

Weekly Newsletter

3RD JULY 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful week and that your child has arrived home feeling positive about the time they have spent in their new year group during transition.

We have been incredibly impressed by the way the children have adapted and continued to show their pride in doing things the Whipman Way! Our wonderful staff have worked hard to support the children in understanding the routines and high expectations for September, and the children have undoubtedly risen to the challenge. Thank you for the time and preparation we know you have put into helping them manage this change so confidently and positively.

Thankfully, the weather has been much cooler and more manageable over the past week, although temperatures are set to rise again next week. With this in mind, we have carefully reviewed our plans for Sports Day. The event will still go ahead as planned, but we have made some adjustments to the timings to ensure everyone can enjoy the day safely. Please make sure you have read the email we sent outlining the revised arrangements. We really hope you can join us for what promises to be a fantastic day!

On Wednesday, during our first transition day, we welcomed Mr Paul Goodman, Deputy CEO of Flying High Partnership, to Whipman Woods. He was incredibly impressed with our school, commenting on the calm, well-cared-for learning environment, the excellent behaviour and manners of our children, and the progress the school has made since his last visit. One of the highlights of his visit came when a child announced that they thought they had "seen him on a poster before" – which they probably had!

Finally... we have some very exciting news to share! Whipman Woods Flying High Academy now has a stage! This has only been possible because of your incredible generosity in supporting our fundraising events and the enormous amount of hard work put in by our fantastic 'Friends of Whipman Woods' team. Every penny you donate at these events is invested back into opportunities for our children, and this is a fantastic example of what we can achieve together.

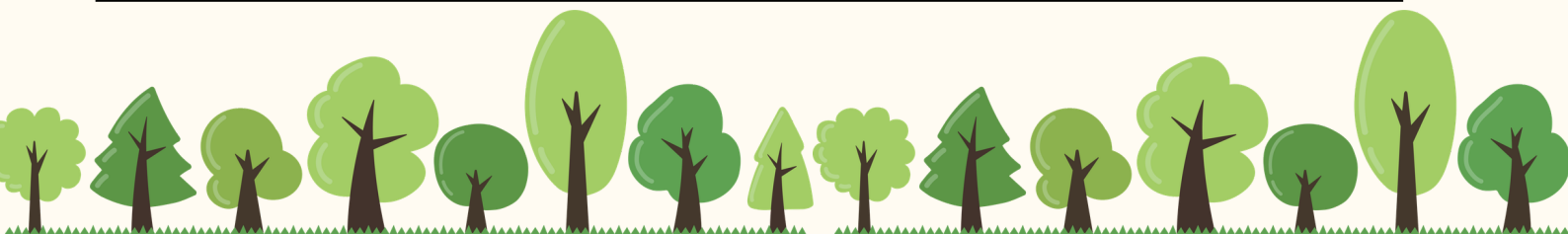
Our goal was to have a stage ready for this year's Key Stage 2 performance before the end of the academic year, and thanks to a real team effort from our families, staff, Friends of Whipman Woods and the wider school community, we have made it happen! Even more excitingly, we may even have stage lighting to accompany it. Watch this space!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we continue to make Whipman Woods an incredible place for our children to learn and thrive. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Nicola Green
Headteacher

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

Willow	Cedar	Beech	★ Maple	Oak	Whole School
94.3%	96%	94.7%	97.6%	94%	95.4%



GET READY FOR... OUR PERFORMANCE OF 'SCHOOL-O-VISION SONG CONTEST'!

Our Key Stage 2 children are busy preparing for this year's production of School-O-Vision Song Contest – a fun-filled celebration inspired by the famous international song contest. Packed with colourful performances, energetic presenters, plenty of humour and, of course, some fantastic songs, it's sure to be an entertaining show for all the family!

We're also delighted to share some exciting news! To celebrate the arrival of our fantastic new stage, made possible through the incredible fundraising efforts of our parents, families and Friends of Whipman Woods, tickets for this year's performances will be completely free of charge. This is our way of saying thank you for the amazing support you have shown our school. The cost of any tickets already purchased will be refunded via Arbor. For hall capacity reasons, we can still only offer 2 adult seats per performance – although there will be room for siblings so don't worry!

