



LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

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Headteacher Update

This week we have had a full programme of Sports Days. On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, Reception and Nursery competed indoors and it really was fantastic to see all of them focused on their events and trying their best. Whether it was balancing a bean bag on their head, going through and over obstacles, throwing bean bags and javelins or competing in the egg and spoon race (there was something odd about those Nursery eggs!) the children all performed brilliantly and were a credit to their classes.

On Thursday morning, we managed to dodge the weather and were able to compete outside for KS1. It was great to see all the smiles as the children jumped, balanced and ran down the different courses. They supported each other and made sure that everyone crossed the line each time.

A massive thank you to all of the staff who coached the children and made the events such a success and to the volunteers from the PTA who set up and ran the refreshments stall.

Throughout the week we've also been taking part in Walk to School week, with everyone being encouraged to make the most of the good weather and spend as much time on foot, scooter or bike as possible and leave the car that little bit further away. A big thank you to all of those who took part and supported this initiative.

Next week is half term and so far the weather reports are looking favourable. I hope you all have a great week and I look forward to seeing the children returning to school on Monday 1st June refreshed and ready to go for the rest of the summer term.

Kind regards,

Mr Kieran Prescott

Headteacher

Ash Class - Nursery

Nursery were fantastic this week. Their dedication over the past few weeks preparing for Sports Day was obvious on Wednesday. They cheered one another on with such enthusiasm, showing real teamwork and friendship. It was clear they were having a wonderful time. Thank you to all the parents who came along — the children and I truly appreciate your support.

Mrs M Morris



Willow Class - Reception

In Willow Class this week we have enjoyed thinking back to our visit to the Animal Centre. The children have enjoyed looking through the photos from the trip. The children have enjoyed drawing a picture and writing a sentence about their favourite animal. The children have also been drawing their own habitats for a chosen animal and thinking about all the things that animal will need to stay happy and healthy.

In Maths, we have been sharing different amounts of objects into equal groups. The children have showed a really good understanding of the word equal and have learnt a very good technique to use when sharing out an amount of items to ensure it is fair and that each group has the same amount.

At Forest School, we had lots of fun using the natural resources we could find to build a little shelter for our tiny bear. We tried to make it warm and cosy and waterproof to keep them nice and dry.

We were very excited on Thursday to welcome Katee into Willow Class. Katee works as a Vet and told us all about her special job. She talked to us about some of the things she uses such as a stethoscope and syringes. Katee also showed us how to bandage up Leo the Lion's poorly leg. Miss Amies got dressed up in all the protective clothing, which is very important to keep the animals and the vet safe.

In Computing this week, the children have been using the keyboard to type in their login information independently to log in to Purple Mash. It would be great if the children could keep practising this skill over the holiday and explore all the many activities on Purple Mash.

Well done Willow for another great week. Enjoy lots of rest and special family time in the sunshine next week.

Mrs H Amies and Mrs J Wright





Maple Class - Year 1

We have had an excellent week in Maple Class this week!

In English, we have been retelling the story of 'Lost and Found'. Everyone has worked very hard and had a go at creating a plan for their own stories.

In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time to the hour. We started off the week focusing on o'clock, then moved on to half past to finish the week.

We had so much fun on Sports Day and everyone tried their very best taking part and supporting each other. We are so proud of them all!

In Geography this week, we recapped the seven continents and everyone had a go at creating their own map, labelling each continent and the animals that live there.

Have a lovely half term and see you all after the break!

Miss Mammatt



Beech Class - Year 2

Final week in Summer 1, it has gone way too fast!

In Beech Class this week, we have continued learning about the Great Fire of London and have written some amazing diary entries and warning posters.

It was great to see so many of you at Sports Day yesterday. The children did amazingly and had a fantastic time, I hope you did too!

