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# Newsletter

**January 2026**

What a wonderful start to the year we have had in school. The children have returned full of enthusiasm and are working incredibly hard with their learning. It is lovely to see their confidence grow when they have that light bulb moment and they understand and remember new and previous learning. Please continue to support your child's reading as it is so important that they read every day. We are encouraging parents to listen to their children read the same book at home three times and are continuing with the Reading Challenge. The children are keen to receive rewards for reading in Collective Worship. Miss Hancock is promoting Reading for Pleasure.

The children are all enjoying the Numbots maths programme and Mrs Rigby is very pleased with the number of children engaging at home as well as in school with this fabulous maths learning programme. Pupils are receiving weekly Numbots certificates for completing maths challenges.

Our Reception children have been making fantastic use of their small rooms by transforming them into cosy sensory spaces. These calming environments have given the children opportunities to relax, explore textures and lights, and develop their communication and imaginative skills in a peaceful setting.

We would like to welcome two new members of staff to Beech and Willow Class. Michelle started working in the classes this week and she is supporting some of pupils with SEND. Nicola will be joining the staff in Beech and Willow classes on Monday and she will also be supporting our pupils with SEND.

This morning the children were amazed by their visit to the Wonder Dome, linking perfectly with this term's topic of "Infinity and Beyond". They thoroughly enjoyed the immersive experience and it sparked many curious questions and conversations afterwards. Please look out for some lovely photos which will soon be sent through on Tapestry and Class Dojo.

Today we also came together to raise money for **Young Lives vs Cancer**. Children and staff arrived in their pyjamas, bringing lots of smiles and a real sense of community for this very special cause. Don't forget you can still donate using the barcode scanner that was sent out to all. Tori, our Friends of School Chair person is running the London Marathon for this great cause and she raises lots of funds for the school, so please let's help support her in this worthy cause. Thank you for your generosity and support.





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### Security Gates

Thank you for your patience while the electrical work on our school gates continues. Once this is complete, access from the car park will change and you will need to buzz in and out of the school using the gate system. The opening of the gate to drive into the car park for staff and people with parking permits will stay the same. We will of course let you know when this is ready to use.

Please can I remind parents not to park in the staff car park unless you have a permit or are collecting your child from Afterschool Club, we thank you for your continued support in this matter.

The security gate on the pedestrian bridge, leading down to the school and pre-school will remain the same.

### 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 **94%** and each class is:

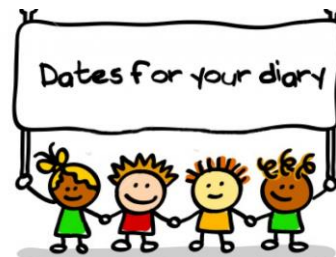
**Beech – 91%**

**Willow – 92%**

**Oak – 95%**

**Maple – 97%**

Well done to **Maple Class** who have the joint highest attendance so far this year, closely followed by **Oak Class**.



**6<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number Dress Up for Digits Day**

**10<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day**

**13<sup>th</sup> February – Inset Day**

**16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term**

**5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day**

**25<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Church Service**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Bonnet Parade**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays**





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## Pre-school

In pre-school the children have settled beautifully into their refreshing new environment. They are making brilliant use of the natural resources we have purchased, showing increased creativity and imagination in their play. Every visit I make to pre-school is a joy, with busy, engaged and happy learners throughout the day.

We are delighted to have recently welcomed two new members of staff to our pre-school team. They are both enjoying getting to know the children and families. If you have not yet met Lauren and Chelsea, they will be introducing themselves to you at collection times over the coming days.

## Cygnets Room



## Swans Room

