

# Newsletter

September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We are delighted to share some exciting updates and reflections as we reach the end of this month.

#### **Learning in School**

There has been lots of wonderful learning taking place across the school. One of our key priorities this year is **writing**. We are focusing on:

- Helping children form their letters correctly,
- Developing confidence in using punctuation, and
- Building well-structured sentences.

It has been a joy to see the children's enthusiasm as they grow as young writers, and we are excited to watch their skills develop throughout the year.

#### Willow and Beech

Willow and Beech Reception year children have been busy learning new sounds and how to blend. In Maths they have been learning how to compare sizes. They have also been making the most of this lovely weather by doing some wonderful conker painting outside. Our Year 1's in Beech and Willow have been learning about their senses in Science by taking part in smell tests and in English they have been focusing on a book called The Journey.

#### Oak and Maple

In Oak and Maple, the children have been working really hard on their Maths learning place value within 20. In English, they having been using the book called The Journey to write sentences and focusing on capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In Science they have also been taking part in taste tests, they have had the chance to try food which was, sweet, salty, bitter and sour, helping them to discover how different flavours affect their taste buds. Our year 2 pupils will soon be working on an exciting project, they are creating a demonstration video to show other pupils how to use Bee-bots. These programmable floor robots are a fantastic tool for developing maths thinking, problem solving and computer skills.





# **Literacy and Numeracy Evening**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Literacy and Numeracy Evening last week. It was lovely to welcome so many new parents into school. We hope you found the session both friendly and informative, and that you now feel more confident in supporting your child with phonics, reading, writing, and maths at home.

#### **Harvest Festival**

Our Harvest Festival Collective Worship will take place on **Monday 6th October**. As part of our celebration, we kindly ask for donations of canned or dried food, as well as fresh fruit and vegetables. All contributions will be gratefully received and passed on to **Wells Food Bank**, allowing us to support families in our wider community.

#### **School Site Improvements**

Work has begun on the installation of new secure fencing around the school car park and leading towards the Pre-School. This improvement will help ensure our school site remains safe and secure, giving all our children the best environment to learn and play with confidence. Please take care when entering and exiting the school site and keep your children with you at all times.

## **Open Evening**

Looking ahead, we are very excited to be welcoming prospective new parents to our upcoming Open Evening on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet our dedicated staff team and see our vibrant learning environment, both indoors and outdoors. We are very proud of our school and the supportive, engaging atmosphere we have created for our children, and we look forward to sharing this with you.

### **A Personal Note**

On a personal note, I am delighted to share some wonderful family news with you. At the end of August, our grandson was born, weighing a healthy 7lb 13oz. He has been named **Ronnie Thomas Cooper**, and as you can imagine, we are absolutely smitten with him!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community.

# **Punctuality**

We expect all our pupils to arrive at school for **8.40am each morning** and we really do appreciate parents support on this. Punctuality to school is incredibly important to ensure your child does not miss out on the start of the school day. We have noticed that many children are arriving late for school which can prove very disruptive to their routine.

If your child arrives in school later than 9.00 am, after the registers have closed, they are marked as an unauthorised absence for the whole of the morning.

'A person who is punctual will always know how to respect their time and others' as well'





#### Attendance

Attendance plays a fundamental role in your child's success at school. At the end of the academic year we are aiming for our whole school attendance to reach 97% or above.

So far this year our whole school attendance is 95% and each class is:

Beech - 93%

**Willow - 93%** 

Oak - 96%

**Maple - 96%** 

Well done to **Oak and Maple Class** who have the joint highest attendance so far this year.



6<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival

7<sup>th</sup> October – Open Evening

21st and 23rd October – Parents Evenings

24<sup>th</sup> October – Inset Day

27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October – Half Term

**4<sup>th</sup> November** – School Photographs

14th November – Mufti Day for Children In Need

# Friends of School!



Our Friends of School have been busy organising their first event of this academic year.

They are holding a Soft Play Party at The Square in Wells, on:

Friday 31st October 2025 from 4:00-6:00pm.

There are lots of fun activities planned.

To book tickets for this event please use the following link:

https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/spooky-soft-play