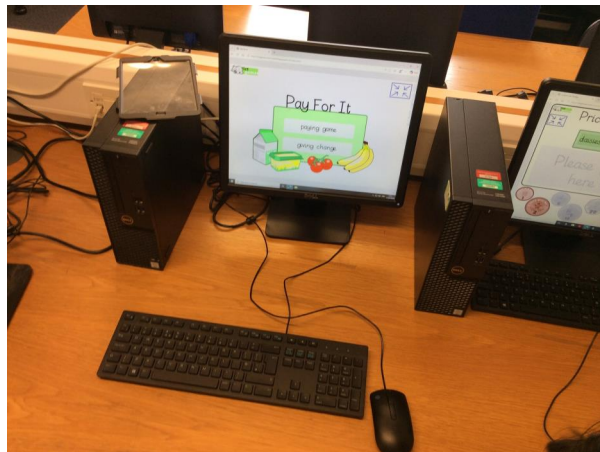
In Science, we have been learning about the functions of different parts of a tree while also measuring our sunflower plants.

We have also challenged ourselves in Computing by attempting to debug different types of code to make programs work correctly.

In Maths, we have been learning about money, focusing on making the amount with the fewest coins.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 1st June!

Mr Wilcox



Fathers' Day Event

On Tuesday 16th June, the children in Nursery and Reception will be holding an event linked to Fathers' Day. The event will run from 9:15am until 10:15am, in the school hall. We would love to see dads, grandads, uncles and anyone who has had a fatherly influence on the children, joining them to take part in some craft activities and enjoy some refreshments.

Our Mothers' Day event was a great success and we'd love to see the same as we celebrate Fathers' Day.

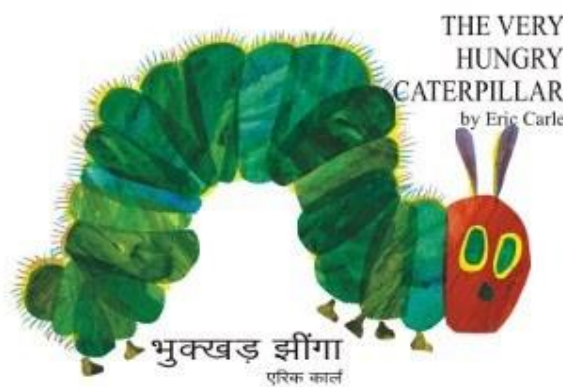
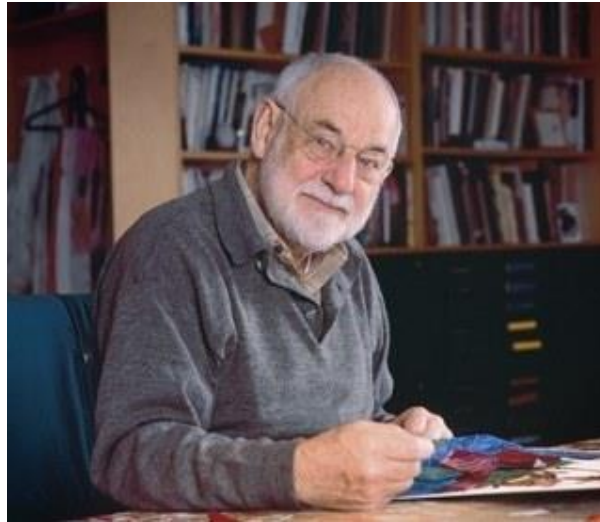