Any donations made to our raffle at each performance, as well as to our refreshments will be gratefully received and will fund further exciting projects... and we REALLY appreciate your support with this!

Before each performance, please do visit our refreshments and raffle stalls, where all proceeds will continue to support future Friends of Whipman Woods projects for our children. The children can't wait to perform for you, and we're looking forward to welcoming you for what promises to be a memorable celebration of music, laughter and talent!

**Performance dates:
Tuesday 14th July – 5:30pm
Thursday 16th July – 1:30pm**



BIKEABILITY

On Monday and Tuesday, our Year 5 children took part in their Bikeability training, developing essential cycling skills and learning how to stay safe and responsible road users.

Throughout the course, the children learnt how to carry out basic safety checks on their bikes and helmets before developing their confidence in starting, stopping and controlling their bikes safely.

They practised looking behind and signalling while maintaining control, choosing safe positions on the road and communicating clearly with other road users.

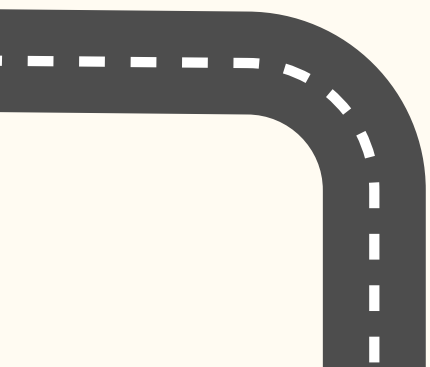
The children also learnt how to identify and respond to potential hazards, pass parked vehicles safely, understand road signs and markings, and negotiate quiet roads, side roads and junctions.



It was wonderful to hear how the children grew in confidence as they progressed from practising their skills in a controlled environment to applying them on quiet roads with their qualified instructors.

The adults leading the course were incredibly impressed with the children who completed their training, praising their ability to listen carefully, follow instructions and demonstrate exactly what it means to **'Be Safe'**.

Well done, Year 5 – we are very proud of you!



SPOTLIGHT ON... OUR TRANSITION DAYS!

Elm:

The newest members of Whipman Woods have thoroughly enjoyed exploring both the classroom and our outdoor area. We have spent lots of time building relationships and interacting with one another to help the children feel settled, happy, and secure in their new environment. Some of our favourite activities have included painting, playing with the vehicles, and exploring the water area. It has been wonderful to see everyone again! The EYFS team cannot wait to welcome you back in September, when you will officially become members of Elm Class!

Willow:

Our Reception transition was a wonderful success! The children enthusiastically took part in phonics, writing, squiggle time and a range of creative craft activities, while also enjoying opportunities to explore both our indoor and outdoor learning environments. Outside, they had great fun in the Raining Bubbles area and at the Potion Station, sparking their curiosity and imagination. The children also added to our class tree by sharing the wonderful qualities and talents they can bring to our class, helping us celebrate what makes each child unique. They enjoyed sharing books and discovering some of the exciting topics and learning experiences that await them in September. The children's behaviour and effort throughout the day were exceptional, and we are so proud of how well they embraced their new surroundings. We are excited to welcome them back in September for the start of their Reception journey!



Cedar:

Our Year 1 Transition Day was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience life in their new classroom. We spent the day practising our new routines, discussing our class rules, and getting to know our classroom environment. The children were introduced to our Worry Monster, who will help us share any worries throughout the year. We also enjoyed reading The Dot and created some fantastic artwork inspired by the story, celebrating creativity, confidence, and having a go. We are so proud of how well everyone embraced the day and can't wait to welcome them back in September!

