



LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

27 - Newsletter - Friday 24th April 2026

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week in school and it's been lovely to walk around the classrooms and see the children excited about their learning. Throughout the week I've been visited by children eager to share their maths work, their story writing and their phonics achievements. I was even treated to my very own story time and was able to see the huge progress that has

been made in one child's reading. These children are shining examples of our school values in action, rightly showing a great deal of pride in their achievements.

It has also been fantastic to celebrate the children's attendance over the past two weeks. Last week we celebrated the children in our 99% club and this week we have been able to hand out certificates to 21 children for an amazing achievement of 100%. The improved weather and the Easter break have helped to give everyone a break from the bugs and illnesses that were circulating at the end of term and we've already seen a massive improvement in children arriving in school on time and being ready to learn.

Attendance at school, and being on time, really does matter. Classroom interventions start from the moment the doors are open and if children are late then they can miss out on the targeted support that has been put in place to boost their learning.

There are lots of events coming up throughout this term so please keep an eye on the diary dates to make sure you don't miss out!

Enjoy the weekend and we shall see you all again on Monday morning.

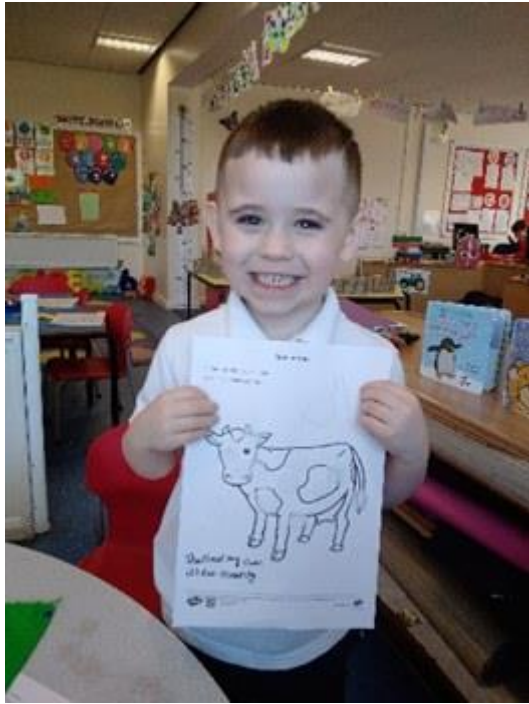
Kind regards

Mr K Prescott

Ash Class - Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been looking at the books, 'That's not my.....' These books look at different textures, and we talked about the words we use to describe how something feels or looks. We used words like rough, smooth, squashy, bumpy, shiny and scratchy.

In the creative area we made our own pictures of farm animals and said, "That's not my chick. It's too....."





We talked about dairy farms and how to milk a cow. We talked about how milk helps to keep us healthy. All the children had a go at milking daisy the cow!

Mrs Morris



Willow Class - Reception

In Literacy this week we have continued to look at the story of 'The Night Pirates' by Peter Harris. On Monday we found a letter from the pirates asking us if we would like to join them! The children were excited to write back to the pirates telling them why they would make a good pirate.

As part of our Forest School work this week we have been looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy who uses natural materials to create some beautiful art work. We started to look around in forest school to see what natural items we could gather to make our own masterpieces. We also managed to fit in some mud kitchen play time!

We have had discussions this week about the kinds of animals which are commonly kept as pets. We thought about all the things that pets need in order to stay happy and healthy. The children thought of some really good ideas such as enough space to move about, someone or something to play with and visits to the vets.

In P.E we practised the obstacle race which involved lots of different skills such as running, jumping and balancing. We noticed that often if you take it slow and steady, particularly with the balancing you get to the finish line quicker.

Well done Willow Class - keep up the hard work!

Mrs H Amies and Mrs J Wright





Maple Class - Year 1

Everyone has worked so hard this week and we have been doing lots of new learning!

In English, we have been continuing with our story 'Yeti and the Bird'. The children have been coming up with characters for their own story and have begun to plan each part ready to write their story next week.