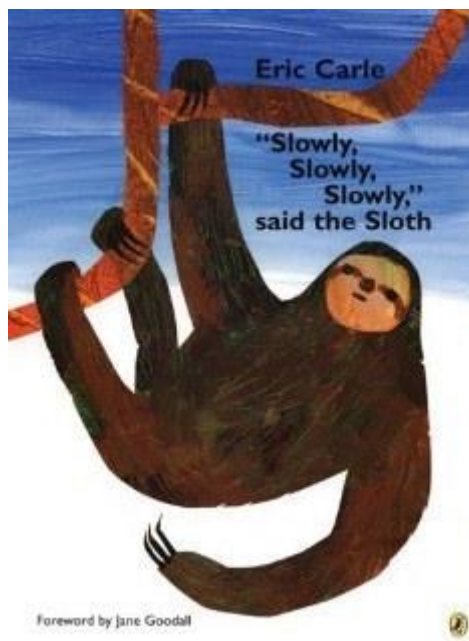
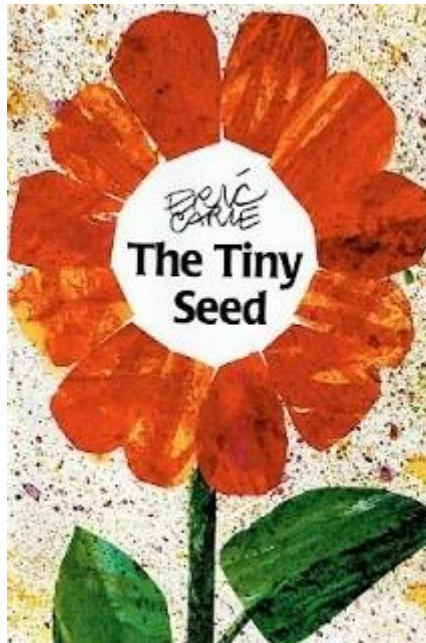
Author of the Month

The Author of the Month for May is Eric Carle.

Eric was born on 25th June 1929 in New York. His parents were German and they moved back to Germany when he was 6 years old. As an adult, he moved back to America to become an artist and designer. Eric began illustrating children's books and was then asked to work on the book 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear'. He used tissue paper to collage the illustrations and make them boldly coloured.

Eric has written and illustrated over 75 books, the most famous of these is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Did you know that to begin with, the caterpillar was a worm? Now the story has become a stage show in London and Broadway and is popular in schools around the world. His first book was called '1, 2, 3 To The Zoo' which was published in 1968.





Can You Help Us?

We have noticed a red Honda Jazz that seems to have been abandoned just outside the school gates, on Kitwood Drive. If you can help us trace the owner, we'd love to hear from you so that we can support the local residents, and our parents that have to drop off their children in that area.

Thank you

New Uniform Supplier

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

The deadline date for **Free Delivery** to school before the end of the Summer Term is **Friday 12th June 2026**. Any orders placed after that date will be changed to Parents Direct - Home Delivery.

The deadline date for orders delivered direct to your home, ready for the Autumn Term is **Friday 17th July 2026**.

Orders placed throughout the remainder of the year are processed on the 15th and 30th of each month. Items delivered to school should usually arrive within to 2 weeks and items delivered direct to your home should usually arrive within 2 to 3 weeks.

(All lead-times are stock permitting)

The website address is www.brigade.uk.com¹

Leaflets are available from the school foyer and they have size guides and ordering information enclosed.



Composer of the Month

May's Composer of the Month is John Williams

John Towner Williams was born February 8th 1932 and is an American composer, conductor, pianist and trombonist. Over his career that has spanned 7 decades, he has composed some of the most popular, recognisable, and critically acclaimed film scores in cinematic history. John Williams has won 25 Grammy Awards, 7 British Academy Film Awards, 5 Academy Awards and 4 Golden Globe Awards. With 52 Academy Award nominations, he is the second most-nominated individual after Walt Disney.

¹<https://www.brigade.uk.com>

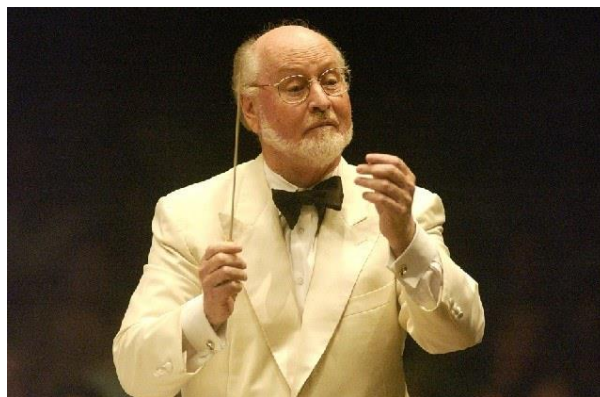
Williams has composed music for many popular movies, including the Star Wars saga, Superman, E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial, Home Alone, The Indiana Jones films, the first two Jurassic Park films and the first three Harry Potter films.

