



Friday 13th October 2023

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Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our beautiful Harvest Service at St. Peter's Church—it was really lovely to have family and friends join us to celebrate this time of the year. We have been reflecting on Harvest time and how grateful we are for those that provide for us. Some great performances by Sycamore, Oak and Chestnut

class had us all singing along and dancing in our seats! Willow class's wonderful artwork was really a sight to see too; the children have spent a long time considering the images of Autumn and Harvest time for their wreaths. An enormous thank you to everyone for donating items for the church's Hampers which will be auctioned off **this Saturday 14th October** at the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall at 7:30pm. The proceeds will go to the charity 'Feed the Hungry'.



Next week is our 'Protective Behaviours' week—the Taking Care Project. Protective behaviours is a practical approach to personal safety, self-esteem, resilience and confidence building. This is based on two themes (see to the right). It includes learning to recognise when we feel safe and teaches the ability to recognise when we are not feeling safe. It also provides skills and tools to enable individuals to take action and get help when they need it. More information can be found here:

<https://www.protectivebehaviours.org/what-does-protective-behaviours-mean>

As part of this week, we are holding a 'Thrive' day on **Wednesday 18th October**, where we will be working on sharing mindfulness approaches to support positive and healthy well-being. A letter about this day will be sent out separately.



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Stars of the week!

Date: 6th October For: Perseverance

Well done to: Ava B, Willow, Charlotte, Harry, Ava P, Cora, Charlie, Isaac, Lenny, Edward, Olivia and Aria.

We also celebrated the out-of-school achievements of Ava H, Zuria, Nyla, Tia, Henry and James.

Stars of the week!

Date: 13th October For: English

Well done to: Theo, Rosa, Harry T, Lola, Chloe, Charlie S, Skylar and Amelie.

We also celebrated the out-of-school achievements of James C, Ollie, Oscar,

Sienna, Ruby, Willow, Nyla, James B, Parker, Edward, Henry, Rosa.

Attendance corner



Our attendance this week is 94.8%. Our school target is 96.5% - so we aren't far off! As the term goes on, the children will inevitably become more tired so please ensure sensible bedtimes and restful evenings!

Oak class were the winners **AGAIN** this week with **100%** attendance! That's the fifth week running. Willow class were in 2nd place, just under our target with 96.2% - well done Willow class too! Keep it up!

CELEBRATE!

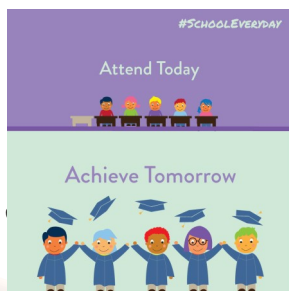
Come and celebrate!

On Thursday 26th October at 2:40pm, we will be holding our final Celebration assembly of the term. If your child has been the Star of the Week during Autumn 1, we invite you in on this date to celebrate with us.

FOWS AGM

Please come and support the work of our amazing 'Friends' team by attending their AGM on **Thursday 19th October 7:30pm** at The Kings Head in Aston Cantlow. We are always so grateful to FOWS for the money they raise for our wonderful school.

We raised a whopping **£449** for Macmillan from our coffee morning— thank you so much for your support!



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

Head teachers **shall not** grant **any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** there are **exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.

If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. [When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.](#)

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent [ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.](#)

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.



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Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority



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Dates for your diary

- 17.10.23 2:30pm—Oak Class Phonics Workshop— Parents invited
- 18.10.23 Thrive Day—parents invited (separate letter)
Parents' Evening bookings open
Beech Hut Movie Night
- 19.10.23 Sycamore Bell Boating
- 20.10.23 Immunisations
- 23.10.23 Pirate day—Willow Class
- 24.10.23 Individual photographs
- 25.10.23 Parents' Evening
- 26.10.23 2:40pm **End of term** Celebration assembly—parents invited
BREAK THE RULES day
- 27.10.23 **INSET DAY—teachers only**
- Half term
- 06.11.23 Back to school :)
- 08.11.23 Alcester Fire station visit into school—Year 5 and Year 1
- 13.11.23 Anti-Bullying Week
- 15.11.23 Beech Hut Karaoke evening
- 17.11.23 Chestnut class—Ancient Egyptians Workshop
- 20.11.23 1:45pm—Open Afternoon for new parents (Reception 2024)
- 21.11.23 Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight checks
- 24.11.23 Chestnut class assembly
- 28.11.23 1:45pm—Open Afternoon for new parents (Reception 2024)
- 12.12.23 2:30pm—Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
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