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## **Headteacher update**



Congratulations to all our children in year 6 who have spent this week undertaking their SAT's in the village hall. The children have been wonderful, enjoying a delicious breakfast every morning to get them ready and raring to go. Every single child did their absolute best and we are so proud of them all. Thankyou to Becky and Cat who have helped Miss Taplin this week in the kitchen sorting out breakfast. Thankyou to Miss Taplin who has worked hard getting the children ready for the tests.

While our Year 6's were busy with SAT's, our Year 5's have been undertaking their "Bikeability" this week. They have had such a lot of fun in terrible weather, learning how to ride their bikes safely and learning about road sense. Well done everyone. Your leaders were so impressed with you all and hopefully we will see lots of you riding your bikes to school in the future.

Yesterday we were so lucky to have a visit from Bishop Paul. He really enjoyed his time here and thought our school was lovely and welcoming. He was impressed with our learning environment and also talked to some children about their learning journeys. We ended the day with a special Ascension day service across at church so hopefully you've seen the photos on Dojo as the children really enjoyed hearing the stories from the Bible and also finding out what a Bishop actually does!

## **School improvements**

Don't be alarmed on Monday when you come to school and see the exterior of the building looking a bit different. We are having all the cladding taken off the exterior this weekend. We are futureproofing our building by replacing all the rotten wood with some new cladding over half term and the works need to start as soon as possible. It will give a fresh, new look to the outside of school which we are all really looking forward to. Over half term, we will also be getting a new hall floor. We have been waiting for this for a while now and again, we are looking forward to it looking clean and fresh.

## **Parking on school site**

I would like to remind all parents and carers that the school car park and drive are not to be used for drop-off or collection unless prior agreement has been made with myself for Blue Badge access. Despite several previous requests, I am continuing to see an increasing number of vehicles using the drive and car park at busy times. This is now causing safety concerns for children, families, and staff and the staff are often struggling to park.

I do appreciate that parking can sometimes be difficult, and I thank the vast majority of families who continue to support the school by following these arrangements. Our priority must always be the safety of all members of our school community. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

*V. White*

Victoria White, Head Teacher

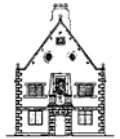


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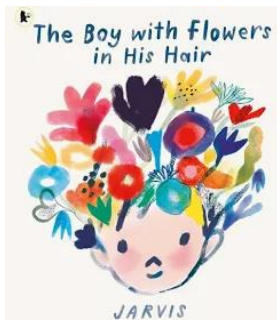
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### **Willow Class**



This week in Willow class we have had a brilliant week learning all about a new artist Sam Shendi. He is a sculpture artist. We took inspiration from his sculptures to start making our own. We started a new literacy book, the boy with flowers in his hair. We wrote predictions of what we think might happen at the end of the book. In maths, reception have been exploring shapes. Nursery have been exploring numbers and starting to subitise. We took part in a live lesson lead by Joe Wicks, where we exercised and learnt about how exercise is important for our mental health. We finished the week with a trip to Wollaton hall. We loved the art and natural history museum and enjoyed observing the nature around the lake.

### **Chestnut Class**



Chestnut Class children have had a great time using their artistic skills across the curriculum this week. We had fun creating mini "giant" beanstalks with a castle at the top (thanks to Granny Sue for the dwarf beans). We spent a lovely afternoon designing posters about our most peaceful places in RE. In art, the children continued their collage project by working with partners to draw the design on strong cardboard. They have also made some fascinating inventions in our junk modelling creation station. Everyone has been busy outside using their bodies to help them learn to tell the time in Year 2 and using position and direction words in Year 1 during our Maths lessons. Should Jack climb the baked beanstalk? The children have been working with Miss Riley to write their persuasive letters to Jack. Will we find out what he decides to do before half term? We hope so!

### **Oak Class**



This week, Oak Class have continued to work incredibly hard and should be very proud of all they have achieved. In Maths, the children have been learning about decimals, developing their understanding of place value and applying their knowledge to a range of challenges and problem-solving activities. In English, the class have enjoyed publishing their writing, taking great care with presentation and showing pride in their finished pieces. On Wednesday, the children were excited to begin their swimming lessons and showed fantastic enthusiasm, confidence and determination in the pool. Alongside this, we have also started rehearsing for our Class Assembly next Friday, and the children have already impressed us with their speaking, singing and teamwork as they prepare for their performance.

### **Hawthorn Class**



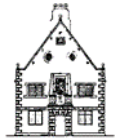
This week, the Y6 children have shown exceptional maturity and resilience during their SATs assessments. They approached each day with a calm, positive attitude, demonstrating impressive focus, determination and perseverance. I am incredibly proud of the way they have supported one another throughout the week and tackled every challenge with confidence and enthusiasm. They should all feel extremely proud of their efforts. Meanwhile, Year 5 have enjoyed a busy and exciting week filled with a range of enriching activities. The children took part in "Bikeability" training, where they developed important cycling skills and learned how to stay safe and confident on the roads. They showed great responsibility, listened carefully to instructions and represented the school brilliantly throughout the sessions. In English, the children explored poetry by creating thoughtful and imaginative haikus inspired by polar bears and the Arctic environment.