Check out some of his music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsMWVW4xtwI> - John Williams & Vienna Philharmonic - Imperial March from Star Wars

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NgaupGcCpw> - John Williams & Vienna Philharmonic - Theme from Jurassic Park

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsCZP3wdF4w> - John Williams & Vienna Philharmonic - Featuring Anne-Sophie Mutter - Hedwig's Theme from Harry Potter





Attendance

Well done to Willow Class for such amazing attendance this week! Thank you to all of the parents and carers who ensure that their 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 - 95.8%

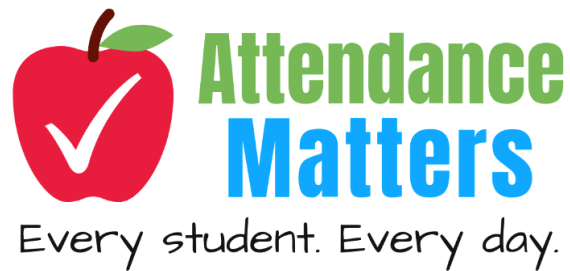
Willow - 96.4%

Maple - 93%

Beech - 91.5%

The whole school attendance for the week was 93.6% and for this academic year so far is 93.7%.





Summer Fair - Thursday 2nd July 2026

Our Summer Fair is fast approaching!

This year it is on Thursday 2nd July from 3:15pm until 5:00pm.

Children can wear their Trainers to school, with their school uniform on Friday 19th June for Chocolate donations for the Fair.

Children can wear an accessory with their school uniform on Friday 26th June for Bottle donations for the Fair.

(Please can we ask that any chocolate donations do not contain nuts and ensure that any bottles are full and unopened)





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 5th 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	Reception children to take part in Sports Day on the school playground.	9:15am – 10:15am
Wednesday 20 th May Nursery Sports Day All Parents/Carers Welcome	Nursery children to take part in Sports Day on the school playground.	9:15am – 10:15am
Thursday 21 st May KS1 Sports Day All Parents/Carers Welcome	Year 1 and Year 2 children to take part in Sports Day on the school playground.	9:15am – 10:15am
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.	All Week
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 Celebration Assembly All Parents/Carers Welcome	Celebrating children's achievements in the Main Hall	9am-9:30am
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 Year 2 Transition Day	Year 2 visiting Coppice Junior School for the day	All Day
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 – INSET DAY	
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.	3:15pm
Thursday 15 th July 99% Attendance Celebration for Children	99 Club for children with 99% attendance and above	AM
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 of the Summer Term	

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

Term Dates 2026 - 2027



TERM	DATES	INSET DAY
Term Commences	Autumn Term Tuesday 1 st September 2026 Children start back to School on: Thursday 3 rd September 2026	INSET DAYS: Tuesday 1 st September Wednesday 2 nd September
Half Term	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October	
Term Ends	Friday 18 th December 2026	

TERM	DATES	INSET DAY
Term Commences	Spring Term Monday 4 th January 2027 Children back in School - Tuesday 5 th January 2027	INSET DAY: Monday 4 th January
Half Term	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February	
Term Ends	Thursday 25 th March (Good Friday 26 th March)	

TERM	DATES	INSET DAY
Term Commences	Summer Term Monday 12 th April 2027 Monday 12 th April 2027	Bank Holiday Monday 3 rd May INSET DAY: TBC
Half Term	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2027	
Term Ends	Wednesday 21 st July 2027	INSET DAY: TBC