

Sycamore	Year 6 teachers would like to praise and thank the whole class for their effort in practice SAT's this week. Maths Master: Kamile for her work with dividing this week Writer of the Weeks: Nicholas for an amazing piece of work that uses personification
Birch	Praise goes to the whole class for settling in to year 5 so well. Well done to Barons' table for their excellent attitude to all their work this week. A big thank you to Emma for being so helpful and reminding us all what lunchtime is for! Maths Master: Mae for her excellent resilient approach to problem solving Writer of the Weeks: Triston for fantastically creative ideas when describing 'Pestilence'
Ash	The teachers in year 4 would like to praise Alexia and Charlie for helping each other to create their wings for Icarus. Also well done to Kamil for his excellent contributions during our Literacy lessons this week. Maths Master: Natalya for successfully ordering a range of 4 digit numbers Writer of the Weeks: Dominion for writing a diary entry using a range of adverbial phrases
Beech	The teachers in year 3 would like to praise Elly, Noushafarin, Bethany, Emma, Harley, Aiden, Preeya and George for trying their best in Literacy all week. Maths Master: Frankie for showing resilience when trying to solve a tricky 2 step maths problem Writer of the Weeks: Dylan for his diary entry and also for his editing and improving
Maple	Mrs Bond, Mrs Woolley and Mr Hall would like to praise the whole class for the fantastic efforts they have put into their first practice SAT's papers this week Maths Master: Olivers for the amazing progress and achievements he has shown in his maths SAT's papers Writer of the Weeks: Summer for trying really hard at applying her phonic knowledge to support her spelling of some tricky words
Willow	Willow Class would like to praise Lacie and Leia for being fantastic helpers all week. They are always the first to do a job around the classroom and never have to be asked. Maths Master: Honey for her impressive number ordering and/or being willing to help a friend who was stuck. Writer of the Weeks: Violet for writing a whole page of news for our news tree in her best handwriting!
Oak	The teachers in Oak Class would like to praise the whole class for a fantastic, positive start to their first school year.
Cherry	The teachers in Cherry Class would like to praise all the children in Cherry Class for having a fantastic first week back! Maths Master: Jeremiah for counting our friends and finding the correct numeral Writer of the Weeks: Archie for writing a capital A for his name!

Diary:

Mon 18th— Individual school photographs
NSPCC assemblies
2.15pm Parent stay and read sessions in Reception
After school clubs begin today
Fri 22nd—Mini Mudder
Mon 25th—NSPCC workshops for years 5 and 6
Weds 27th—Cross country event
Thurs 28th—Tribal sports league event
Fri 29th—MacMillan coffee afternoon
Weds 4th—Family Trust assemblies



Messages.

It's Mini Mudder time! This Friday (22nd) is our Mini Mudder day and we are looking forward to another fantastic day of getting seriously dirty! Please do make sure that you have returned the permission slip if you would like your child to take part. The weather forecast looks ok for Friday so fingers crossed! Whatever the weather, the children will get dirty and wet. Please do ensure that children have a complete change of clothes (including footwear and underwear) and a towel if possible. We will make sure that children get changed out of their wet clothes as quickly as possible.

As you will have seen from the letter last week, the NSPCC are joining us on Monday to talk to the children. Following their visit we will be holding a sponsored event to raise money for the charity. More information to follow shortly.

Thank you to the parents who attended the 7 habits workshop on Wednesday with Ali. We hope you found it useful. Please do keep a look out for further dates. You can join in at any of the events; there is no need to attend them all.

Finally, we will be taking part in the MacMillan coffee morning (or afternoon for us!) this year on the 29th September.

PE Kits

Please can we ask that all children have their PE kits in school every day? While each class has specified days for PE, occasionally these days have to change around school events so lessons could also change. If PE kits could be named too, that would be incredibly helpful. Thank you for your help.

Attendance

It has been a good start for attendance—well done! Two classes (year 5 and year 6) had 100% attendance last week with other classes not too far behind! Keep up the good work everyone! We finished the last academic year with an overall attendance of 96.7% and are aiming to reach 97% at the end of this academic year.

So far our overall school attendance stands at 97.4%. Keep up the great work!



News from around the school

Nursery: Welcome back to a new year in Cherry class. The children have been superstars this week and have returned really well into the routines of Nursery. We have looked at the Gingerbread Man this week, and we have been very impressed with how well the children have remembered the story!

The next story will see us visiting some other traditional stories. We will be thinking about stories we know, looking at the characters in those stories and incorporating them into Helicopter stories.

We will also be welcoming some new friends this week and helping them settle into their new class, let's see who is going to be a Helpadon!

Star of the week: Theo for being a super friend to our new Nursery friends

Year 1: Willow Class has had a fantastic start to the year! We have been finding out all about the adventurous world of pirates. We started this term's topic with a treasure hunt and since then we have been finding out about Captain James Cook and other famous pirates. This has been the perfect way for Willow Class to practise their descriptive writing skills. I have been very impressed with what they have managed to produce so far!

Just a little reminder that all jumpers and PE kit must be named please. Also, PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday morning so if you could make sure named PE kits are in for those days, that would be great.

Star of the week: Flynn for being so enthusiastic and kind. Flynn has thrown himself into every activity and had a great start to his term! Well done.