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### Celebrations and successes!

 <p><b>STAR assembly</b></p> <p>S - Sensational effort T - Terrific teamwork A - Achievement R - Remarkable reasoning/ Remarkable writing</p>	<b>S</b>	<b>Year 6!</b> Jackson - Oak Matilda - Hawthorn
	<b>T</b>	Alfie - Chestnut
	<b>A</b>	
	<b>R</b>	
<p><b>Class Recognition Award</b></p> 	<b>Willow</b>	
	<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>Toby, Elsie, Ivy, George, Eliza - Aspiration</b>
	<b>Oak</b>	<b>Emmy - Love</b>
	<b>Hawthorn</b>	<b>Matilda - Aspiration</b>
<p><b>Headteachers award</b></p> 	<p>This week my Headteacher's award is for <b>Marcus</b> who has blown me away with his fantastic maths and writing this week. Marcus has shown resilience and discovered that if he believes in himself he can do it! Well done. I am so proud of you and you should be really proud of yourself too.</p>	
<p><b>Top Table lunchtime award</b></p> 	<p>This week <b>Bella, Tristan, Ivy-Rose, Oliver P, Albi, Bea, Thomas H and Toby</b> have all been chosen to be on the top table.</p> <p>Well done all of you.</p>	

### Swimming reminders



The children in Oak class had a great time at their first swimming session this week.

I have been asked by our swimming instructors at Keyworth Leisure Centre to remind children that long hair MUST be tied back for school swimming, that baggy shorts with pockets are not to be worn and earrings are to be removed (unless ears are freshly pierced).

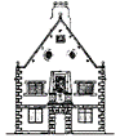
If ears are freshly pierced, then a swimming cap is to be worn to cover the earrings. Thankyou.

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### **Summer term diary dates**

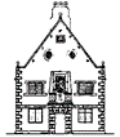
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Boy's football match v Brookside (away)
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Oak Class assembly – 9.10am – Parents invited
	Last day of term
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET DAY – School closed</b>
<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Screenwise workshops for Year 4 and 5
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Screenwise parent workshop – 5.30pm at school
<b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	4front theatre production at St Marys church
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Midlands Primary Schools Dodgeball finals at NTU – Invitation only
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports day – 1.15pm on the school field – All invited!
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Rushcliffe Pupil Parliament – 2-3.45pm -Invitation only
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS2 Swimming gala for Oak and Hawthorn classes – 1.15-3.15 Keyworth Leisure centre
<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30-10.30am - Willow class "Stay and Play" for new children to school Sept 2026
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	FOBS Father's Day sale – 8.30am – Discovery Den
	Chestnut Class assembly – 9.10am – Parents invited
	"Ignite minds" presentation at Notts County FC – Invitation only from Hawthorn class – further info nearer the time
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Piano assembly 2.45pm – Parents invited
	Full Governors
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	South Wolds transition day for year 6
<b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reception children to Nottingham Trent University for Mini Olympics! – further details nearer the time
	South Wolds transition day for year 6
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Deadline for RMSA STEM challenge entries
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Willow class craft morning for Grandparents – further information nearer the time
	Bunny Bash – Timings TBC
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Drumming assembly 2.45pm – Parents invited
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30-10.30am - Willow class "Stay and Play" for new children to school Sept 2026
	"Nottalone Live" Mental Health workshops - Invitation only
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	6pm - KS2 production at St Mary's church

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<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30am - KS2 production at St Mary's church
	RMSA STEM challenge finals at Jesse Grey Primary School 1.00pm
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Family picnic/ outdoor concert/ art gallery – from 12.00pm – further details nearer the time
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Whole school trip to Twycross zoo
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Last swimming for Oak class
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	FOBS – Colour run 2.00pm
	<b>Break up for the summer holidays!</b>

### **Attendance Matters**

I know that family time is important and that holidays can sometimes be more affordable during term time. However, I am becoming concerned about the number of pupils missing one or even two weeks of school for holidays during term time.

Every school day matters. Learning is carefully planned by the teachers so that children build skills and knowledge step by step. Missing large chunks of time can make it difficult for children to keep up, affect their confidence, and leave gaps in their understanding that are hard to close later on.

Attendance also impacts more than academic progress. Children who miss school can miss important class discussions, group work, routines, friendships, and shared experiences that help them feel connected and successful in school.

While a few days away may seem manageable, repeated absences quickly add up:

- 1 week missed = around 25 hours of learning lost
- 2 weeks missed = around 50 hours of learning lost

Over a school year, this can have a significant impact on progress and attainment.

I ask all families to support us by booking holidays during school holiday periods wherever possible. Excellent attendance gives children the best opportunity to thrive both academically and socially.

Thank you for your continued support in helping every child achieve their best.