In Maths, we have been counting from 50-100 and ordering numbers on a number line. Everyone has been able to count both forwards and backwards, as well as continuing with their knowledge of place value. We have been using part-whole models and dienes (blocks that are used to represent 1, 10, 100 & 1000) to partition into tens and ones.

In Geography we have been learning all about continents and oceans. We sang the continents song to remind us of their names and the children labelled a map, placing each continent in the correct place.

In Science, we have been learning about the functions of plants. Everyone remembered the names of each part of the plants and we are looking forward to growing our own very soon!

Have a lovely weekend and see you all next week!

Beech Class - Year 2

This week in Beech Class, we've had another exciting few days of learning! In English, we have continued exploring our topic of *Toys in Space*, focusing on prepositions and different types of sentences.

In Science, we measured our sunflower seeds to check for any early signs of stems growing and recorded our observations in our books. The children also drew the life cycle of a plant, using key vocabulary such as *germination* in their descriptions.

In Maths, we have been learning about measurement, focusing on grams (g), kilograms (kg), millilitres (ml), litres (l), and temperature. The children enjoyed measuring different containers to find out how many millilitres they held and comparing their results.

In Art, the children continued their work inspired by the artist and architect, Friedensreich Hundertwasser, creating amazing watercolour paintings of colourful castles.

Mr Wilcox

Stand up To Cancer Bake Sale



Stand Up To Cancer takes developments in the lab and turns them into new tests and treatments for people who need them. Since it began in 2012, Stand Up To Cancer has funded nearly a million hours' worth of pioneering research.

To raise money for this very worthy cause, staff will be baking and bringing in their tastiest showstoppers and battling it out for Star Baker. There are guest judges invited to sample the entries.

Cakes will be sold from 3:00 pm from the playground. Please bring plenty of cash!

Thank you for your support with this worthy cause.



Attendance

Well done to Beech Class for such amazing attendance this week! Thank you to parents and carers for ensuring your child is in school, on time ready to learn. We really see the effects of great attendance on their learning each day.

The expectation is attendance should be 95% or above in line with the National average.

Class Attendance for last week was:

Ash - 93.1%

Willow - 96.4%

Maple - 97.7%

Beech - 98.2%

The whole school attendance for the week was 96.4% and for this academic year so far is 93.6%.



Star Foundation Clothes Bank

A Star Foundation Clothes Bank is now permanently located on our school premises, by the Stockwell Rise entrance. The Star Foundation works to support local communities and raise funds for schools and now you can help by donating a lot more items than previously possible and at any time during drop off/ or collection times.

What you can donate:

- Toys
- DVDs, CDs and Videos
- All types of clothing (dressing up clothes: outgrown clothes; damaged clothes; any school branded items; rags)
- Paired Shoes
- Bags and Belts
- Bed Linen and Towels **(PLEASE NO DUVETS OR PILLOWS)**

By donating, you're not only supporting a great cause but also helping the environment by reducing waste. Any damaged clothes and rags will be recycled into new products. Thank you for your continued support!



Diary Dates - Spring/Summer 2026



Please note that, though we will try to avoid changing any dates, some may have to if specific circumstances require it.

SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 13th April 2026	EVERYONE BACK TO SCHOOL	
Tuesday 14 th April Phonics Screening Check Information Session Year 1 Parents	An opportunity for parents and carers to find out more about the Phonics Screening Check and how best to support your child.	2:30pm-3pm
Friday 17 th April Celebration Assembly All Parents/Carers Welcome	Celebrating children's achievements in the Main Hall	9am-9:30am
Friday 24 th April Celebration Assembly All Parents/Carers Welcome	Celebrating children's achievements in the Main Hall	9am-9:30am
Friday 1 st May Celebration Assembly All Parents/Carers Welcome	Celebrating children's achievements in the Main Hall	9am-9:30am
Monday 4th May 2026 MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSED	
Tuesday 5 th May Stand Up To Cancer Bake Sale	Bake Sale – Stand Up To Cancer Please bring cash with you.	3pm-3:30pm
Friday 8 th May Celebration Assembly All Parents/Carers Welcome	Celebrating children's achievements in the Main Hall	9am-9:30am
Friday 15 th May Celebration Assembly All Parents/Carers Welcome	Celebrating children's achievements in the Main Hall	9am-9:30am
Tuesday 19 th May Reception Sports Day All Parents/Carers Welcome	Children to take part in Sports Day on the school playground.	9:15am
Wednesday 20 th May Nursery Sports Day All Parents/Carers Welcome	Children to take part in Sports Day on the school playground.	9:15am
Thursday 21 st May KS1 Sports Day All Parents/Carers Welcome	Children to take part in Sports Day on the school playground.	9:15am
Friday 22 nd May Celebration Assembly All Parents/Carers Welcome	Celebrating children's achievements in the Main Hall	9am-9:30am
Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 1st June 2026	EVERYONE BACK TO SCHOOL	
Friday 5 th June Celebration Assembly All Parents/Carers Welcome	Celebrating children's achievements in the Main Hall	9am-9:30am
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th June Phonics Screening Check for YR 1	Year 1 children to complete the Phonics Screening Check.	
Friday 12 th June Celebration Assembly All Parents/Carers Welcome	Celebrating children's achievements in the Main Hall	9am-9:30am
Friday 19 th June Celebration Assembly All Parents/Carers Welcome	Celebrating children's achievements in the Main Hall	9am-9:30am
Friday 19 th June Chocolate Donation	Children to wear trainers for Summer Fair donations – chocolate.	
Monday 22 nd June Nursery & Reception New Parents' Evening	Information evening for parents and carers whose children are joining Nursery and Reception September 2026.	5:30pm
Friday 26 th June Bottle Donation	Children to wear an accessory for Summer Fair donations – Bottle	
Friday 26 th June	Celebrating children's achievements in the Main Hall	9am-9:30am

Celebration Assembly All Parents/Carers Welcome		
Tuesday 30 th June Nursery Graduation All Parents/Carers Welcome	Parent/Carers to join in the hall to see their children graduate from Nursery.	9am-9:30am
Thursday 2 nd July Summer Fair	Children taking part in activities. Parents welcome to join in the hall at 3.15pm-5.00pm.	All Day
Friday 3rd July 2026 INSET DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS	
Wednesday 8 th July Year 2 Leavers' Assembly All Parents/Carers Welcome	Parent/Carers to join in the hall to celebrate Year Two.	2:30pm-3pm
Thursday 9 th July Year 2 Leavers' Assembly All Parents/Carers Welcome	Parent/Carers to join in the hall to celebrate Year Two.	9am-9:30am
Friday 10 th July Celebration Assembly All Parents/Carers Welcome	Celebrating children's achievements in the Main Hall	9am-9:30am
Friday 10 th July Reports Home	End of Year Reports home to parents/carers.	
Thursday 15 th July 99% Attendance Celebration for Children	99 Club for children with 99% attendance and above	
Friday 17 th July Celebration Assembly All Parents/Carers Welcome	Celebrating children's achievements in the Main Hall	9am-9:30am
Friday 17th July 2026	Everyone in School - Last Day before Summer Holiday	

Term Dates 2025 - 2026



	AUTUMN TERM	INSET DAY
Term Commences	Monday 1 st September 2025 Children start Wednesday 3rd September 2025 (Please see personalised induction timetable for children starting in Nursery & Reception Class)	Monday 1st September 2025 Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Half Term	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025	
Term Ends	Friday 19 th December 2025	

	SPRING TERM	INSET DAY
Term Commences	Monday 5 th January 2026 Children start Tuesday 6th January 2026	Monday 5th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February 2026	
Term Ends	Friday 27 th March 2026	

	SUMMER TERM	INSET DAY
Term Commences	Monday 13 th April 2026	May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2026	
Term Ends	Friday 17 th July 2026	Friday 3rd July 2026