Beech:

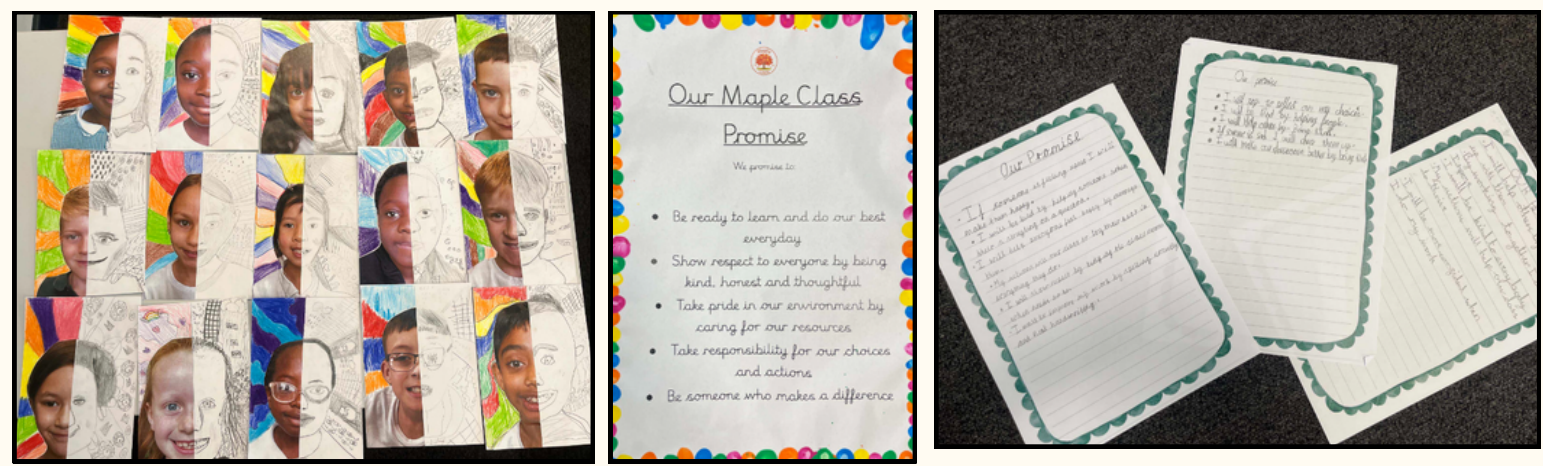
Over the two days, we have been busy exploring our new classroom routines and expectations, taking part in lots of fun snappy maths activities, and creating our own Beech Class Charter, where the children worked together to think about the small actions we would like to make to promise to do for one another for the year ahead.

The children have also enjoyed writing and creating beautiful artwork inspired by the story The Dot, taken part in buddy reading, enjoyed a Reading for Pleasure session with their favourite books, and completed a range of exciting maths activities. We also spent time in PSHE getting to know one another and thinking about how we can build positive friendships and create a happy, supportive classroom community.



Maple:

Maple Class have had an absolutely fantastic two days of transition, filled with excitement, enthusiasm and lots of smiling faces as the children embraced their new classroom and routines. They have settled in wonderfully and have shown great maturity and confidence as they begin their journey together. We have enjoyed sharing our transition text, The Promise by Nicola Davies, which tells the inspiring story of a young girl who keeps her promise to plant acorns and watches them grow into a thriving forest. Inspired by the story, we discussed our own Maple Class Promise and how we can help one another grow, flourish and achieve our best throughout the year. The children proudly signed our class charter using their fingerprints as a symbol of their commitment to our shared values. We were also incredibly proud of our self-portraits, which were inspired by the striking monochrome and vibrant illustrations from the book. They look fantastic and will make a wonderful new classroom display for everyone to admire. We are already counting down the days until September and can't wait to begin our exciting year together in Maple Class!



Oak:

During our Year 5/6 Transition Days, we enjoyed getting to know each other while taking part in a range of exciting activities. We read and discussed the beautiful story The Promise, using it as inspiration to create some fantastic artwork. We also talked about our class and teacher promises, sharing our ideas on Post-it notes before designing colourful digital posters using Purple Mash. In PE, we worked together in team-building games and got to know one another better by playing Three Truths and a Lie. It was a wonderful start to building our new class community and we are all looking forward to continuing our learning together in September.



WELCOME TO... MR MATTHEWS! OUR NEW SITE MANAGER!

This week, from Wednesday 1st July, we were delighted to welcome our new Site Manager, Mr Julian Matthews! You may have seen him around the school already but he would love to meet you so, if you haven't already, please stop and say 'hello' as you see him carrying out his site checks each morning! Mr Matthews' most important job is to keep our staff and children safe with a wonderful environment to learn in. Site safety and security are at the top of his list so please be assured that we are all in very safe hands! Welcome to Whipman Woods and our wonderful school community, Mr Matthews!



