

# Weekly Newsletter

15TH MAY 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter — the end of our Year 6 SATs week and almost the end of Summer Term 1!

Here at Whipman, we are super unique because our Year 6 children haven't been with us since the very beginning of their primary school journey. At most, they have been with us for just under two years and, at the very least, for only four weeks! This means that they have all been on different educational journeys, learnt in slightly different ways, and travelled varied pathways on their journey towards taking their SATs here at Whipman Woods.

With this in mind, I would like to take a moment to thank Miss Fleming for guiding them so expertly throughout their SATs preparation - always being a calm, consistent, yet caring champion for them. She has looked closely at where gaps in learning existed and planned exactly the right lessons and content to help each child achieve their very best. Not only that, but she has also supported their friendships, helped them navigate challenges, and led after-school booster clubs to support their success where needed.

In short, she has been their rock - leaving each child in Year 6 with the legacy of her kindness, patience, and endless belief in them. I know our Year 6 parents will join me in thanking her for all that she has done. Special thanks also go to Mr Stephen for the huge and highly valued role he has played.

Thank you also to the rest of the staff and children in school for your consideration, support (including the special — and very appreciated — 'Good Luck' posters from Willow Class), and for helping to create such a calm atmosphere around the school this week.



**YOU'RE  
THE  
BEST**



And finally, a huge 'thank you' to our parents and families in Year 6 who have worked so tirelessly to support your children at home — making sure they attend after-school booster sessions, supervising homework, ensuring attendance has remained high, and championing your children throughout. We, and your children, are very lucky to have you.

Yesterday, the celebrations started shortly after SATs, when Miss Fleming and Mr Stephen brought in some games consoles for some whole-class gaming fun, followed by a Domino's pizza lunchtime treat today! I was very touched when some children brought me the last slice of their pizza today — the sentiment did not go unnoticed!!

ALL our children make us incredibly proud every day, and it has been a privilege to see the love and support shown to their Year 6 peers this week by children across the school - from our youngest pupils to our next eldest (Year 5).

We look forward to a (hopefully) warmer final week of Summer Term 1 and want to let you know that arrangements for the staffing of each class will be shared with you as soon as possible after half term.

Have a lovely weekend!  
**Mrs Nicola Green**

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## BREAK A RULE DAY - FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY

We are excited to announce a fun and creative fundraiser to end the half term - Break a Rule Day!

On the day, children can choose from a list of 'rules' to break for a good cause. **Each rule costs £1 to break** and every penny raised will go directly towards our school funds. You can either pay cash or pay via Arbor School Shop.

We ask that families support children in being honest about how many rules they have chosen to break. We are really looking forward to a cheerful and memorable way to celebrate the end of half term whilst also raising money towards exciting resources (our stage and lighting fund!).

### Break a Rule Day - The Menu!

Children can choose any of the fun options below. All are safe but feel delightfully rebellious!

1. Wear your own clothes
2. Wear pyjamas and bring a cosy blanket
3. Have a crazy hairstyle or strange coloured hair
4. Add make-up or face paint
5. Paint your nails or wear fun nail stickers
6. Try temporary tattoos (washable or sticker)
7. Wear some jewellery
8. Sparkle and shine with glitter on clothes, hair, or accessories
9. Wear a hat in class
10. Wear sunglasses in class even if it's cloudy
11. Bring a cuddly toy to school
12. Bring a fun snack that isn't as healthy as usual (still no nuts!)
13. Step out in fancy footwear like slippers, flip-flops, or wellies
14. Bring a toy or game to school (no electronics)



