Friday 23rd October 2026
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Our Christian value this Half Term is Our School Values and Vision

Calendar of Events

2nd November Autumn 2 Term starts	**8th December** Santa Run (more information next term)
10th November 3.30-5.00 Parents' meetings (more information next term)	**9th December** AM Aladdin pantomime – Acorn, Chestnut, Beech classes PM Aladdin pantomime – Elm and Oak classes
11th November 10.45 Remembrance Day Service 3.30 Acorn, Chestnut and Beech Bake Sale	**11th December** Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
12th November 3.30-6.30 Parents' meetings 3.30 Acorn, Chestnut and Beech Bake Sale	**15th December** PM Christmas Production (more information next term)
13th November Anti Bullying workshop – Beech, Elm and Oak classes Children in Need Day (more information next term)	**16th December** 2.00 Christingle Service – St Mary's Church
26th November Mobile Library Van visit – all classes	**17th December** PM Christmas Production
30th November 9.00 iRock Concert Play Leader training – Oak Class	**18th December** End of Term
7th December Grace Schools Carol Service – Oak Class	

It only seems like yesterday that we welcomed everybody back for the start of the new school year, but here we are at the end of the first term already. The children have settled in very quickly to their new classes and have all made huge progress in their learning. We are all ready for a very much deserved half term break!

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all our families who joined us on Monday to celebrate our Harvest Festival. I can't remember the last time the hall was so full! Your generous donations will ensure that our Weekend Bags can roll out again after half term, ensuring that we can help others who might need a helping hand.







Each class did an amazing job with their contributions, and we were treated to a rhyme from Chestnut Class, a play by Beech Class and poems and amazing artwork from Elm and Oak Classes. A huge thank you to the Worship Team who planned the order of events, the themed Worship table and a beautifully written Harvest prayer.









Fire Engine Visit

Mrs Goode surprised us all with an end of term visit from Norfolk Fire Service. The children had a great time quizzing the firefighters about their jobs and what all the equipment on the engine was for. The highlight of the visit was getting a chance to sit inside the fire engine and have the lights and sirens on for that authentic feel!





Community Council

I am pleased to inform you that we have recruited new members to our Community Council. Our first meeting this week focused on our school vision and values, school events and the role of our Community Ambassadors.

Reading Rockets

Congratulations to the following children who received their **Bronze Reading Rocket** certificates this week:
Elm – Luna, Freddie, Teddy

Dojo Champions

The Dojo points' collection has been huge this term. The children have responded to learning and school values' challenges with great enthusiasm. This term's Dojo Champions are:

Acorn - Andrea and Heidi
Chestnut – Teddy-George and Jack
Beech - Elsie and Blanka
Elm - Arthur and Henry
Oak - Leo and Callie

PE

Unfortunately, due to a significant cut in our DfE Sports Grant, we have had to make the difficult decision about funding our PE sessions led by Mr Jarvis. From next term **Mr Jarvis will lead PE and his After School Club on Thursdays only**. Children will continue to have PE sessions on Tuesdays but these will be led by class teachers.

Lunch Clubs

Following last year's popular lunch time clubs, I am pleased to let you know that we have a number of great clubs running this term. Spaces are limited and can be booked, at no cost, on MCAS.

