

*"Following God's path to flourish in life"*

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### This week in school...



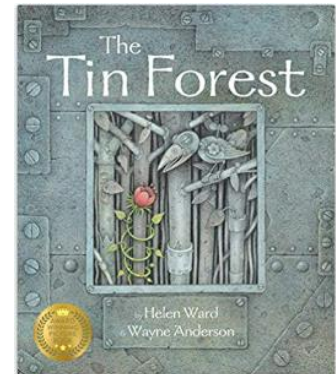
**Willow Class** has had a very busy week. The children have been working so hard to learn their Tricky Words by taking part in lots of fun new activities.

In their art lesson, the children have been learning about the artist Paul Klee and they have even created their own collage in the style of Klee's famous work, Castle and Sun.



We have enjoyed a super week of learning in **Oak Class** this week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their new English text 'Traction Man' and have been fully engaging their wonderful imaginations to complete some great writing. In their Art lesson, the children started to look at the work of Picasso and they had great fun creating a self-portrait in his style. In Science lessons, the class started to learn about the different senses that humans have and how these can be used to understand the world around them.

In English, the children in **Beech Class** have begun reading a story called 'The Tin Forest'. They have been working hard creating descriptive phrases and thinking of interesting sentence openers in preparation for writing a setting description next week. In science, the children used torches to investigate how the size of a shadow changes as the distance between the object and the light source increases. In art, the children have started to learn about the sculptor Michelle Reader who uses recycled and collected items to make sculptures.



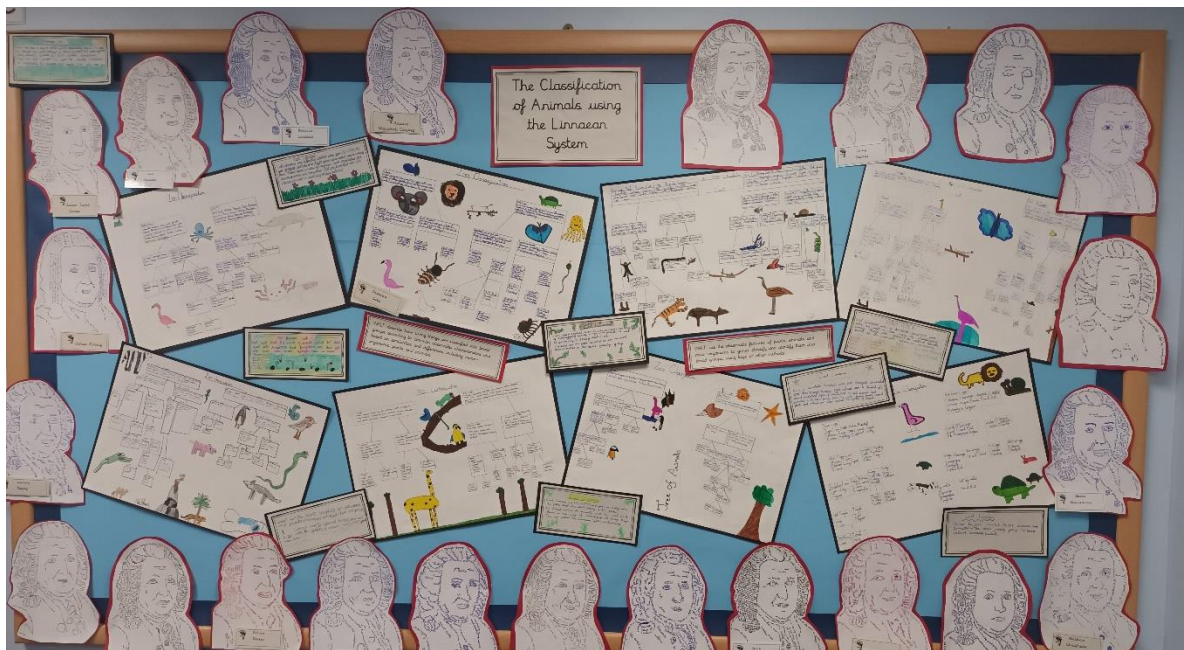
**Elm Class** worked well as a team on Wednesday afternoon, creating a collage of the Baptism of Jesus in preparation for a display. The children behaved brilliantly at their first school swimming lesson this week. They listened well to the instructions given by the Leisure Centre Staff and demonstrated their swimming showing great perseverance and effort. In maths, the children have continued to develop and apply their multiplication knowledge and have shown determination to complete reasoning and problem-solving questions.



