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NEWSLETTER

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve!

Welcome to this week's newsletter!

This week, as we marked Children's Mental Health Week, the school has been buzzing with thoughtful, creative and empowering activities to help pupils deepen their understanding of wellbeing, resilience and feeling safe. We began the week with a whole-school collective worship led by Miss Bradshaw, based on Place2Be's theme, "This is My Place." If you would like to explore this further at home, family resources can be found at: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/resources/#families>

We were also delighted to welcome our local PCSOs, Robbie and Carolyn, who visited each class. Sycamore learnt more about staying safe online, while Oak, Willow and Chestnut enjoyed discovering more about the role of the police, exploring their equipment, and even having a look inside the police van! On Safer Internet Day, the children also took part in a live lesson focused on keeping safe online.

It has been a busy week with parents' evening, and it was wonderful to see so many of you in school, exploring classrooms and looking through your children's books. I would like to offer a personal thank you to all our teachers for their dedication throughout the evening.

Celebrating Children's Mental Health Week during such a packed final week of the half-term has been a timely reminder of the importance of looking after ourselves and one another, and of nurturing a community where everyone can feel supported, harmonious and joyful.

With that in mind, I wish you all a peaceful and restful half-term break.

Miss J Jones



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Thrive Day

A huge thank you to Mrs Ellard for her inspiration around our Thrive Day today. The whole day beautifully reflected our school values of **nurture and inspire**, creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere for everyone. All the children (and adults!) enjoyed coming into school in their comfy clothes; there were some fabulous hoodies, 'oodies', pyjamas and joggers on display! The morning began with a House Worship led by the House Captains, followed by mindful colouring and time to unwind—perfect opportunities to nurture wellbeing and create calm. Oak, Willow and Chestnut then had a visit from local PCSOs Robbie and Carolyn, who shared insights into their role in the community and how they can support us. Later, the children explored their different emotions and discovered strategies to help them regulate themselves. They were even treated to the film *Inside Out* on Disney+, sparking thoughtful discussions about how feelings can influence behaviour.

To finish, the children created '**This is My Place**' artwork, drawing what matters most to them. These inspiring pieces celebrate individuality and the things that make us feel grounded, and we look forward to displaying them around school soon. See the next page for photos!



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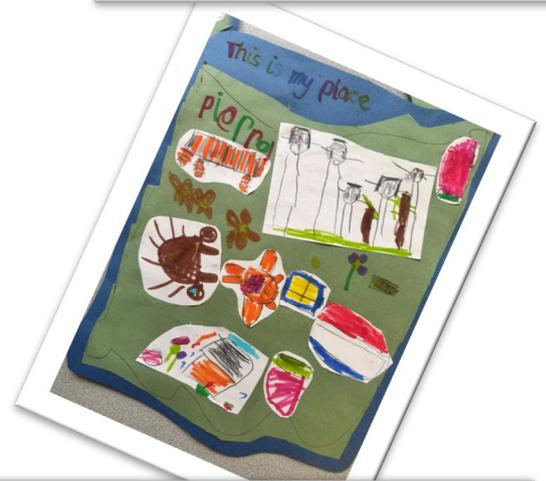


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Children's Mental Health Week artwork



Thank you to all of the parents that attended our most recent SEND & Thrive Coffee morning; it was a really lovely atmosphere of sharing positive strategies and ways in which to support children with their emotional and mental health.

A big thank you to Mrs Grimley and Mrs Ellard for sharing their expertise and providing an informative, friendly session.

We'd love to see more parents at our coffee mornings. It's a chance to get to know other parents at the school, as well as find out more about how we can support you and your children at home.



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A half-term challenge!

Spring term House Challenge:

Create a self-portrait inspired by Frida Kahlo, showing the things that are important to you and that you feel proud of.

Closing date: Monday 23rd March

Prizes will be awarded for the best entry in each house!

Writing week up-date

As per the previous Newsletter, we have an exciting week of Writing coming up! Here are a few more details:

Monday—Write what you want! *Today's English lesson will be based on an image and the children will be encouraged to write creatively.*

Tuesday— Author Visit

Thursday—World Book Day! *The children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character from a book or comic and are welcome to bring this book in. If children prefer not to dress-up, they may come in non-uniform.*

House Worship

On Friday this week, to mark children's Mental Health week, our fabulous House Leaders lead an insightful collective worship around the importance of looking after your own mental health.

They delivered the worship in a friendly, informative manner and ensure all children had the chance to contribute. Their leadership skills really shone through their delivery and careful creation of excellent presentations.

Well done!