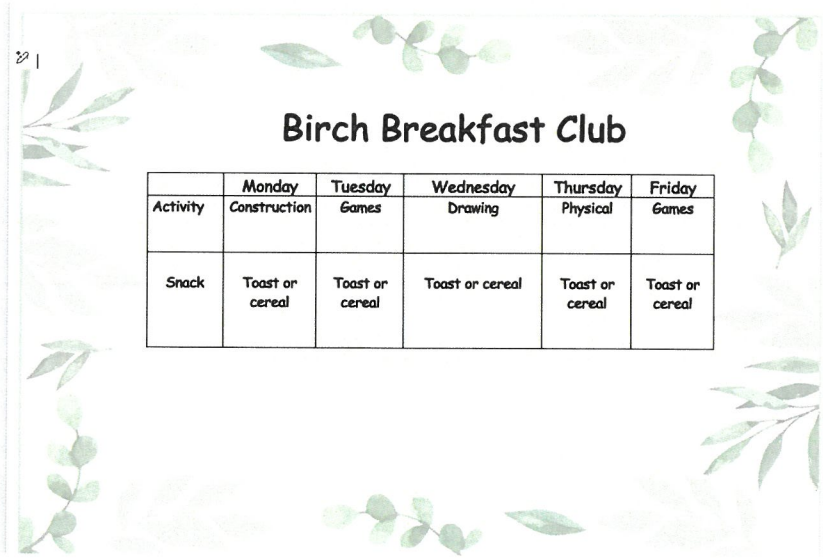
Monday (12.15-12.45) Key Stage 2 Reading Rebels Book Club with Miss Woodison
Tuesday (12.15-12.45) Key Stage 2 (Elm and Oak) Gardening Club with Dr Hardie
Wednesday (12.15-12.45) Key Stage 2 (Elm and Oak) Music Club with Mr Delarre
Wednesday (12.45 – 1.15) Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Chestnut and Beech) Music Club with Mr Delarre
Friday (12.45-1.15) Early Years and Key Stage 1(Chestnut and Beech) Gardening Club with Dr Hardie

Wraparound Care Provision

We aim to make our breakfast and after school clubs accessible to all families. Our Wraparound Care hours consist of:

Birch Breakfast Club

7.40am-8.40am at a cost of **£5.00 per session**. This cost includes a drink and a choice of cereal or toast.



Birch Breakfast Club

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Activity	Construction	Games	Drawing	Physical	Games
Snack	Toast or cereal	Toast or cereal	Toast or cereal	Toast or cereal	Toast or cereal

Bookings for Birch Breakfast Club must be made by 6pm on the previous day. On the day bookings will not be accepted.

Apple After School Club

3:15pm – 4:15pm at a cost of **£3.50 per session**.
3:15pm – 5:15pm at a cost of **£5.50 per session.**

4:15pm – 5:15pm (after Rising Stars sports club, Thursdays only at a cost of **£3.50 per session)**

Children staying for a part session will receive a drink, yoghurt or toast and fruit. Children staying for a full session will get a light tea consisting of pitta pizzas, pasta, soup or a toastie.

Children attending an after school club session, after the Rising Stars sports club, will be taken to Apple After School club by Mr Jarvis.

Apple After School Club

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Activity		Cooking Club	Lego Club	Creative Club	Book Club	Games and Disco
Snack	3.15-4.15	Yoghurt or toast Fruit bowl	Yoghurt or toast Fruit bowl	Yoghurt or toast Fruit bowl	Yoghurt or toast Fruit bowl	Yoghurt or toast Fruit bowl
	3.15-5.15	Pasta	Pitta pizzas	Bagels	Muffins or crumpets	Toasties

We are very much looking forward to a new full week of activities and have some fun and exciting things planned for the children this term. Here is a list of the activities planned for the term!

2nd November- Cooking club: fairy cakes
3rd November - Lego club
4th November - Creative club: pastel firework pictures
5th November - Book club: 'Ada and the Galaxies' - starry night pictures
6th November- Games

9th November - Dooking club: raspberry buns
10th November - Lego club
11th November - Creative club: poppy lanterns
12th November - Book club: 'The seed of Doubt' leaf printing
13th November - Games

16th November - Cooking club: cheese straws
17th November - Lego club
18th November - Craft club: stencils and paint
19th November - Book club: 'Bears Don't Eat Egg Sandwiches' - making cress heads
20th November - Games

23rd November - Cooking club: shortbread biscuits
24th November - Lego club
25th November - Creative club: wool craft
26th November - Book club: 'Daisy's Dragons' - making peg dragon puppets
27th November - Games

30th November - Cooking club: Welsh rarebit

1st December - Lego club
2nd December - Creative club: making snowflakes
3rd December - Book club 'Elfie Selfie' - decorating Santa hats
4th December - Games

7th December - Cooking club: sausage roll
8th December - Lego club
9th December - Creative club: snowman pictures
10th December - Book club: Christmas themed
11th December - Games

14th December - Cooking club: mince pies
15th December - Lego club
16th December - Creative club: wreath making
17th December - Book club Christmas theme
18th December - Games

Apple After School Club and Birch Breakfast Club at Weeting Primary School are registered childcare providers. This means you could claim tax-free childcare. This scheme is available for working families, including the self-employed. For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, up to £2,000 per year. For more information, please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



Dr Hardie

What is happening at Weeting?