This week in **Sycamore Class**, the children have created sculptures using plasticine to create sculptures in the style of Alberto Giacometti. The

children created safety posters in PSHE and have been learning about Jewish food laws in RE. Using what they had learned, they created a Jewish menu to represent what they could eat. In History, the children have started learning about the Shang Dynasty and created a time line of the events, they also discussed what was important about that time period. The class had a fantastic afternoon on Friday, with half the children starting Forest School and taking part in outdoor activities such as den building and hide and seek, whilst the other half were learning football skills.

The children in **Maple Class** have had a busy week. The highlights were the first swimming session of 2023, learning about Carl Linnaeus and creating a display about classification, going to Young Voices and starting a new book, 'The Nowhere Emporium', which is proving to be very intriguing.



### Facebook

I have been made aware that a new dare game is circulating around Facebook. In it, the children are “dared” to self-harm. If your child has access to Facebook, please take note of what they are watching.

### Attendance of the week...

Willow	Oak	Beech	Elm	Sycamore	Maple
96.4%	96.9%	98.4%	99.3%	98.1%	96.6%

Well done to everyone. All attendances are over 96%. A particular well done to children in Elm Class with an attendance of 99.3%.

### CHILL – Before and After School Wrap-Around-Care

Online booking forms are available on the school website. Please make all bookings by 1pm on Friday the week before and ensure payment has been made in **advance** via ParentPay or childcare vouchers activated. To make a booking click on the link below.

[CLICK HERE to book your child into CHILL](#)

### School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Week 3 Menu	Hot Specials		Daily Fave	Jackets	Puddings
Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Chilli Served with Wholegrain Rice	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Strawberry Ice Cream with Fruit Slices
Tuesday	BBQ Chicken Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Chow Mein Served with Two Vegetables	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Fruity Flapjack Bar
Wednesday	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Quorn Roast Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Fruit Jelly and Custard
Thursday	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Two Vegetables	Vegetarian Cottage Pie Served with Two Vegetables and Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Orange, Sultana and Carrot Slice
Friday	Fish Fingers Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Chocolate Milkshake served with a Chocolate Biscuit and Fruit Slices

### Prayer Space

Lord, Thank you for the gift of reading. Learning to read opens up a world of possibilities. The reader can be transported back in time, informed, entertained, moved, enlightened and can travel to a place and time that does not exist. Lord, your words and deeds are recorded in the Bible. Help us to understand your words and apply them to our daily lives. Amen.

### Pupils of the week



Well done to Ivy, Ernie, Prasanna, Olervine- Marie, Harry, Beau, Thomas, Mark and Lucas. We are really proud of you.

### And finally...

On Wednesday, 32 Key Stage 2 children went to Birmingham NEC to sing at Young Voices. Over 6000 children attended along with thousands of parents to watch. Heather Small, the lead singer of M People, performed alongside the children. It was a long day for the children. They behaved brilliantly and performed superbly. Many thanks go to Mrs Edgecombe and Mrs Barwell for teaching the children the songs and also to Mrs Collins, Mrs Beardmore and Mrs Munden for accompanying the children on the day. Mr Hayward.

## Term Dates and Events for the Year 2022 - 2023

### Spring Term 2023

**Holiday:** Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

**Term ends:** Friday 31 March

**Holiday:** Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 9 April

### Summer Term 2023

**Term starts:** Monday 17 April

**May Day:** Monday 1 May

**Inset day: Friday 26 May**

**Holiday:** Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

**Inset day: Monday 5 June**

Wednesday 5 July      New Reception children (September 2023) to visit all day

Wednesday 5 July      Y6 pupils to visit Weston Road Academy

Friday 7 July            Sports Day and Summer Fair

**Term ends:** Tuesday 25 July

**Holiday:** Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September

## Term Dates Year 2023 - 2024

### Autumn Term 2023

**Inset day:** Monday 4 September

**Term starts:** Tuesday 5 September

**Holiday:** Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November

**Term ends:** Friday 22 December

**Holiday:** Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

### Spring Term 2024

**Term Starts:** Monday 8 January

**Holiday:** Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

**Term Ends:** Friday 22 March

**Holiday:** Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 31 March

**Summer Term 2024**

**Term Starts:** Monday 8 April  
**May Day:** Monday 6 May  
**Holiday:** Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May  
**Term Ends:** Monday 22 July  
**Holiday:** Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August