



LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

29 - Newsletter - Friday 8th May 2026

Headteacher Update

It may have been a shorter week because of the Bank Holiday, but it's been as busy as usual in school.

It was great to see so many parents supporting our 'Stand Up To Cancer' bake sale on Tuesday afternoon. It was another fantastic example of community in action and working together to support a fantastic cause. A big thank you to all the staff who coated their kitchens in flour and sugar to take part in the baking competition – read on for the final results and the total raised!

I have thoroughly enjoyed popping into classrooms again this week and talking to the children about their learning. They are incredibly proud of their work and are always keen to show me what they have been doing.

Year 1 were particularly proud to show me the puzzle they had put together on the classroom floor. It was a brilliant piece of teamwork with everyone being involved and a joint sense of pride in completing it.

Both Years 1 and 2 have been attempting to grow different plants and it's been fantastic to hear their scientific discussions about what has happened and why - especially when something happened that they weren't expecting! Their inquisitive nature, and determination to find answers, is a real asset to their learning.

And finally, to all our former pupils who are preparing to take their SATs next week – Good Luck, Stay Calm and Be Amazing.

Have a great weekend and we shall see you all on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr Kieran Prescott

Headteacher

Ash Class - Nursery

This week in Nursery we read the story, 'The Little Red Hen.' We talked about the characters, the setting and what happened in the story. We made our own bread in a bread maker. Abbas-Ali said it tasted 'yummy!'





The caterpillars have been eating the food at the bottom of the pot, and they've grown so much since they arrived last week. The children have loved watching them as they crawl around.

Mrs M Morris



Willow Class - Reception

We've packed a lot into our shorter week in Willow Class!

In Maths this week we have been looking at 2D shapes and learning that the word 'rotate' means to turn. We have been making different pictures with the shapes and looking at familiar shapes but in different positions and rotations.

This has been our last week on our story of Maud the guinea pig who felt like she didn't belong. Thankfully, the story had a lovely warm ending where Maud learnt to embrace her differences and the other pets said sorry to Maud and started to find out about the things that were special to Maud, such as Judo to help her feel welcome and loved.

We have been continuing to think about animals, in particular the habitats in which they live. We explored some of these habitats in forest school and found lots of insects such as woodlice, ants, beetles and worms hiding under the logs!

On Wednesday we were very lucky to meet a 50 year old Tortoise called Tess! Tess' owner sent us a wonderful video of her which the children enjoyed watching. They learnt lots of facts and had some super questions of their own such as, Why do Tortoises have a shell? and Which countries do Tortoises come from?

Mrs H Amies and Mrs J Wright





Maple Class - Year 1

The children have settled back into school well after the Bank Holiday weekend and we have had a great week in Maple Class.

In English we have begun reading a new story called Lost and Found. Everyone has really enjoyed listening to the story so far and have completed some brilliant work. The children have learnt what the word synonym means and have been coming up with lots of different words that have the same meaning. We have also been writing lost tags for the penguin and everyone has come up with some excellent noun phrases.

In Maths, we have started our money and unitising topic. The children were all able to recognise the different coins and notes. They have completed lots of tasks and have been able to match the coins and notes to their correct value.

The whole class were awarded with a Skills Builder certificate in assembly this week for their amazing teamwork skills!

In RE, everyone worked so hard and worked very well together to create a whole class jigsaw puzzle to show a Shabbat celebration. We have been learning about how Shabbat is celebrated and the different features of a Shabbat dinner table.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all next week!

Miss Mammatt



Beech Class - Year 2

This week in Beech Class we have been hard at work planning our stories for our own version of 'Toys in Space'. The children have designed their own characters, toys and settings, which we are very excited to write about.

In Science, we continued looking at plants and how they grow, describing the functions of each part of a plant.

In Geography, the children continued their learning about the continents, focusing in depth on Asia, Africa and Antarctica.

In Maths, we have been looking at time and recapping our learning, focusing on reading clocks and telling the time in 5-minute intervals.

Mr Wilcox



New Uniform Supplier

As from Monday 11th May, our school uniform supplier will be Brigade. (Monkhouse will no longer sell any of our uniform)

You will be able to order school uniform online and have it delivered to school for free or pay to have it delivered to your home address.

There will be a display of Brigade's uniform in school for sizing on Friday 15th May from 8:30am.

More details will be sent home to parents on Monday and the website address is www.brigade.uk.com



Happy 100th Birthday Sir David

Willow Class sang a very special Happy Birthday song to Sir David Attenborough who turns 100 today. The children learnt about all his special work and the important messages he shares about how we can keep our planet beautiful for future generations.



Sports Day

The children have started practising for Sports Day and are looking forward to seeing their parents, carers and extended families in school later this month, to cheer them on!

Please make a note in your diary of the following dates:

Willow Class - Tuesday 19th May 2026 from 9:30am - 10:30am

Ash Class - Wednesday 20th May 2026 from 9:30am - 10:30am

Maple & Beech Class - Thursday 21st May 2026 from 9:30am - 10:30am



Stand up To Cancer Bake Sale

A very big thank you to all the staff who baked such wonderful cakes, cookies, muffins and other delicious treats for our Stand Up to Cancer Bake Sale on Tuesday. Congratulations to Mr Mayall who won our Star Baker, with his Chocolate Cake.

Thank you to the parents and carers who came and supported the event. We raised a grand total of £182.00!

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Woodies Explorers May Half Term Holiday Club



Monday 25th May	BANK HOLIDAY CLOSED	
Tuesday 26th May	<p>Outdoor Fun & Games Traditional outdoor games Tennis, Badminton & Ball Games Outdoor team races and sport games Parachute Games</p>	
Wednesday 27th May	<p>Outdoor Crafts Nature cards Flower crafts Sun Catchers Continuous provision</p>	
Thursday 28th May	<p>Make your own Picnic Lunch Free play Messy play Choice of make your own sandwiches Picnic Lunch & Ice Cream</p>	
Friday 29th May	CLOSED	

	FULL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	MAKE & DO ACTIVITY
CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 15 TH MAY	8am - 3:15pm	9am - 3:15pm	9:15am - 11:45am or 12:30 - 3pm
COSTS PER DAY: 1 st CHILD 2 nd CHILD	£28.95 £26.05	£26.50 £23.85	£11.80 FLAT RATE
Date & Activity			
Monday 25 th May	BANK HOLIDAY CLOSED		
Tuesday 26 th May Outdoor Fun & Games			
Wednesday 27 th May Outdoor Crafts			
Thursday 28 th May Make your own Picnic Lunch			
Friday 29 th May	CLOSED		

For Children aged 3 – 11 years' old.

For all enquiries regarding bookings please contact Woodies on 0121 705 8652 EXT 1 or email: woodies@solgrid.org.uk

Please collect your child prompt at the end of a session, late collection fees will apply.

Parents must provide a full packed lunch box if attending a morning session, additional snacks and drinks will be provided throughout the day.

PLEASE NOTE: Whilst all precautions are taken, Woodies Childcare cannot take responsibility for loss or damage to clothing or equipment brought from home.

As many of our fun activities are messy, please **DO NOT** send your child in their best clothes.

Mobile phones and electronic devices are **NOT** allowed at Woodies.

Contact: woodies@solgrid.org.uk Tel: 0121 705 8652 EXT 1

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 - 90.8%

Willow - 95%

Maple - 93.3%

Beech - 95.8%

The whole school attendance for the week was 94% 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		
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