The children have been very busy this week. Here's what's been happening in your child's class:

Acorn

This week the children really enjoyed our design and technology session again. We made a healthy vegetable pasta! The children used scissors to cut the spring onions and a knife to cut the tomatoes. The children were very careful, sharing "You have to be careful of your hands", "You have to hold the tomato still" and "Scissors and in knives are sharp." They used their hands to crumble the feta cheese and to tear the basil. The children enjoyed mixing all of the ingredients together- and tasting it! The children's favourite ingredients were the pasta, feta cheese and tomatoes.





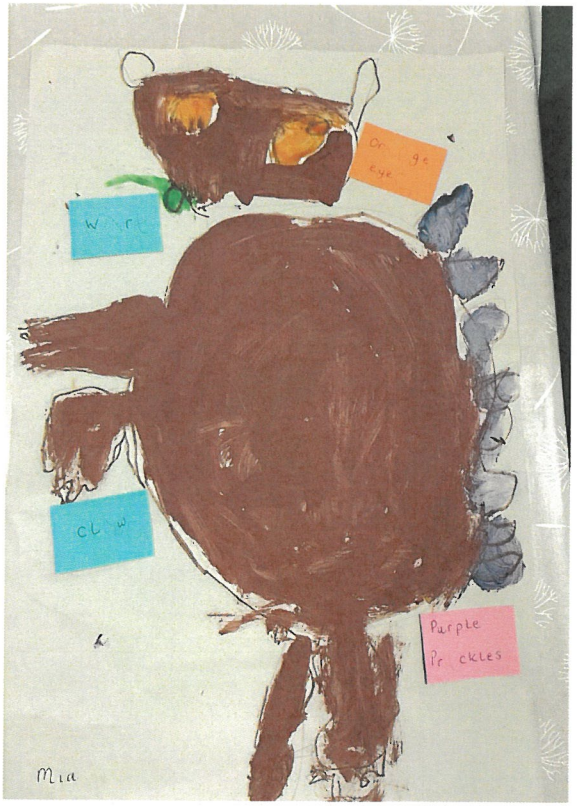


During our Phonics sessions this week we have continued to work on sound discrimination. The children listened to a song being sung, and identified the animal noise they heard and found the matching animal. They paired shakers with different objects inside, just by listening to how they sound when they are shaken. The children also worked on word awareness, by identifying a word that had been changed in a nursery rhyme. We finished our learning by creating a sentence and then placing a cube down for each word said in the sentence.



Chestnut

The children have made fantastic progress with their phonics this term, learning both the sounds that letters make and how to write the letter. It was great to see them confidently using their phonics knowledge to complete their Gruffalo writing as they labelled some very detailed paintings.



In Maths, the children have been exploring patterns and have learnt that a pattern is "an object, shape or colour that repeats again and again". The children took inspiration from pieces of patterned paper to create their own painted patterns. They confidently used great mathematical language to describe their patterns including "My lines are vertical. It's a stripey pattern", "My lines are wavy, wavy, wavy, straight, straight, straight" and "That is a zig zag. I did two zigzags".



We had a great time in our Design Technology sessions. We started the week making and tasting savoury and sweet toast and then moved onto making vegetable pasta. The children showed some great skills as they used knives to chop tomatoes, spoons to scoop sweetcorn with scissors to cut spring onions and fingers to tear and crumble basil and feta cheese. The final tasting was even more popular than the preparation and the children showed some insightful evaluations of their 'make' – "I liked eating the salad", "I liked crumbling the cheese. It was squishy", "I chopped a tomato. All the seeds came out. It was so juicy" and "I liked the onion. It was spicy".



Beech

On Monday, we had a lovely surprise visit from Norfolk Fire Service, and the children were able to explore the inside of a fire engine, examine the hoses and even pick up the jaws of life that rescue people from car accidents.







