



Newsletter

October 2026

A Wonderful First Month

Dear Parents/Carers

A Fantastic Start

What a wonderful first month we have had! It has been lovely to see how quickly our children have settled into their new classes and routines. We could not be happier with the way it has gone. From our youngest children finding their feet in Reception to our Year 2 pupils taking on new responsibilities, there is so much to celebrate.

Thank you, as always, to our children, families and staff for helping to make our school such a happy, caring and positive place to learn.

The school feels calm and purposeful, and we are incredibly proud of all the children and staff for such a positive start to the new school year.

We are looking forward to seeing all our children flourish this year.

Reception

Our new reception children have settled into their new school life incredibly well. They are becoming more independent every day and are really doing a fantastic job of getting themselves changed for PE, with just a little help from the adults when needed.

The children have settled so confidently that they are now joining the rest of the school for Collective Worship twice a week. It is particularly lovely to see the whole school together. Our Reception children are already learning from the wonderful example set by our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils, joining in with the actions to the hymns and watching their older friends as role models.

We recently welcomed some visitors from WLT to one of our Collective Worship sessions. They were amazed by how well all the children joined in and commented on how beautifully they sang. We were very proud of them all!

Year 1

Our Year 1 pupils have also made a fantastic start and have settled really well into their new classrooms and routines.

They have been enjoying reading *Avocado Baby*, which has provided lots of inspiration for their own writing. As part of their learning, the children have also been thinking about how they have grown and changed, creating timelines showing their journey from being a baby to where they are now.



Year 2

Our Year 2 children are embracing their position as the oldest pupils in our infant school and have been taking on additional responsibilities within their classrooms. They have been given new classroom jobs and are already showing us how responsible and helpful they can be.

They have also been reading *Dogs Don't Do Ballet* and are absolutely loving the story! It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for reading and learning.

Pre-School

Our Cygnets and Swans from our pre-school have made a great start to the year. There is lots of messy play and outdoor learning going on. The children love the outdoor area and we can't wait to make this an even better place for them to learn and grow.

Christian Value

Our Christian Value for this half term is Friendship and I am seeing lots of new friendships being made.

Reception Literacy and Numeracy Evening

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Reception Literacy and Numeracy Evening. We hope you found the evening useful and informative.

During the session, we explained how we teach some of the key areas of learning in Reception, including Number and Pattern, Reading, Phonics and letter formation. Working together with families is such an important part of supporting children during their first year at school, so it was lovely to welcome so many of you.

Our School Team

Our four new members of staff have settled brilliantly into their roles and are already working closely with our existing staff. It is lovely to see everyone working together as one team.

There is a wonderfully calm and happy atmosphere around school, something that has also been noticed and commented upon by visitors. We are delighted with the positive start everyone has made.

Exciting Improvements Around School

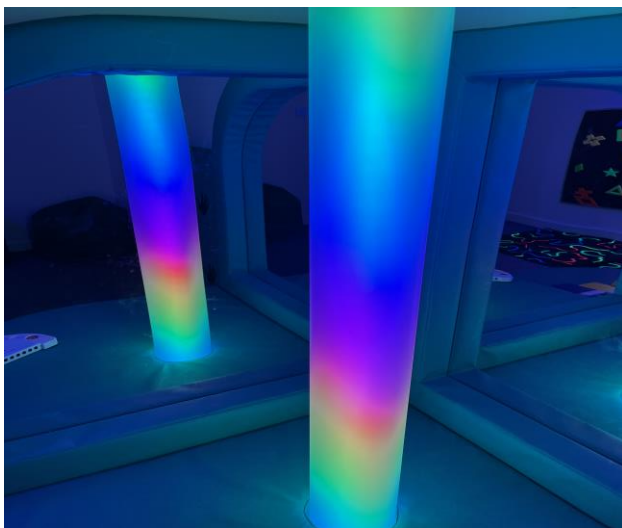
There are more exciting developments planned for our learning environments too!

The Reception and Pre-School outdoor areas will both be receiving a makeover, including new resources for the children to explore and enjoy. Work will begin during half term and will continue after the holidays until the project is complete.

Maple and Oak classes will also be receiving new tables and chairs as part of our work to create calm, neutral and welcoming learning environments throughout the school.



Our **Sensory Room** is now complete – and it looks amazing! The children are already enjoying and benefiting from this wonderful new space, and we are delighted to see it being put to such good use.





Play Equipment Notice

Please note the following information for everyone's safety:

- Play equipment used during the school day (between 8.40 am – 3.15 pm) and Afterschool Club registered children (3.30 pm – 5.30 pm) will be under staff supervision
- Children using the equipment out of school day must be supervised by parent or carer as this use is at the users own risk.
- The school accepts no liability for injury, loss or damage arising from use outside of school hours.

Harvest Festival Donations

Children throughout the school are welcome to bring in any donations for our Harvest festival which will take place in school on Tuesday 13th October 2026.

SEND Base Update

We are pleased to report that most of the internal work on our new SEND Base is now complete. We are hopeful that the remaining work inside will be finished during the half-term break.

The outdoor area for the SEND Base is also due to be completed during half term, and we are very excited to see this new provision taking shape.

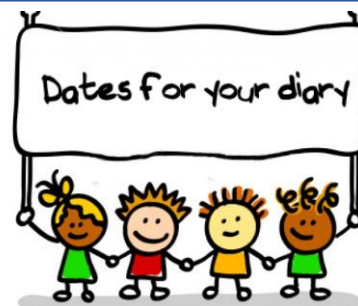
Attendance

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 **94.1%** and each class is:

Beech – 90.8%
Willow – 94.2%
Oak – 95.5%
Maple – 95.1%

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



13th October – Harvest Assembly

13th and 15th October – Parents Evenings

23rd October – Inset Day

26th – 30th October – Half Term

2nd and 3rd November - Inset Days

4th November – School Photographs

13th November – Mufti Day for Children in Need