Year 3: Year 3 have made a good start to the year, despite all the difficult changes such as a new classroom, teachers etc. Both Mrs Pullen and I are proud of how grown up the children have been in challenging situations; all of the children have been resilient and positive since the start of year 3 and we hope this continues as the work becomes more difficult.

PE—please ensure your child's PE kit is in school—our current PE days are Monday and Wednesday although depending on the weather and various events this may change; we will tell children the day before if this is the case.

Reading—it is extremely important that your child has their reading book and reading record everyday in school as Accelerated Reader quizzes need to be completed by the children in order to meet their target and it also makes it difficult when completing 1:1 reading.

Next week in Maths we will be embedding our knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division. The children will be securing their knowledge of various methods throughout the week, to help them solve tricky problems. In Literacy the children will be learning the story of the Trojan horse; they will be reading instructions on how to make a Trojan horse and identifying the features. Towards the end of the week the children will be applying their knowledge of instructions to make their own (paper version) of the horse.

Star of the week: George for always trying his best in every lesson!

Year 5: Welcome to year 5! It has been a terrific start to the term with the children settling in quickly and producing some excellent work.

This week in literacy we will be doing more work on the subject of the Black Death. We will be focusing on the key features of diary writing with the children working towards writing their own diary entry as if they are in a village affected by the deadly Black Death. The children will get the opportunity, once again, to use their fantastic range of gruesome adjectives!

In maths we will be continuing to consolidate our knowledge of number and place value and applying this to lots of different problem solving. We are working hard to develop independence in problem solving.

PE is on Tuesdays and Thursdays however, this may vary sometimes so please can we ask that all children have their PE kit in school every day.

A huge well done to all the children on their increasingly positive attitude to the daily mile. On day one of the mile this term, 10 children completed the distance in 15 minutes; on Friday, 22 of the 30 children in the class managed it with a little encouragement! Go Birch class!

Finally a massive well done to everyone for contributing to our 100% attendance last week—let's keep it up—we need to keep a hold on Reggie Bear...

Star of the week: Tyrell for his excellent attitude and approach to all aspects of his work this week

Reception: Well done to everyone in Oak class for having a fantastic first week at school. We have been very impressed by the enthusiasm shown by all the children. We hope you are enjoying your rhyme booklet that we sent home last week; it was lovely to hear that some of the children have been sharing the rhymes we have been learning with someone at home.

This week we will be focusing on learning the story of 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. We will be exploring the story, joining in with the repeated refrains and talking about the characters. In maths we will be continuing to learn some number rhymes as well as ordering different sized objects. We will also be learning some songs about bears. We have become very confident using the climbing equipment in the adventure village and we will continue to use this alongside introducing the 'daily mile' into our routine.

Don't forget to decorate your 'Love to Learn' book this week and return it to school by Thursday for the next activity and make sure you are keeping in touch with all our learning by using Tapestry, Marvellous Me and the school website blog!

Year 2: Welcome back to school and to Maple Class! Mrs Woolley and I would like to say how proud we are of all the children for the very grown up attitude they have shown so far in year 2! Last week was a tough one as we were working extremely hard carrying out practice KS1 SATs papers; all children tried their very best and this was reflected in their achievements.

This week in literacy we will be listening to the story, 'Pirates love underpants'. We will then be planning and writing our own pirate narrative based on the story, using a range of powerful vocabulary.

Within maths this week our focus will be place value; recognising the value of digits in a given number. Towards the end of the week we will be moving on to learn about 'greater than' and 'less than'. We will be learning how to use the 'greater than' and 'less than' symbol between 2 numbers.

May I also take this opportunity to ask that all children bring their reading folder into school each day. This will enable us to comment in your child's reading record book each time we read with them. PE days this year are Wednesdays and Fridays; please ensure your child has a PE kit in school on these days. Many thanks.

Star of the week: Jack for starting year 2 with a sensible and grown up attitude in both his learning and behaviour. He is an excellent role model to his peers!

Year 4: In Literacy this week we will be reading the Greek myth, 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. We will then be writing a newspaper report based on the events in the story. Then, in Maths, we will be developing our range of addition and subtraction skills and applying these to a range of problems. In our topic lessons we will be creating our own mazes and designing our own Greek vases. This Friday is Mini-Mudder! Please can you ensure children have a complete change of clothes, including underwear.

PE is on a Monday and Tuesday however can children please have their PE kits in school every day, including suitable footwear.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

Star of the week: Macie for consistently demonstrating superb learning behaviour

Year 6: Welcome back! It is the children's last ever academic year as a primary school pupil! After spending last week sitting last year's SATs papers, we are now back in full swing. This week we will start to work on the areas of the papers that we found tricky as a class.

In Literacy we will be looking at the background of the Black Death and the role of the Witch Doctor. What happened to the human body if you catch the plague? Are there any cures?

In Maths we are going to be looking at number. We will be ordering and identifying numbers—including decimals as well. PE will be on Monday and Thursday—we will be playing Tag Rugby.

Hope you all had a relaxing summer—Mr Gladwell, Mrs Hughes and Mr Summerfield.

Star of the week: Madie C for her effort and attitude in her learning all week