

Friday 14th February 2025

# Newsletter

## A Message From Our Head Teacher

We have reached the end of term three and are now officially halfway through the school year! This week, Mr Dore and I looked at some of the pupils' learning in their books, and it was lovely to see the progress the pupils have made since September. Mr Dore and I could see some great improvements to handwriting, and the growing stamina for writing from pupils. I look forward to see what the pupils can achieve in the next half of the year.

As you know, there is no school for pupils on Monday the 24th February, as the school team have training on this day. This is with the exception of the Y6 pupils who will be coming to school to embark on their residential visit to Heatree. I know both the pupils and the staff are looking forward to the visit and I look forward to hearing about all of the activities they undertake while they are at the centre!

I hope you have a restful half term break – we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday the 25th February.

Mrs Macdonald.



# Recognition Awards

## Attendance

**This week's attendance winner  
are: Willows 99%**

**Whole school: 95.08%  
this is above the national average**



## Achiever of the week

**Maple - Andrei  
Sycamore - Ruby  
Hawthorn - Brain  
Beech - Ayaan**

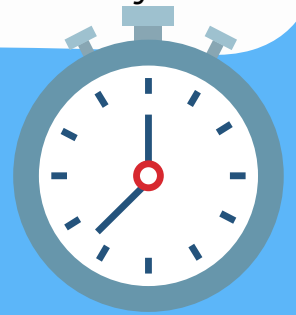
# Willows

In maths this week, Willows have explored length and time through a variety of activities, including finding out how many star-jumps they can do in 30 seconds.

They have consolidated their knowledge of Seasons, making collaborative posters for each season.

We had a fantastic Welly Wednesday when the sun shone brightly. The children hung up their clay bird feeders in the trees and they made numerals to 10 using natural materials. There was also an impromptu bug hunt too.

We hope you have a fantastic half-term break and look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 25th February when we will be having a 'Pirate Day'.



# Maple

Maple have been working so hard this week to finish off their wider curriculum topics this week!

We have produced some beautiful self-portraits in art, we continued to follow the style of Giuseppe Acrimboldo. This week we filled our pictures with things that are important to us!

In science we have been exploring the question 'Do all plants have leaves?'. For our final lesson we took all our learning and produced a written debate and justification to answer the question. If the dinner table is a little quiet tonight, ask your child what they thought! For our final geography lesson this week, we wrote a book comparing the seasons! We thought about all of the features of each season and produced a page for each!

The Maple team would like to wish all of our families a restful and happy break, we are so excited to see you all again soon!



## Little Oaks

We have been reading a book about habitats in English this week. This tied in with our Science topic too, where we have been learning about living things and what it means to be alive.

This week we have been very excited about making our own houses in Design Technology. We used lots of different fabrics and colours to fill our houses and made furniture for them too. We are really proud of the finished products.

In Geography, we looked at what it is like in Brazil, in South America. We enjoyed looking at pictures of different features of the environment, such as mountains, rainforest, and waterfalls.

Our Mathematics topic after half term will be money so over the holiday, have a look at some coins and see if you can recognise all of the coins we use.

Have a great half term. Keep practising your reading over the holiday! 😊



## Sycamore

This week we have been writing dialogue for the characters in the story 'Stone Age Boy' and learning to multiply two- and three-digit numbers by one digit.

We have studied the work of artist Sonia Delauney and created our own based upon it using lots of vivid colours.

In history we watched the Anglo Saxon tale of 'Beowolf.'

On Thursday we had a great afternoon when Babcock came to visit our class. We started off by making landing craft models and then were put into teams to move the landing craft model around the classroom.

In the teams each student had a role to help move the landing craft.

All the students showed great teamwork within their teams.



# Hawthorn

This week we have been finishing our science unit about living things. The children have been exploring about habitats.

In English, the children have been working hard and have produced our own versions of the story Beowulf.

In Art, we created pictures of ourselves using the technique of micrography incorporating concepts of lines and font to create artwork.

I would just like to say that I hope you all have a peaceful and restful break.

# Beech

In Beech this week, we have nearly mastered algebra in maths! The children have used their resilience and perseverance to ensure they understand how to balance algebraic equations. Great effort!

In English, we have been reciting and annotating the poem, 'The song of Hiawatha', which has been inspiration for our own narrative poems.

In history, we finished our learning about the Shang Dynasty by forming our own explanations for the end of their rule in China.

In art, we have been finishing our 'express yourselves' unit by creating graffiti portraits, creating colour wheels and the children took home their emotions models.

## Homework over half term:

Fractions on SATs bootcamp

TTRS and Edshed

### SATs revision books

Maths: pages 78 – 79

English: pages 48 – 53

Punctuation: 10 - 13

Next term: residential on Monday and Tuesday of week one!



## Start of Day

School begins for all children at 08:45am. Gates will be opened from 08:35 am and will close promptly at 08:45am. Children in Yr1- 6 should be dropped off at the gate, where adults are available should they need support getting into class.

## End of Day

School ends at 3:15pm for all children. Gates will open at 3:10pm and close promptly at 3:20pm. Parents should come onto the playground to collect their child(ren) from the class teachers.

## Uniform

Please can we ensure that all of your children's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. We are accumulating a lot of lost property again and it is impossible to reunite items with their owner if items are not named. Lost property is held behind the main reception.



Thank you to Dani and PJ for our lovely heart shaped biscuits today.

## Absence

If your child is off school please call the school number 01752 567681 and press 2 to report the absence. Can this be done first thing in the morning

## Payments

We have a number of outstanding payments due for school clubs/dinner money and trips. Can you please make sure these are paid promptly via the Teachers2Parents app, by phoning or coming in to the main office. We are happy to arrange a payment plan if you are unable to pay in full straight away. For outstanding club payments - we will be unable to book further sessions until payments are up to date . For outstanding lunch payments - you will be asked to provide your child a packed lunch until payments are up to date

## Clubs

Breakfast club - starts at 7:45am and cost £2 session, please use main reception to access the club.

After school club - Monday to Friday 3:15pm to 5pm, spaces are booked and paid for on School money. Session are £5 per children or £4 each for siblings.



## Contact

If you need to contact Phone number:

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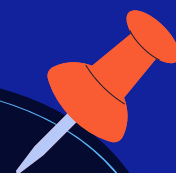
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# Dates for the Diary



**Every Tuesday Afternoon - Tag Rugby for Sycamore**  
**Friday 14th February - Last day of term**  
**17th - 21st February - Half term**  
**Monday 24th February - School Inset Day**  
**Monday 24th February - Yr6 Residential**  
**Tuesday 25th February - Back to School**  
**Friday 7th March - Year 5's trip to Huccaby Farm**



## MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY ACADEMY TERM DATES 2024-2025

	Sep-24					Oct-24					Nov-24					Dec-24				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
	Jan-25					Feb-25					Mar-25					Apr-25				
Monday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Tuesday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
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Public Holiday

School Holiday

School Inset Day