



Friday 25th September 2026

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Our Christian value this Half Term is Our School Values and Vision

Calendar of Events

8th October Flu vaccinations	21st October Individual school photos
9th October World Mental Health Yellow day – more information to follow	22nd October Bags 2 School recycling collection End of term for children Friends of Weeting Autumn Disco
19th October 8.50am Harvest Festival	23rd October INSET day
20th October 2.30pm Community Council 'Coffee and Cake' meeting	2nd November Autumn 2 Term starts

It has been another busy week across the school. All the children have really settled into their class routines and are demonstrating some great in depth learning across a range of curriculum areas. It has been great to talk with children about their new learning, and I have heard some very confident explanations of English grammar techniques and mathematical mastery.

Community Council

Last term, Grace Schools launched Community Councils in all schools across the Trust. These councils replace Governing Bodies and Parent Forum Groups, both of which we have had in place previously at Weeting.

The purpose of the Community Council is for you, as parents and community representatives, to share what's going well in school, how we can work together to build on our strong foundations to make Weeting Primary an even more amazing place to be and to think about how we can make the school a really important feature of our local community. There are 3 planned meetings over the year and there will be opportunities to come in and look at a particular aspect of school life across all our classes.

I would like to extend an open invite to a 'Coffee and Cake' drop in on **Tuesday 20th October at 2.30pm** to find out a little bit more about what the Community Council will do and how you can help make this into a successful and proactive group. If you would like to attend please drop me a Dojo message or let me know when you see me in the playground.

Teaching Assistant of the Year

There is an amazing team at Weeting, and it is always great to hear that others recognise the hard work that staff put in to making sure all our children have the best experiences we can provide. This week we heard that Miss Crawford, one of our Teaching Assistants, won the regional Teaching Assistant of the Year award. Congratulations to Miss Crawford, you are amazing!



This week we appointed our Elm and Class representatives to a whole range of different jobs across the school.



Lunch Time Helpers

Elm – Ivy, Kit, Megan, Nevaeh, Mabel
Oak – Tommy, Charlie G, Esmail



Play Leaders
 Elm – Frankie
 Oak – Luna E, Leo



Worship Team
 Elm – Jace
 Oak – Isaac, Grace, Fliss



Reading Ambassadors

Elm – Henry, Teddy

Oak – Ivy, Ella, Eden

Our School Council and Eco-School Council teams had their first meetings with Miss Beaumont and Miss Woodison. Both meetings were very busy, with lots of creative ideas coming through. School Council have planned some great class and school activities for World Mental Health Day which takes place on 9th October. They have also thought of some superb ways that the outdoor area can be improved to include some 'chill out' spaces. Eco-Council have started the journey to Eco-School accreditation. Their plans include growing fruit and vegetables, litter picking and recycling opportunities. Watch out for regular updates on their progress throughout the term.



School Council



Eco-Council

New Lunch Time Club

Next Monday sees the launch of a brand new Key Stage 2 'Reading Rebel Lunchtime Club'. This club involves a live link with a different guest author or illustrator each week. The children will have the opportunity to ask them questions and participate in reading activities. Spaces will go fast for this one – our recently purchased library books are going down a storm and have created a newly found passion for stories. Places can be booked via MCAS.

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.

*NEW*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 and Mrs Stubbins

Gardening Club

The teams have worked on tidying up Leah's Garden and the planters around school this week. They were amazed at how many weeds they found, filling up 3 trugs of rubbish! Some of the group learnt how to use secateurs to cut down seed heads of plants that had finished flowering. There was some refreshing of compost in the bed, before adding in some new bulbs which should provide us with a splash of colour in the Spring. A big thank you to Luna E who showed some very talented photography skills as she captured us all in action!





