

Weekly Newsletter

5TH JUNE 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term – and the final one of this academic year!

This term promises to be a busy and exciting one, with a wide range of events planned for our children and families. Our only hope is that the sunshine continues so that everything can be enjoyed to its fullest! We are looking forward to class visits, visitors into school, the Year 5/6 production, Year 5 Bikeability, Sports Day, Dads and Doughnuts just to name a few!

Thank you for your continued support throughout last half term. As always, we value the strong partnership between home and school and look forward to sharing many more memorable moments with you over the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Nicola Green
Headteacher



CAR PARK USE - A REMINDER


I would like to take this opportunity to, once again, remind parents and carers that the staff and visitor car park is not available for general drop-off or collection. Unfortunately, we continue to see a small number of parents using this area without permission.

The car park is an active vehicle area and unauthorised use creates unnecessary risks for children, families and staff. A very limited number of parking permits are issued only where there is a clearly identified need, and it is important that these arrangements are respected. It is also unfair on those families who adhere to the restrictions, particularly when parking can be challenging at busy times.

If parking in the immediate vicinity of school is limited, we ask that parents park a little further away and walk the remaining distance. While we appreciate that this may occasionally be inconvenient, the safety of our children must remain the priority.

We thank the vast majority of families who follow these arrangements every day and ask for everyone's cooperation in ensuring that our school site remains safe and accessible for those who genuinely require parking access.

Well done to Beech class! You are this week's attendance winners...again!

Willow	Cedar	Beech 	Maple	Oak	Whole School
97.9%	94.8%	100%	95%	99%	97.1%



YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES HAVE ARRIVED!

This week, our Year 6 children proudly received their much-anticipated leavers' hoodies, marking the beginning of a very special final term at Whipman.

As a Year 6 privilege, children will now be able to wear their leavers' hoodies instead of their usual green Whipman jumpers for the remainder of the academic year. The hoodies provide a lasting memento of their time at primary school and help celebrate their journey as they prepare for the exciting transition to secondary school.

The children themselves chose the hoodie colour, 'Fire Red', through a democratic vote. This gave them the opportunity to have their voices heard and make a collective decision, reinforcing their understanding of British Values in action, particularly democracy and mutual respect.

We think you'll agree that Year 6 look fantastic in their new hoodies; they are already wearing them with pride as they enjoy their final weeks at Whipman woods and create many more memorable experiences together.



SACRE COMPETITION SUCCESS!

Just before half term, we shared the news with the children that after entering the competition launched by SACRE to create artwork for the new Nottinghamshire agreed syllabus, two of our children achieved GREAT SUCCESS!

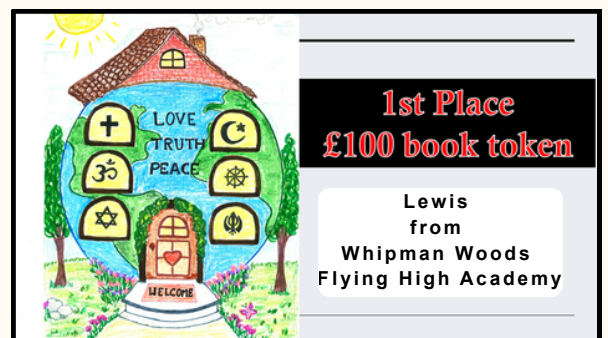
Reyon's (Maple Class) entry was **highly commended** and featured on the 'winners' powerpoint, whilst Lewis (Oak Class) achieved the incredible award of **1ST PRIZE - winning £100 of book tokens for our school!**

The feedback from SACRE was: Thank you so much for entering and for giving your children the opportunity to think deeply about RE. The quality of your children's work and their comments demonstrated that there is some fine teaching going on at Whipman Woods!

Thank you to all the children who took the time to enter the competition!



The original artwork has been sent off for display at Eastwood Hall at the new **RE Syllabus Launch Event on 17th June** at Eastwood Hall. The artwork will also be included in the new publication of the document - these two children have truly left their legacy - an incredible achievement!!!



YEAR 6 PUPIL PARLIAMENT MEMBERS - CHARACTER CURRICULUM SHOWCASE

On Thursday, our Pupil Parliament members brought their work on the development of the Flying High Trust Character Curriculum to a spectacular conclusion.