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As you will be aware, our school attendance target is 96%. Consistent attendance makes for consistent learning and a positive attitude! We love seeing your children in school. Here's how your child's class has done this week:

	06.02.26	13.02.26
Oak	100%	96%
Willow	96.7%	98.7%
Chestnut	98.9%	96.4%
Sycamore	99.4%	88.8%
Whole-school	98.3%	95.7%

We are delighted to share the fantastic news that our **Condition Improvement Fund (CIF)** bid has been successful, meaning we will be installing a new air source heat pump to support a more sustainable and energy-efficient future for our school, during the Summer Holidays. This is an exciting step forward for our site and will make a real difference to our learning environment. Further information about the project, including timescales and what to expect during the installation period, will be shared in due course.



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Governance at Wootton Waven C of E Primary School

New parent governor:

We are delighted to welcome Gemma Beadling-Strade to our Local Governing Board as parent governor. Her eldest daughter is currently in Chestnut Class, and she hopes her youngest will join Oak in September. Gemma will focus on monitoring the curriculum, but she brings her knowledge and experience from her career in property management in regulated industries. We are so pleased to have Gemma on board to bring challenge and support of our fabulous school.



Our Local Governing Board & Responsibilities:

- Chair, Safeguarding—Kathryn Ellicot (co-opted)
- Vice-Chair, Curriculum—Carla Suffield (Parent)
- SEND & Equality and Inclusion—Patricia Baker (Foundation)
- Health and Safety & Compliance—Faisal Khawaja
- Behaviour & Attendance—Dr John Wilkinson (Foundation)
- Finance & Pupil Premium—Fiona Harris (Parent)
- Curriculum—Mike Dufty (co-opted) - *expiring soon*
- Vacancy for co-opted Governor (to be confirmed)

Staff Governors:

- Jess Jones (Head teacher)
- Charlotte Woods (Class teacher)
- Helen White (ICT Administrator)



Foundation committee:

- Patricia Baker, Dr John Wilkinson, Jess Jones & Vicky Khawaja



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House point totals so far...

Falcons (yellow)

Mrs Wood
Mrs White & Miss Lovell
Mrs Hartwright



518

Buzzards (blue)

Mrs Woods
Mrs Grimley
Mrs Agar & Mrs Folkes



505

Red Kites (red)

Mrs Khawaja / Mrs Gair
Mrs Ellard
Mrs Ross



468

Hawks (green)

Miss Bradshaw
Mrs Coldicutt
Miss Barnett



558

Stars of the Week!



**For: Friendship: on
6.02.26:**



Teddy, Sophie, Helier, Cora, Heath, Arya, Elsie,
Huxon, Dan and Oliver.

For: Teacher's Choice: on 12.02.26:

James, Harry B, Archie Cr, Aria, Ebe, Laurie,
Freddie K, Zuri, Louis and Tracey (twice!)

Well done, we are very proud of you!

Thank you to those of you who joined us on
Thursday 12th for Celebration Worship.

2027/28 term dates

Autumn term 2027

- Starts - Wednesday 1 September - this is a teacher training day
- Half term - 25 to 29 October
- Ends - Friday 17 December
- Christmas holiday - 20 December to 4 January 2028

Spring term 2028

- Starts - Wednesday 5 January - this is a teacher training day
- Half term - 14 to 18 February
- Ends - Friday 7 April
- Easter holiday - 10 to 21 April

Summer term 2028

- Starts - Monday 24 April
- Half term - 29 May to 2 June
- Ends - Friday 21 July

Academic year

2027-2028

Warwickshire Local authority have published their school dates. Please find them below for your diaries. Once we have our confirmed Teacher Training Dates for 2027-2028, we will let you know.



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Diary dates

Half-term—16th February to 20th February 2026

23.02.26	Back to school
02.03.26	Writing Week—more information to follow
05.03.26	World Book Day— <i>Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite character or in non-uniform</i>
13.03.26	2:40pm—Willow class worship—all parents and families invited
20.03.26	Comic Relief - children can come into school in non-uniform for a donation
20.03.26	9—10:30am—SEND coffee morning—all parents and families invited
26.03.26	Easter Service at St. Peter's Church – 9:30am- all parents and family invited
27.03.26	Celebration Worship at 2.30pm- all parents and family invited
Easter break—30th March—10th April 2026	
13.04.26	Return to school
04.05.26	Bank Holiday
11.05.26	Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs
22.05.26	Celebration Worship—2:30pm— all parents and family invited
Half term (Monday 25/05/26 – Friday 29/05/26)	
01.06.26	INSET day—Teachers only
02.06.26	Children return to school

PE days—Spring term 2

Oak—Weds & Fri

Willow— Mon & Tues

Chestnut— Tues & Thurs

Sycamore— Weds & Thurs