Wraparound Care Provision

Apple After School Club Taster Session

We are holding a 'come and try' session on **Tuesday 6th October**. Mrs Stubbins has a fabulous Lego and model making session for anyone who would like to explore Apple After School Club. For one day only we are offering the chance to attend for a discounted rate of:

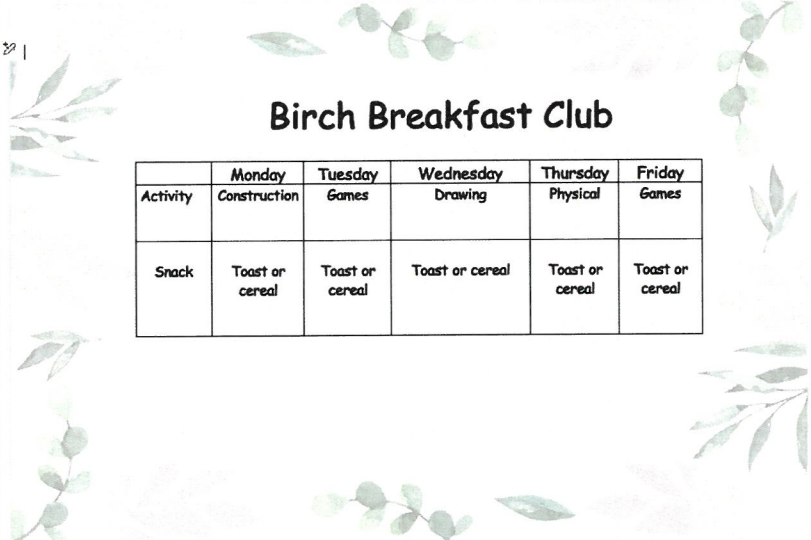
£2.50 for a 1 hour session from 3.15-4.15pm (snack of a drink, yoghurt or toast or fruit will be provided)

£4.50 for a 2 hour session from 3.15-5.15pm (light tea of pitta pizzas or toasties will be provided)

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

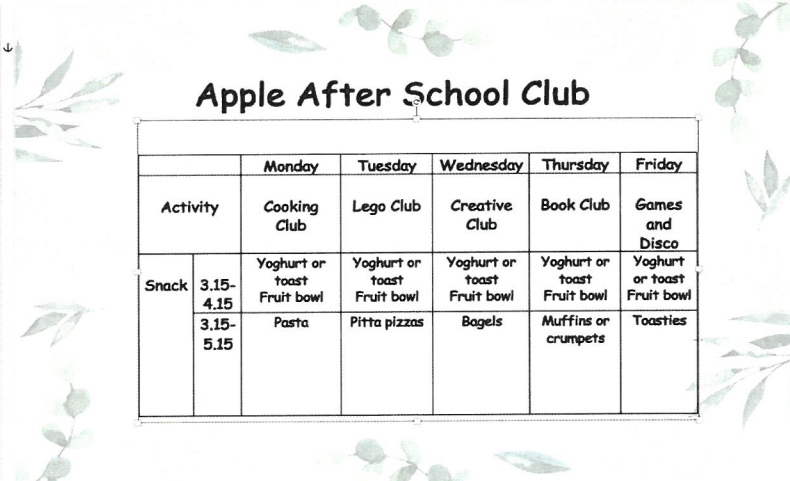
3:15pm – 4:15pm at a cost of £3.50 per session.

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

4:15pm – 5:15pm (after Rising Stars sports club, Tuesdays and 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!

28th September Cooking Club - quiche
29th September LEGO Club
30th September Creative Club - printing and paints
1st October Book Club - sea life pictures
2nd October games and disco

5th October Cooking Club - flapjacks
6th October LEGO Club
7th October Creative Club - wool crafts
8th October Book Club - robot crafts
9th October games and disco

12th October Cooking club - pizzas
13th October LEGO Club
14th October Creative Club - junk modelling
15th October Book Club - caterpillar crafts
16th October games and disco

19th October Cooking Club - cornflake cakes
20th October LEGO Club
21st October Creative Club - Halloween crafts
22nd October games and disco

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 in our Art learning, we looked at a piece of art work called 'Coming home from school', painted by the artist Lowry. The children shared what they could see in the artwork; "grey and black", "it looks like dark colours", "there are lots of people" and "there's a rectangle house". We discussed that Lowry used straight lines and dull colours in his art work. The children then painted images of their own houses, also using straight horizontal and vertical lines and dull colours. The children commented "my house is square", "my house is a rectangle" and "there are four windows, they are square."