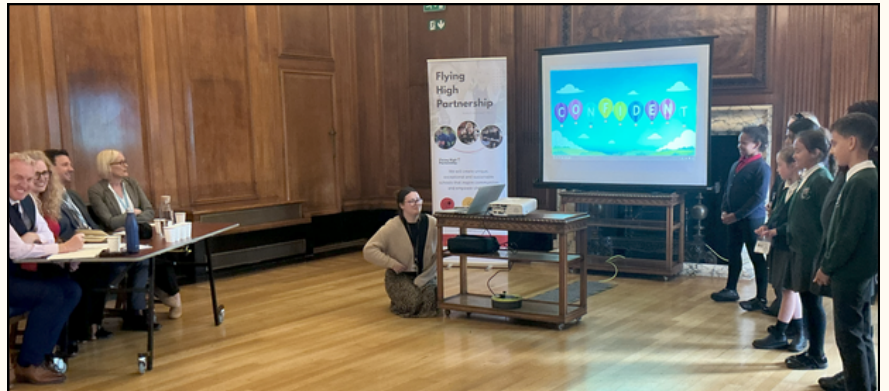
Mrs Green and Mrs Matthews accompanied the children as they attended a very special event at Nottingham's historic Council House. There, they were invited to present their group's ideas and suggestions to an esteemed panel consisting of Mr Wheatley (CEO), Mr Goodman (Deputy CEO), Mrs Stirland (Director of Teaching and Learning) and Mrs Maxey (Director of Finance).

The children confidently shared their ideas through a pre-recorded video presentation before taking part in a question-and-answer session with the panel. Their confidence, enthusiasm and thoughtful responses were a credit to themselves and to our school.

The event was made even more memorable by its stunning location. The magnificent Council House provided a fitting backdrop for such an important occasion and will undoubtedly hold a special place in the hearts of all the children who attended, forever. It was particularly exciting to collaborate with pupils from 30 different Flying High Partnership schools, all working together to help shape the future Character Curriculum.

We are incredibly proud of the way our Pupil Parliament members conducted themselves throughout the entire experience. They demonstrated excellent creativity, thoughtful ideas and a mature understanding of how their suggestions could positively impact not only themselves, but also the wider school community.

A huge well done to Lexa, Asil and Damilola from Oak Class for representing our school so brilliantly!



GOOD LUCK, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 4!

Next week, our Year 1 children will be taking part in their Phonics Screening Check, whilst our Year 4 pupils will complete their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC).

We would like to wish all of our children the very best of luck. They have worked incredibly hard throughout the year and these checks simply provide an opportunity for them to show what they know and celebrate the progress they have made.

We are already extremely proud of their effort, resilience and positive attitudes towards learning. The most important thing is that they try their best, remain confident and remember just how much they have achieved.

Good luck, Year 1 and Year 4 - we know you will be amazing!



PE UNIFORM REMINDER

We would like to remind all families that children should attend school on PE days wearing a plain white PE top, in line with our school uniform policy. PE tops should be free from logos, branding and patterns.

As a school, we regularly take footage during PE lessons and sporting events for use in newsletters, on our website and across our social media platforms (where permitted). To ensure that our school is presented consistently and professionally, only children wearing the correct PE uniform can be included in these photographs and videos.

School uniform expectations are an important part of school life. They help to promote a sense of belonging, equality and pride in our school community, whilst also reducing distractions and ensuring that all children are dressed appropriately for learning and physical activity. Adhering to agreed expectations also helps children to develop personal responsibility and an understanding that rules and standards exist for a reason.

As children progress through education and into the workplace, they will increasingly encounter dress codes, policies and professional expectations that they are required to follow. Supporting children to meet these expectations from an early age helps to prepare them for these future responsibilities.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school in the correct PE uniform on their designated PE days.

BOOKS AND BISCUITS EVENT - DATE CHANGE

For parents and carers who may not have seen our earlier email, our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 *Books and Biscuits* event has been postponed due to several other school commitments in the coming week.

The event will now take place on **Tuesday 17th June, from 2:30pm to 3:00pm**. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding. We look forward to seeing you there.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to our winners for our Celebration Assembly! This week our celebration assembly value was **Curiosity**.

Our definition is:

“Wanting to learn and discover new things by asking questions and exploring the world around us.”

Stars of the Week	Readers of the Week	Kindness Awards
Elm: Arthur J Willow: Beckett Cedar: Beau Beech: Maya Maple: Bukunmi Oak: Jake	Willow: Theo Cedar: Olivia Beech: Ronnie Maple: Odin Oak: Klian	This week's Kindness Awards go to: Tommy because of his kindness, manners and increasing ability to consider differing points of view and Jude for always ensuring that everyone is included in games at playtime



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 9th June - Maple School Trip Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Monday 15th June - Class Group Photographs (NEW DATE)

Wednesday 17th June - Year 1-6 Books and Biscuits Event 2.30pm-3pm

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

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)

