



# Newsletter

May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and exciting half term, we would like to thank everyone for their continued support and involvement in school life.

## **Staff Changes**

We would all like to wish Carol from our Pre-School the very best of luck in her new role and thank her for her many years of dedication to our pre-school children and community. She will be greatly missed.

We would also like to wish Emma, good luck in her new role and thank her for all the years of serving lunches to our pupils with such care and kindness.

This half term we have been delighted to welcome Tiff back to work in the Pre-School, the children were very excited to see her return to her role as Pre-School Practitioner.

## **School Trips and Activities**

We had a wonderful time at the Bishop's Palace when the whole school enjoyed a trip linked to our topic of Kings and Castles. The children enjoyed dressing up at the palace and taking part in the different activities on offer. They especially enjoyed the whole school picnic and playing in the Dragons Lair play area. Our school is so close to the Bishop's Palace we were able to walk there and back with the help of all our wonderful volunteers.

A big thank you to our Friends of School who funded this trip for us.

The children have also enjoyed taking part in the RSPCA workshops this half term, which were both educational and enjoyable. There are lots more exciting activities taking place during our final half term before the Summer holidays.

Our Sports Day is planned for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, this is held on our field at the bottom of the playground and is always a really lovely afternoon, we have all our fingers crossed for a dry day.

Our Friends of School team are also busy organising our annual bounce day and our Year 2 leavers party!

Please look out on parent mail or class dojo for more details of these events nearer the time.

## **Health Reminder**

We have had a high number of cases of Chicken Pox in our two Reception / Year 1 classes, with more children absent than usual because of this. We are looking forward to welcoming the pupils back after the half term break spot-free and ready to learn again.

## **Reading at Home**

Please continue reading with your children at home, as this is making a positive difference to their confidence and their fluency in reading. I have been delighted to give out so many reading awards recently and enjoyed Afternoon Tea with five children to celebrate their achievement of reading 150 times at home.

***We hope you all have a wonderful half term break - the weather is looking good with some warm sunny days!***



## Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance continues to be a key focus in our school, and we are working hard to improve our overall attendance figure to 97%. Currently, our attendance is 93% and we would really appreciate your support with this.

We have recently received a number of holiday requests forms. We would like to remind parent and carers that holidays taken during term time will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Every school day is important, and missed learning can make a significant difference to children's progress, confidence, and friendships.

We are also continuing to monitor punctuality closely. School doors close at 8.45 am each morning, and any pupils arriving after this time must enter through the main entrance. 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.

Arriving on time helps children settle calmly, into their day and ensures they do not miss important learning at the start of the lessons.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us give every child the very best opportunities to learn and succeed.

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



## Attendance

At the end of this academic year we are aiming for our whole school attendance to reach **97% or above**.

So far this year our whole school attendance is **92.6%** and each class is:

**Beech – 89%**

**Willow – 89%**

**Oak – 96%**

**Maple – 96%**

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



**25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term**

**17<sup>th</sup> June – New Parents Induction Evening**

**23<sup>rd</sup> June – New Parents Stay and Play Session**

**25<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day**

**1<sup>st</sup> July – Move Up Day**

**3<sup>rd</sup> July – Bounce Day**

**15<sup>th</sup> July – Church Service**

**16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 Leaver's Party**

**17<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term**

**20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Inset Days**