In our Maths learning, the children have been reading stories and singing songs with repeats in them, including the story 'Dig, Dig, Digging' and songs 'Wheels on the Bus' and 'Twinkle, Twinkle

Little Star.'The children printed with sponges and paint to create simple line patterns and also lined up objects to make simple line patterns.



Chestnut

This week Chestnut Class have been creating warning signs to warn people about the Gruffalo! We looked at some examples of some warning signs with other animals on and talked about the different features such as the triangle shape, red outline with white background and the animal being all black. We used rulers to draw the signs and then black pencil to draw the Gruffalo. The adults then scribed the words we used to describe the Gruffalo around the edge of our signs. Our words included 'scary', 'hungry' and 'tall'.



In our Primary Knowledge Curriculum theme we shared our baby photos and compared how we have changed from then to how we look now. We then talked about the stages of a human life cycle and created a timeline from baby all the way to an elderly adult.

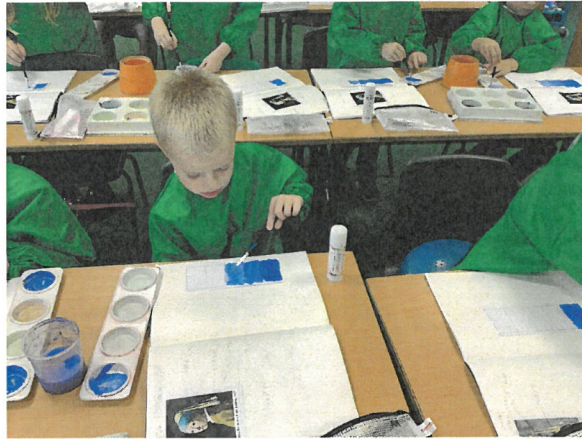


Beech

Beech Class are now powering through the term. On Monday, they looked at Ordnance survey maps, finding out that they began as surveys of the land to help make sure it could be defended in war. We discussed how different features were shown using symbols, and also whether these features were physical features made by nature, or human features created by people.



In Art, they developed their skills by creating tints by gradually adding white to their colour, and shades by adding black. They made a progression chart showing how the colours changed.



Beech Class are particularly working hard on their writing, taking care with how they form their letters and building up their sentences by adding adjectives.

Elm

Elm have had a very exciting week this week. We were amazed on Monday when we spotted that our sugar snap peas have started to germinate. We have learnt about the plant life cycle in our science lessons, so we know that under the soil, there will be roots, and we are waiting to spot the first leaf when it emerges. Once our plants are more established, we will move them outside for better access to sunlight, and we will be able to take them home in a few weeks' time.



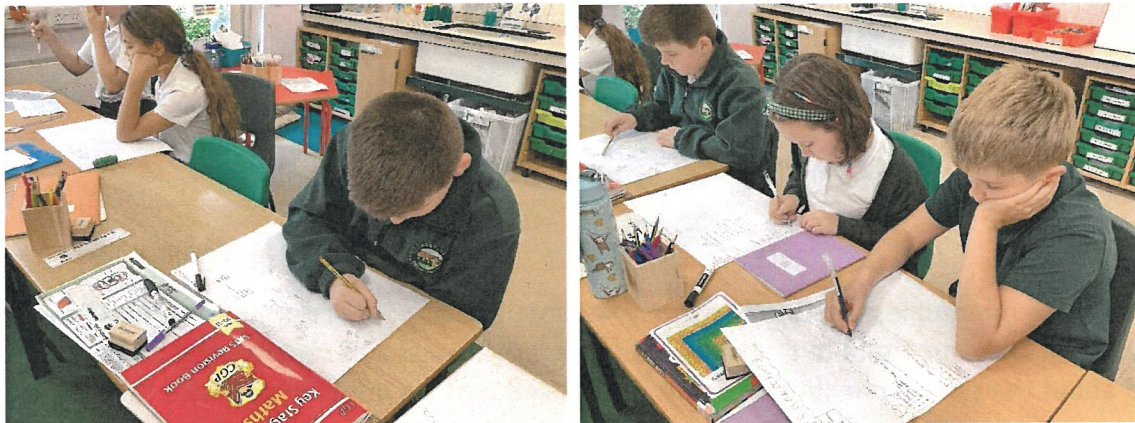
We enjoyed some mindfulness meditation and reflection time as part of our RE lesson on Tuesday, as we learnt that Sikhs meditate to feel more God centred and less self-centred. We had a great discussion about the sounds, sights and smells we noticed that we don't usually take the time to appreciate.