## SPOTLIGHT ON MAPLE CLASS - SEWING STARS!

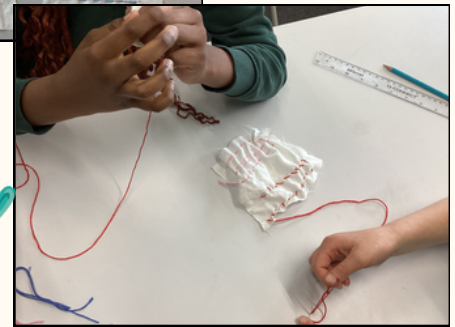
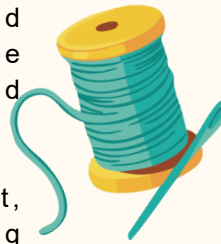
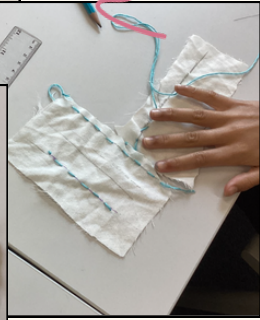
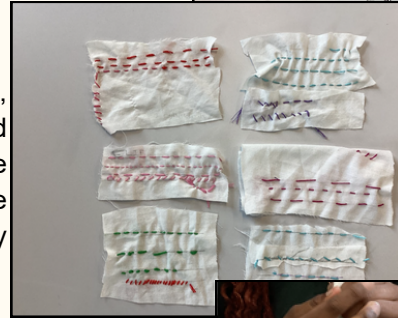
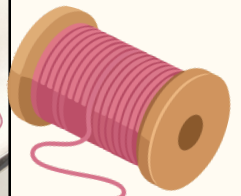
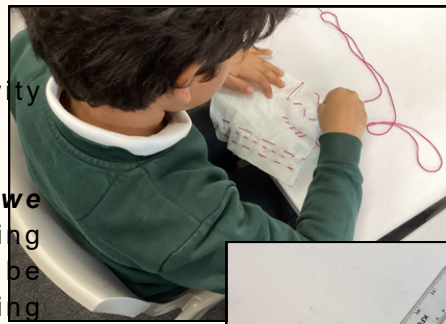
Maple Class have had fantastic week full of creativity and determination!

This term, our enquiry question is **‘What impact can we have?’** As part of this enquiry, we have been exploring our exciting Design Technology project where we will be designing and making our own T-shirts with inspiring logos.

This week, we focused on developing our sewing skills, which we will need to create our final products. We used lots of resilience, patience and concentration as we practised two new stitches: the ‘running stitch’ and the ‘whip stitch’. We thought the whip stitch was especially fitting whilst learning at Whipman Woods!

We carefully discussed how each stitch could be used in our designs. We decided that the running stitch would be perfect for adding detail to our T-shirts, whilst the whip stitch would help us join fabric together and prevent materials from fraying.

Well done, Maple Class, for your fantastic effort, resilience and enthusiasm whilst learning an exciting new skill this week!



## ECO CHAMPIONS - LITTER PICKING

Our eco champions have leapt into action as the weather has turned warmer! Armed with their gloves and litter pickers, on a rota basis, these earthly ambassadors have been busy making our school environment look extra beautiful! We hope you enjoy it!

Don't forget to ‘get busy’ working on your recycled object items for their competition that was advertised in a previous newsletter - they are VERY eager to get judging!



## SPOTLIGHT ON BEECH CLASS - RAINBOW SALAD!

Beech Class enjoyed a fantastic DT lesson this week, where they designed and created their own ‘rainbow salads’!

As part of their learning about healthy eating, the children explored how different fruits and vegetables help to keep our bodies healthy and strong. They carefully prepared their ingredients by peeling, chopping, slicing, and mixing safely, while also demonstrating excellent hygiene throughout the lesson.

We were so proud of the creativity, teamwork, independence, and confidence the children showed, especially when trying new foods and evaluating their finished salads.

Finally, thank you to all of our families for providing the ingredients and for your continued support, which is always greatly appreciated. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!



## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

**Confidence**

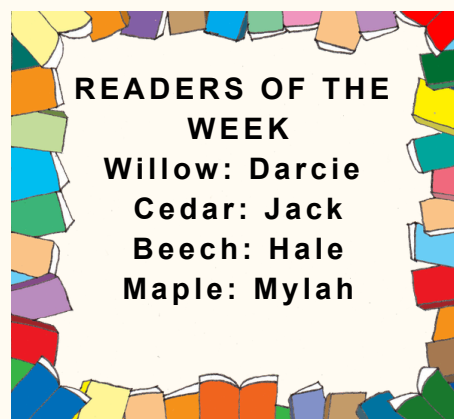
Our definition is:

*"Believing in yourself and trying your best even when something is challenging"*



## READERS 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 Maple class! You are this week's attendance winners!

Willow	Cedar	Beech	Maple	Oak	Whole School
97.68%	97.37%	97.92%	97.97%	96.93%	97.54%

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Break a Rule Day!

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May** - HALF TERM

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** - INSET Day

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - Elm and Willow Books and Biscuits Event (time to be confirmed)

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June** - Maple School Trip Yorkshire Sculpture Park

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 1-6 Books and Biscuits Event

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June** - Class Group Photographs

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June** - FHA Children's Awards (selected children already informed)

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

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June** - Oak School Trip Magna

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Y5 Bikeability (Details to follow)

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Oak Class Road Safety Workshops (Within School time)

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

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July** - Summer Fair (Details to follow)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** - Whole School Arts Showcase (Details to follow)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Memories Assembly

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July** - END OF SCHOOL YEAR (Children in School)





**HALF TERM**

**CHILDCARE**

**SORTED** ✓

**MAY**

**26 - 27 MAY 26**

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for 5-11 years**

**09:00 - 15:30**

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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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