

Weekly Newsletter

22ND MAY 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of Summer Term 1, I want to wish you (if you are lucky enough to have some time off with your children) a restful and relaxing break. It has been another industrious half term here at Whipman Woods, full of hard work, laughter and friendship!

From my perspective, the children have grown in so many ways. Most importantly, they have grown in the way they care for each other, understand each other and support each other — both in learning and in play. They have also grown in their love and appreciation for what school brings to them.

We have had many interview candidates visiting the school over the past few weeks - teachers and leaders who work in other schools - and every single visitor has spoken about how wonderful our children are: their manners, their attitude to their work, the way they understand and follow the school routines, and the calm learning environments within. Hearing this wonderful feedback has made us extremely proud.

Today, with the whacky addition of **'Break the Rules' Day**, has been a well-deserved end to the half term for all our children, as a treat for all their hard work and efforts. Thanks to your generous contributions, **we have raised a grand total of £220!** This will go towards our stage fundraiser. Just to keep you updated, we have decided to opt for higher-quality stage blocks that will last longer, which is why we are still working on this project.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support - the way you ensure your children attend school every day, the way you communicate with us, and the way you equip your child(ren) with all they need (including their lovely manners and attitudes) for success at school. We are very lucky to have you all, and never take this for granted.

I know you will join me in thanking our dedicated staff team for the way they are driven by a passion for giving the very best to each and every child, and for the countless ways they go the extra mile to make every day count. Their care, commitment and unwavering belief in our children help to make Whipman such a special place to learn and grow, and I am incredibly grateful for all that they do.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicola Green'.

Mrs Nicola Green
Headteacher

**Please remember that
the first day after half term is
an INSET day so the children's
first day back is
Tuesday 2nd June.**



GOODBYE MRS SENIOR!

As we reach the end of this half term, we would like to thank Mrs Sally Senior for her dedication and support during her time as Interim SENDCo at Whipman Woods. Since January, Mrs Senior has worked closely with our children, families and staff while Mrs Gibb has been on maternity leave, making a positive difference across the school community.

We are extremely grateful for the care, expertise and commitment she has brought to the role and wish her every success for the future. Mrs Gibb will begin a phased return, working Fridays before returning full time for the final two weeks of the summer half term.

WELCOME MISS CAIRNS!

We are delighted to share the news that, following a rigorous interview process this week, we have successfully appointed a new Deputy Headteacher who will join Whipman Woods in September. We are very excited to welcome Miss Bethany Cairns to our school community and are confident that she will be a fantastic addition to the leadership team. Throughout the interview process, she demonstrated a strong commitment to high standards, inclusion and ensuring the very best outcomes for all children. Miss Cairns' leadership experience, enthusiasm and vision, that clearly keeps children at the heart of all she does, will play a key role in continuing to drive the school forward as we build on the many strengths of Whipman Woods. We know that staff, children and families will give her a very warm welcome when she joins us in the new academic year. We look forward to welcoming her into school over the next few weeks to introduce her to our children and families.



CONGRATULATIONS MISS LAYTON!

Miss Lana Layton has successfully secured the position of part-time Year 2 teacher following interviews this week. Many families will already know Mrs Layton through her work alongside Mrs Parkinson in Year 2, where she has made a wonderful contribution to the children and wider school community. Throughout the interview process, it was clear how dedicated she is to the children and families of Whipman Woods and how strongly she believes in helping every child to succeed. Mrs Layton brings both genuine care and high ambition for the children in her class, and we are very pleased that she will continue her journey with us in this new role.

26/27 CLASS TEACHERS

We are pleased to announce the Teachers for the classes for the 26/27 School year:

Elm (Nursery): Mrs Leivars

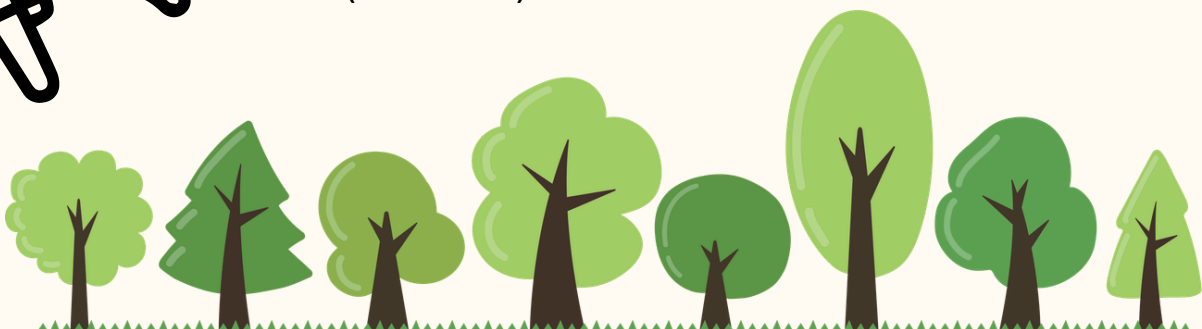
Willow (Reception): Mrs Keogh

Cedar (Year 1): Miss Lodge

Beech (Year 2): Miss Layton and Mrs Lovett

Maple (Year 3&4): Mrs Brierley

Oak (Year 5&6): Miss Cairns and Mrs Gibb



ECO CHAMPIONS FASHION SHOW

Our recent Eco Fashion Show was a huge success, filled with creativity, confidence, and sustainability. Children were challenged to design and create their own outfits using recyclable materials, and they certainly rose to the occasion. From colourful costumes made of cardboard and paper to imaginative accessories crafted from plastic bottles and fabric scraps, every design was unique and inspiring.

The children proudly walked down the runway to showcase their creations to the judges and audience. The Eco Champions carefully considered each outfit, impressed by the effort, originality, and teamwork shown by all participants. However, the standard was so high that they simply could not choose just one winner.

Instead, every child was recognised for their fantastic work and awarded a certificate to celebrate their achievement. To continue the fun and creativity, all children are now invited to attend a special craft workshop where they can celebrate their amazing creations and take part in more eco-friendly activities together.



Summer Term -
Platinum Stars

Sofia
Alexander
Ada
Beckett
Jenson
Odin
Reyon
Bukunmi
Elif

200

These children have achieved the highest possible accolade at Whipman Woods during Summer Term 1 — an incredible 200 Positive Points!

Positive points are awarded to those who consistently go above and beyond by demonstrating our school values: **being ready to learn, showing kindness to others, and helping to create a safe, happy environment for everyone.**

Every child who has earned this award has made an outstanding contribution to their class, the wider school community, and their own learning journey.

Congratulations to you all on this fantastic achievement!

We can't wait to see who achieves this during Summer Term 2

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Our definition is:

“Feeling happy and confident about our hard work and achievements and celebrating these in ourselves and others”



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...again!

Willow	Cedar	Beech	Maple	Oak	Whole School
88.7%	96.6%	97.3%	99.2%	90.7%	94.9%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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)





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27TH MAY 26

09:00 - 15:30
AGES 5-11

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