We are also loving our new Latin scheme, 'Maximum Classics'. This week, we looked at where we can see Latin or Greek roots in our daily lives. We learnt that 'Magnum' means big and 'Felix' means lucky; and we learnt that the ampersand (&) and pound (£) signs have Latin roots. The children were very excited to translate some Latin mottos from football logos and are going to be looking for more Latin mottos linked to other teams.

Oak

In Science, we have been learning about blood and the vital role it plays in keeping our bodies healthy. The children explored its main components: red blood cells, which carry oxygen around the body; white blood cells, which help to fight infection; platelets, which allow blood to clot after an injury; and plasma, the liquid that transports blood cells, nutrients and waste products. They enjoyed discussing how these different parts work together as an efficient team and developed their scientific vocabulary as they explained why blood is so important.



The children also worked brilliantly in groups to design fun and exciting games for younger pupils to enjoy during break and lunchtimes. They shared ideas, listened carefully to one another and agreed on clear rules, while thinking about how to make each activity safe, fair and easy to understand. From choosing equipment and organising teams to testing and improving their games, everyone had an important role to play. It was wonderful to see their creativity, communication and leadership skills in action as they planned activities that will help younger children stay active, make friends and have fun together.



Birch Breakfast Club and Apple After School Club

In Cooking Club this week the children made chocolate chip cookies. The children took turns to weigh the ingredients and mix the cookie dough. The annex smelt amazing and the cookies were delicious.



Lego Club was enjoyed by all.



At Craft Club children had a successful session sewing. In Book Club the children read "Charlie Cooks favourite book " which tied in with making paper and wooden bookmarks.



Birch Breakfast Club has been busy this week with lots of fun and physical activities in the hall. Game of the week was Dobble which has been enjoyed by all, along with dominoes and Uno.

Awards of the Week

The following children were particularly celebrated for their effort and achievement in class:

Kayzlynn and Ada Ella in Acorn Class; Santiago and Esmee in Chestnut Class; Albie and Ollie H in Beech Class; Sofia and Lenny in Elm Class; Rowan and Isaac in Oak Class.

Well done to all the children for their hard work this week!

Attendance

School attendance is at **93.7%** for the week.

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

Chestnut – 89.4%

Beech – 94.7%

Elm – 98.3%

Oak - 90%

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

Weekly attendance tickets were awarded to:

Chestnut: Mia, Frazer, Jack, Polly, Santiago, Esmae, Finley, Susie, Jude, Danielius, Teddy-George

Beech: Greg, Albert, George, Maggie, Amelia, Blanka, Ella-Rae, Otis, Elsie, Arley, Ollie H Ella-Rose, Avyana, Alana-Rose, Ollie P, Wilbie, Harry, Emily, Roman, Finlay, Stanley, Albie, Tommy

Elm: Tudor, Kaiser, Oakley, Henry, Ivy, Avery, Teddy, Frankie, Jace, Noel, Freddie, Luna, Megan, Sofia, Mason, Nevaeh, Archer, Mabel, Seb, Lenny, Arthur, Kit, Ryan

Oak: Evie, Tommy, James, Callie, Ella, Rowan, Charlie D, Luna, Eden, Ivy, Charlie G, Albert, Erin, Jack, Leo, Fliss, Scarlett, Joshua, Emily

Worship Focus of the Week

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