FRIENDS OF WHIPMAN WOODS' SUMMER FAIR 2026

We are delighted to announce that Whipman Woods' 2nd Summer Fair will be taking place on **Monday 20th July**, straight after school.



Following the success of last year's event, we are looking forward to another fantastic afternoon bringing together our pupils, families and local community for fun, entertainment and fundraising.

Planning is well underway and we are looking for support from our school community. We would love to hear from:

- **Stallholders who would like to have a pitch at the fair.**
- **Businesses or individuals who can donate raffle prizes.**
- **Anyone who can offer other contributions, support, or ideas to help make the event a success.**

If you are visiting local shops, businesses or organisations and would be happy to mention Whipman Woods, we would be very grateful. Many businesses are willing to support local schools with raffle prizes or donations, and every contribution makes a real difference. If you are able to approach a business on our behalf, please let us know so that we can coordinate requests and acknowledge their support appropriately.

Further details about the fair will be shared very soon! In the meantime, if you can help in any way, please contact the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7th July - Oak Class Visit to 'Safety Zone' (Worksop Fire Station) - children to be collected from the Fire Station (behind Asda - Sandy Lane @3pm)

Wednesday 8th July - Sports Day

Friday 10th July - Dress Down for a Tombola Prize

Year 4,5 and 6 Performance dates: Tuesday 14th July - 5:30pm (please bring your children back for this - the show can't go on without them! **Thursday 16th July - 1:30pm**

Monday 20th July - Summer Fair

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)**





WHIPMAN WOODS SUMMER FAYRE

MONDAY 20TH JULY

STARTS AT 3.20PM



BBQ



ICE
CREAM
MAN



STALLS



GAMES



LEMONADE
STAND



CAKES



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

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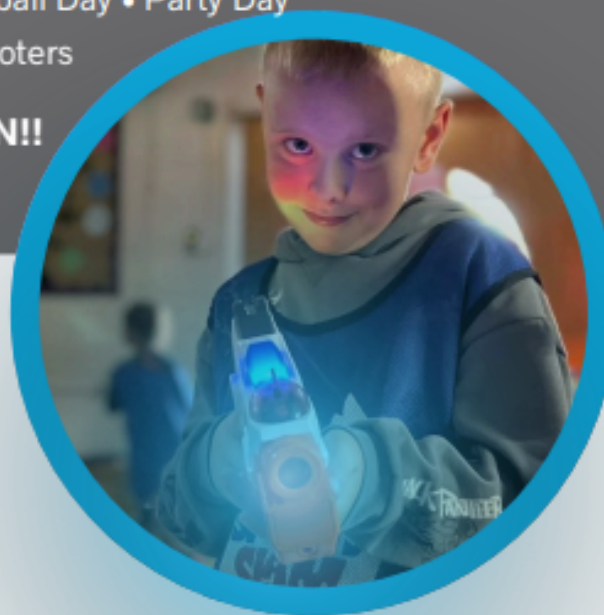
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DANCE HOLIDAY CAMP

JULY - AUG 26

**09:00 - 15:30
AGES 5-11**

CAMP VENUE

TUES 28TH

Bagthorpe
Primary School
School Rd,
NG16 5HB

THURS 30TH

Mapperley Plains
Primary School,
Central Avenue,
NG3 5LD

FRI 7TH

Arnold View
Primary School
Gedling Rd,
Arnold, NG5 6NW

TUES 11TH

Croft Primary
School
Station Rd, NG17
5FJ

WED 19TH

Whipman Woods
FHA
Gatekeeper Way,
S81 7FT

Please note: Bagthorpe Primary School is 9am - 3pm

ACTIVITIES

Dance Games
Creating Routines
Performances
Dance Skills
+ LOTS OF FUN
GAMES!!

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FOOTBALL ACADEMY CAMP

JUL - AUG 26

09:00 - 15:30
AGES 5-11

ACADEMY VENUE



Arnold View Primary School
Gedling Rd, Arnold, NG5 6NW



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ACTIVITIES

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