

Weekly Newsletter

10TH JULY 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are keeping well during yet another incredibly hot week.

I want to thank you for your wonderful support and involvement in our Sports Day and Family Picnic. Despite the soaring temperatures, we still managed to have a fantastic time and come together as a school community, ensuring that the children could enjoy a day that means so much to them (and to you as their proud onlookers).

I am sure you will agree that every single child was phenomenal! They took part with huge smiles, full hearts and wonderful humility and kindness towards one another. We could not be prouder of our children, our school community, or you, our wonderful families.

The turnout was truly incredible, and we are so grateful to everyone who took the time to join us and make the event so special. Thank you for your continued support.

I also want to acknowledge the important part played by our staff in ensuring that Sports Day ran so smoothly – and that includes Mr Bunting from Next Level Sports. It takes a real team effort to ensure that a whole-school event runs smoothly and safely, particularly in such hot weather, and our staff were fabulous – from setting out equipment and making sure teams were ready for their next race, to supporting and encouraging the children from the sidelines.

A huge thank you also goes to the parents and family members who gave their time (and marquees!) before the event to help us keep the children cool and sheltered from the sun on the day.

And last, but by no means least, thank you to Theo and Noah's dad for generously giving his time and resources to mark out the running track – as well as the football pitches that the children have enjoyed so much – all in his own time and completely free of charge. This is a wonderful example of the ongoing care and support that you, our Whipman Woods community, continue to give, and once again, we are incredibly grateful to you all. Events such as these are made that little bit easier because of your time, care and commitment to our school.

Nicola

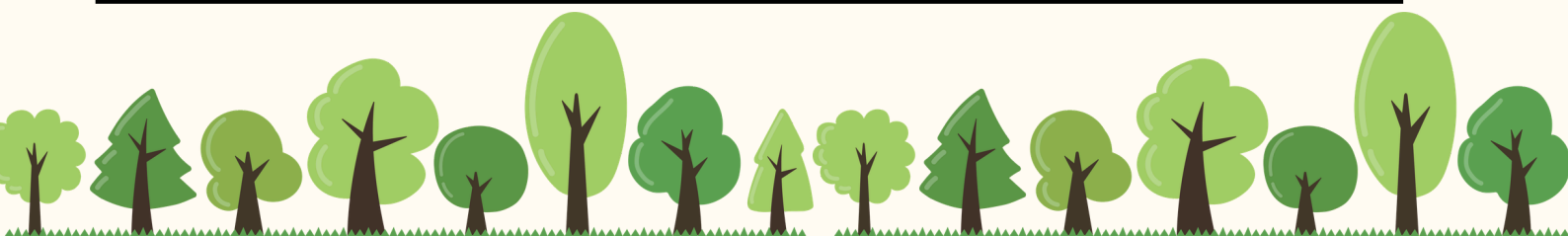
Mrs Nicola Green
Headteacher

THANK
YOU!



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

Willow	Cedar	Beech	★ Maple	Oak	Whole School
92.7%	94%	98.6%	99.2%	95.8%	95.6%



SPORTS DAY!

Here are a few photos of our fantastic Sports day! The day started spectacularly, with each team chanting and cheering for their house... who would the winners be? **Earth, Air, Fire** or **Water**? The children looked **INCREDIBLE** in their house t-shirts as they proudly represented their house, whose names were chosen following last year's sports day - the first ever sports day at Whipman Woods!



We are delighted to announce that this year's winning team... announced after a nail biting moment in assembly this morning (where you really could hear a pin drop) are...



AIR
92 Points



EARTH
89 points



FIRE
79 points



WATER
75 points

AIR are this year's house winners with 92 points!!! Well done AIR!

OAK VISIT WORKSHOP FIRE STATION FOR SAFETY ZONE

On Tuesday, Oak Class had a brilliant time taking part in a fantastic Safety Zone event!

As our eldest pupils prepare for the next stage of their journey, they are being given more opportunities to become independent and take greater responsibility for themselves. This experience provided invaluable knowledge and practical life skills, including CPR, water safety and drugs and alcohol awareness, helping them to make safe, sensible decisions and understand how to keep themselves, their friends and their families safe.

