



Newsletter

July 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you have all been making the most of the beautiful weather.

A Busy and Exciting Half Term

The final half term has been packed with exciting events and memorable experiences for the children.

Our Year 2 pupils enjoyed a wonderful musical concert performed by students from **Wells Cathedral Music School**. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience live music and be inspired by such talented young musicians.

A huge thank you also goes to our fantastic **Friends of the School (FOS)** for organising the performance of **Dr Dolittle**. The children absolutely loved the pantomime, joining in enthusiastically and enjoying every minute of the performance.

The children took part by dressing up as characters, learning their lines and singing the songs. It was a fantastic morning, full of laughter, confidence and enjoyment.

Maple and Oak children enjoyed a wonderful Art Workshop led by Rebecca, the art teacher from Kings of Wessex School. They learnt how to create detailed line drawings of minibeasts before exploring the technique of drop painting to make colourful swirls. Using light boxes, the children then traced large minibeast outlines over their artwork, producing some fantastic pieces. The pupils had an amazing time and thoroughly enjoyed the session.

Miss Penny also delivered energetic dance lessons that had everyone moving with enthusiasm. The children loved every minute and left the hall with big smiles on their faces.

As part of the Wells Theatre Festival, AKA Dance visited the school to lead a creative physical dance workshop using cups as props. The children embraced the challenge, developing their coordination, creativity and teamwork while having lots of fun.

Our **Bounce Day** was another great success. Thank you so much to everyone who supported the event through sponsorship. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We will shortly be sharing our school wish list with the Friends of the School so that the funds raised can help provide even more exciting opportunities and resources for our children.

Finally, we were incredibly fortunate with the weather for our **Sports Day**. With the sun shining, it was a fantastic afternoon filled with teamwork, determination and encouragement. It was wonderful to see every child taking part with such sporting spirit. Thank you to everyone who came along to support and cheer on the children.

We are incredibly lucky to be able to offer our children these enriching experiences, helping to inspire their creativity, confidence and love of learning.



St Cuthbert's C of E Infant & Pre-School

Roots to grow, wings to fly





End of a Wonderful School Year

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making it such a wonderful year. It has been a year full of learning, laughter, achievements and memorable experiences.

I am incredibly proud of every one of our pupils. They have worked exceptionally hard throughout the year and have all made excellent progress from their individual starting points. They have shown resilience, enthusiasm and kindness, and it has been a pleasure to watch them grow in confidence and independence. Thank you also to our parents and carers for your continued support – it truly makes a difference.

Saying Goodbye

At the end of this term, we say farewell to several valued members of our school family. After many years of dedicated service, **Mrs Rigby** will be retiring as she prepares to welcome her first grandchild. We know many families have been supported by Mrs Rigby over the years, and she has made a lasting impact on the lives of countless children. Her warmth, kindness and commitment to our school community will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils. We thank her sincerely for everything she has given to our school and wish her every happiness in this exciting new chapter.

We also say goodbye to **Mrs Wardle**, who is relocating to Cornwall with her husband, who serves in the Armed Forces, and their children. During the past four years, Mrs W has been a valued member of our team. In particular, we are extremely grateful that she stepped into a full-time teaching role following Mrs H's departure, providing stability, consistency and care for her class during a period of change. We thank her for her dedication and wish her and her family every success and happiness in Cornwall. She will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils.

We would also like to thank **Mrs Rossiter**, who has provided invaluable support for many of our pupils with SEND. Her patience, encouragement and care have made a real difference to the children she has worked with. We wish her all the very best for the future.



Welcoming New Staff

In September, we are delighted to welcome several new members of staff to our school community. We look forward to welcoming **Mrs Foote**, who joins us as our new Assistant Headteacher, and **Mrs Knowles**, who will also be joining our teaching team. Both have already spent time in school over recent weeks, meeting pupils, working alongside staff and becoming familiar with our school. We know they are looking forward to becoming part of our wonderful community.

We are also pleased to welcome **Miss Morris**, who joins us as a SEND Learning Support Assistant. We are excited to have her on board and know she will be a fantastic addition to our team.

A Personal Update

From September, I will be reducing my working week to four days and will be in school from **Monday to Thursday**. **Mrs Foote** will lead the school on Fridays.

I am very much looking forward to spending Fridays collecting my granddaughter from school, enjoying time with my grandson, meeting up with friends and making the most of long weekends away with my husband. I remain fully committed to our school and am excited to continue working with our wonderful children, families and staff throughout the rest of the week.

Thank You

As another successful year comes to an end, I would like to thank our dedicated staff, our supportive Local Partners, our amazing Friends of the School, our parents and carers, and, of course, our wonderful children. Together we have created another year full of happy memories and fantastic achievements.

To our Year 2 children, we wish you every success as you move on to the Junior School. We know you are more than ready for the exciting adventures ahead, and we look forward to hearing about all you achieve.

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful and safe summer holiday, filled with fun, laughter and time together as families.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting school year.

Have a wonderful summer!

Attendance

At the end of this academic year we were aiming for our whole school attendance to reach **97% or above**. This year our whole school attendance is **92.1%** and each class is:

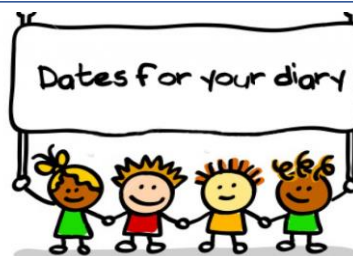
Beech – 88%

Willow – 89%

Oak – 95%

Maple – 95%

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



17th July – Last Day of Term

20th, 21st and 22nd July – Inset Days

3rd and 4th September – Inset Days

Monday 7th September – First day of Autumn Term