We have been completing quite a few assessments this week, which was a bit of a new experience for the Year 1 pupils, but everyone tried their very best to demonstrate how much they have learnt this term. In Geography, the children created their own maps of the school grounds, remembering to include compass points, aerial views, human and physical features and a key to explain the symbols.

In Art, the Beech artists came into their own, showing off their understanding of brushstrokes and colour washes to produce a dramatic and striking stormy sea picture. We used crayons to create a wax resist effect which made the sea feel as though it was moving.

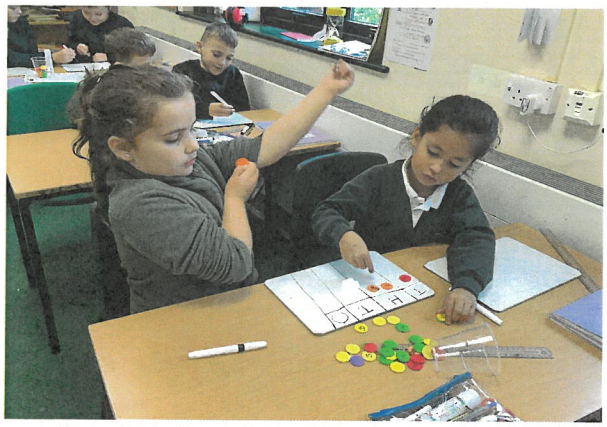


In PSHE, it was lovely to hear the children discussing which problems they could solve themselves and which they should seek out an adult to help with. We are definitely seeing their resilience and confidence blossom this term.

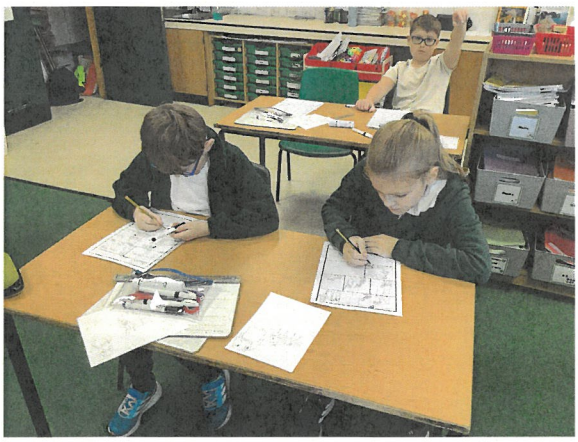
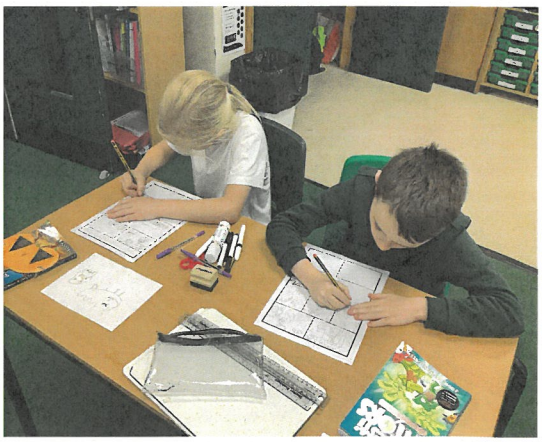
Elm

We have had a whirlwind week in Elm Class. We particularly enjoyed taking part in the Neverending Comic event as part of the Year of Reading celebrations. We joined a live lesson with some writers of Beano magazine, then we had a go at drawing some of the characters before we created our own comic strips.

In maths, we have begun our addition and subtraction unit, where we have been adding 1,10,100 and 1000 to numbers. We are also loving our weekly multiplication lessons where we have working on our 3 and 4 times tables.



In our reading lessons, we learnt more about Victorian workhouses and the conditions that people lived in. This helped to bring the Oliver Twist story to life.

Oak

In English this week, we developed our descriptive writing by creating detailed character descriptions. We thought carefully about each character's appearance, personality, actions and mannerisms, choosing precise adjectives and powerful vocabulary to help readers form a clear picture in their minds. We also explored how similes and expanded noun phrases can make descriptions more vivid and engaging, and we reread our work to improve sentence structure, spelling and punctuation.