Safety Zone brought together a range of agencies and emergency services to help children recognise risks and learn how to respond safely in real-life situations. Through practical, interactive activities, important safety messages were brought to life in a memorable and meaningful way.

A huge thank you to the Safety Zone organisers and all the agencies involved for delivering such an engaging and informative event. It perfectly complemented our PSHE learning and equipped our children with important knowledge and skills as they become increasingly independent.



SKATEBOARDING SESSIONS - A WHEELY FUN EXPERIENCE!

We wanted to give our children something out of the ordinary – a unique experience that they would remember for years to come, one that might inspire them and perhaps even ignite a brand-new talent.

And so, every single one of our children, from Nursery to Year 4, had the opportunity to take part in a fantastic skateboarding experience!

The day began with an incredible demonstration from the talented coaches at 'Skateboard Academy UK', who amazed the children with some seriously cool stunts! But the experience was about so much more than watching.

The children learned how to wear and use the correct safety equipment and how to keep themselves safe before, most excitingly, learning how to balance, board and ride a skateboard. Every session was carefully adapted to be age-appropriate, ensuring that all of our children could take part, challenge themselves and experience that wonderful feeling of mastering something new.

What an incredible opportunity for our children to try something completely different, build their confidence and discover a brand-new skill. They loved every moment!

A truly unforgettable experience – and certainly not an ordinary day at Whipman Woods! In fact, we're beginning to wonder whether ANY day is ordinary at Whipman Woods!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to our winners for our Celebration Assembly! this week our celebration assembly value was **Problem-Solving**.

Our definition is:

"Taking a challenge or working something out, even when it feels tricky. This means thinking carefully, trying different ideas, and not giving up until you find a solution."

Stars of the Week	Readers of the Week	Kindness Awards
 Elm: Melody  Willow: Marlo  Cedar: Eva  Beech: Imogen Maple: Maia Oak: Lewis	Willow: Carolina Cedar: Hanna Beech: Levi Maple: Zarah Oak: Omer	This week's Kindness Awards go to: Ivy for helping other children during a sewing lesson, sharing her time and skills. Hunter for working hard to make sports day run smoothly.

FRIENDS OF WHIPMAN WOODS' SUMMER FAIR 2026

A huge thank you to the amazing raffle prizes we have received already. We are overwhelmed by the tombola donations today too. Thank you so much for your generosity. **If anyone is free to support on the afternoon of the summer fair then please let us know - we would really appreciate your support!**

We have some amazing prizes up for grabs, including:

- **£50 Amazon voucher**
- **2 x £25 Amazon vouchers**
- **Suncare hampers**
- **Nespresso Coffee Machine**
- **5x Wacky Warehouse Month Play Pass**
- **Beauty bundles**
- **Light Therapy Facial Voucher for Sculpt and Ink**
- **Family Photoshoot with Edward James Photography**

And many more fantastic prizes!

Raffle tickets are on sale now from the school office.
£1 per ticket or
£5 per strip

Preparations for the Summer Fayre are well underway, and we have lots of exciting activities and attractions planned!

There will be an ice cream van, a lemonade stall, cake stalls, children's activities, penalty shoot-out, a tuck shop, glitter tattoos, and so much more. It promises to be a fantastic afternoon for all the family, and we can't wait to see everyone there!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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! **And Thursday 16th July – 1:30pm**

Monday 20th July – 3.15pm onwards... Whipman Woods' Summer Fair

Tuesday 21st July – 2.20pm Whole School Arts Showcase

Friday 24th July – 10.00am Year 6 Memories Assembly

Friday 24th July – END OF SCHOOL YEAR (Children in School)





WHIPMAN WOODS SUMMER FAYRE

MONDAY 20TH JULY

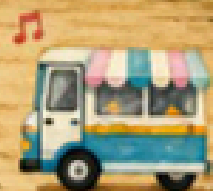
STARTS AT 3.20PM



BBQ



ICE
CREAM
MAN



STALLS



GAMES



LEMONADE
STAND



CAKES



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!



ART SHOWCASE



TUESDAY
21ST JULY 2026



2:20PM

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY, INSPIRING FUTURES

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!