



Newsletter

February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to share with you some of the celebrations and latest updates across the school.

It has been wonderful to celebrate so many achievements during Fridays Celebration Collective Worship. We are especially proud of one pupil who has already completed 150 reads at home, what a fantastic accomplishment! Last year this pupil took until May to complete 150 reads and we had Afternoon Tea on her birthday. We also have three more pupils who are very close to reaching this milestone, and I look forward to hosting a Special Afternoon Tea for them in the coming weeks.

Children in Oak and Holly Class have been taking part in the Daily Mile during afternoon playtime. This is proving to be a great way to help them release energy, stay active, and return to class focused and ready to learn. I am planning to join them in this daily exercise whenever I am free.

This week, Willow and Beech class have enjoyed making Welsh cakes to celebrate St David's Day, which takes place this weekend. Meanwhile, our pre-school children had an exciting visit from the Heritage Museum. They were fascinated by the artefacts, particularly the old dial telephones and vintage cameras, some of which brought back memories for staff too!

Willow and Beech Class children are thoroughly enjoying taking home the "Fantastic Box," adding their own items to share with the class. This is a wonderful way to support speaking and listening skills, and the children are showing great enthusiasm both in sharing and asking questions.

Updates

Choir has now restarted on Friday lunchtimes and is very well attended by our Key stage One pupils.

Our Year two children who attend Dance Club have been working hard learning their dance routine, and it's really coming together. We are very much looking forward to seeing them perform at the Dance Festival at the Blue School in March

As part of World Book Day celebrations, children will be bringing home a paper plate as part of their home learning. We would like the children to decorate the plate in their favourite book character. Please return the decorated plates to school by Thursday so staff can create a special display.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mystery Readers into school, if you are able to spare 15 minutes at the end of the school day to read to a class, please let your child's teacher know. We have already had many mystery readers and the children do love listening to stories from books that you have chosen. Remember, it must remain a surprise so please don't tell your child if you are going to be the Mystery Reader!



Site Update

We are delighted to inform you that the electrical work on all outdoor gates has now been completed. This ensures that the school site is fully secure for both pupils, staff and visitors. In addition, we are having new double-glazed windows and panels installed in the corridor, which will help to make this area much warmer and more comfortable.

Next week, our Reception class will be temporarily moving rooms from Monday to Wednesday. This is to allow essential work to be carried out following the flood damage that occurred last term. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

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:

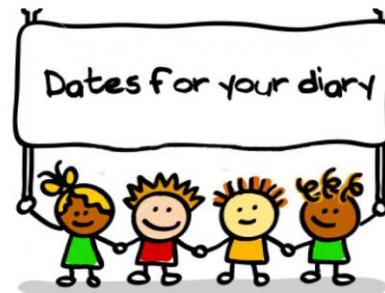
Beech – 91%

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**.



5th March – World Book Day

20th March – Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

24th and 26th March – Parents Evenings

25th March - Easter Church Service

2nd April – Easter Bonnet Parade

3rd – 17th April – Easter Holidays