In Art, we completed our final abstract pieces, bringing together the ideas and techniques we have explored throughout the topic. The children experimented confidently with colour, shape, line, pattern and texture to create artwork that expressed an idea or feeling without showing a realistic scene. They made thoughtful choices about composition, added finishing touches with care and reflected on how their work had developed from their original plans.

We were really excited on Wednesday when a fire engine and its crew joined us for a memorable visit. The children had the opportunity to explore the vehicle, look closely at some of the specialist equipment and learn how firefighters use it during emergencies. The firefighters explained the different parts of their role, including responding to fires, helping at accidents and keeping communities safe through prevention work. The children listened attentively, asked excellent questions and gained a much clearer understanding of the bravery, teamwork and preparation involved in being a firefighter.

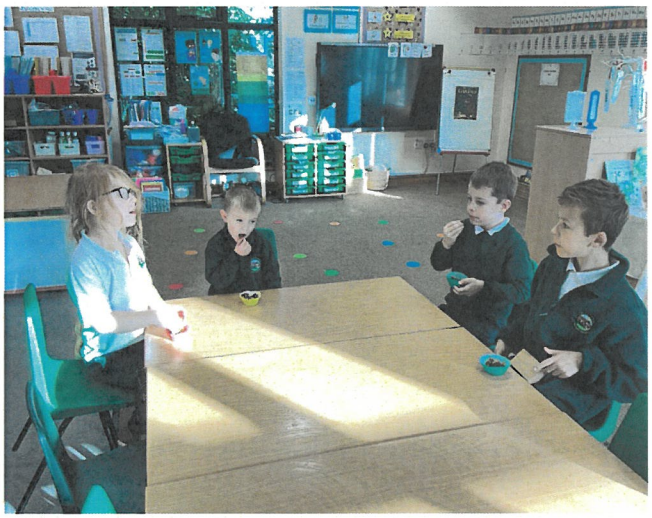





To finish the week, we took part in an exciting online session about how to create our own comics. We learned how comic creators develop characters, plan a clear sequence of events and use panels to guide the reader through a story. The session also showed us how speech bubbles, captions, facial expressions, movement lines and sound effects can communicate dialogue, action and emotion. The children were full of imaginative ideas and were inspired to combine storytelling and illustration to begin designing comics of their own.

Birch Breakfast Club and Apple After School Club

Apple After School Club this week started off with cooking and making chocolate cornflake cakes. The children worked together stirring the melted chocolate with corn flakes. Once cooled the children sat and ate one together and had some to take home.



Lego Club was popular and all the models are in the annex on display. This week's creations included buildings, treasure island and a hoverboard.



In Craft Club the children made paper pumpkins.



At Book Club the children read "Commotion in the Ocean". The children took turns reading and supporting each other when needed. They then created fish, seaweed and coral reefs from different materials to add to the under the sea display.

Children at Birch Breakfast Club have been busy with construction, games, drawing and physical activities.

Attendance

School attendance is at 92.3% for the week.

Below is the attendance for each class – the Government target for attendance across the country is **96%.**

Chestnut – 96.9%
Beech – 93.8%
Elm – 88.8%
Oak - 92.1%

Well done to **Chestnut Class** for having the best attendance this week!

Weekly attendance tickets were awarded to:

Chestnut: Jack, Polly, Santiago, Esmae, Freddie, Finley, Susie, Jude, Daniel, Teddy-George and Mia
Beech: Greg, Albert, George, Maggie, Blanka, Ella-Rae, Otis, Elsie, Arley, Oliver H, Wilbie, Harrison, Ella-Rose, Avyana, Ollie P, Emily, Roman and Stanley
Elm: Tudor, Henry, Theo, Teddy, Jace, Noel, Freddie, Luna M, Sofia, Mason, Nevaeh, Archer, Mabel, Arthur and Kit

Oak: Tommy, James, Ella, Charlie D, Eden, Albert, Jack H, Jack M, Erin, Leo, Isaac, Fliss, Joshua, Emily and Grace

Worship Focus of the Week

In this week's Picture News worship we focused on the following question.....

