastic efforts.

To take part, children should create their outfit at home and bring it into school on Tuesday 19th May. Children can choose to wear their outfit or present it to the judges. There is a £2 entry fee (this can be paid through Arbor), and all money raised will go towards planting wildflowers in the EYFS garden, helping to support our school environment and local wildlife.



We encourage all children to get involved and have fun with this creative challenge. Thank you for your continued support—we can't wait to see the amazing designs on display!

SUN SAFETY REMINDER☀️

As the weather warms up, please ensure your child comes to school with a hat and sun cream already applied (ideally long-lasting).

If sun cream is brought into school, it must be clearly named. For EYFS and KS1 (Elm, Willow, Cedar and Beech), please give this to the class teacher for safekeeping. For KS2 (Maple and Oak), children should keep named bottles in their book bags and not carry them around.

Please remind children not to share sun cream due to possible allergies.

Thank you for your support!



IMPORTANT PARKING REMINDER

This week, it has been brought to our attention that some parents/carers are parking on double yellow lines, single yellow lines (which indicate no parking during specified times), and the zig-zag lines outside the school gates.

In school, we work hard to teach our children about rules and what it means to be 'Kind, Ready and Safe'. Parking restrictions are in place to protect everyone - especially our children. Please ensure these are followed at all times around the school site.

Zig-zag lines outside schools are strictly no stopping zones during their operating times, and parking on yellow lines is restricted at key times.

Our school relies on positive relationships with our local community, and your support with this really makes a difference.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



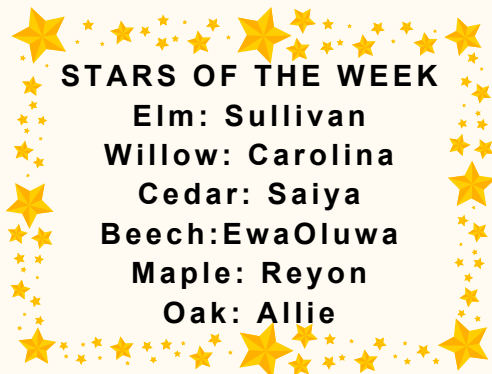
STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Kindness

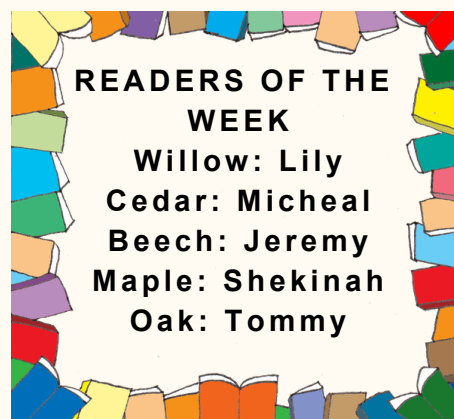
Our definition is:

"Being fair, supporting each other, and treating others how we would like to be treated. We are polite, admit when we are wrong and make everyone feel valued."



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'!**



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!

Less lunchtime administration time = more learning time!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 7th May - Willow Class Parent Writing Workshop 3.15pm-4.15pm

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)**

