

"Following God's path to flourish in life"

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 6th October 2023

The children in **Willow Class** have enjoyed their art lessons this week. They have been studying Vincent Van Gogh and used his 'Sunflower' painting as inspiration for their artwork. The Year 1 children each collaged a sunflower using a range of resources, observing real sunflowers to help them. The Reception children created a vase for all of the sunflowers to be displayed in. Later in the week, some Reception children chose to recreate sunflowers using loose parts and picture frames to create their own images. The Year 1 children have completed their first piece of Wonderful Writing this week and did a super job. Using the text 'No, Nancy, No!' the children drew characters from the story. Also, they wrote labels for them and wrote captions too.



This week in **Oak Class**, the children became historians by closely studying and considering historical sources to see how helpful they are in learning about The Great Fire of London. They also made their own version of what a house would have been like in 1666 and drew boats that people would have sailed on the River Thames to escape the fire. As you can see from the wonderful display that they have created, they have done an amazing job. In Music, the children have started to learn a Harvest song which they are excited to perform next Friday at our Harvest Festival. They are also really enjoying their new class



text 'Paddington's Guide to London' and have started to identify the basic features of non-fiction texts and how these help the reader to understand and find information.



Bob the skeleton returned to **Beech Class** for Science this week! The children identified bones in the human skeleton that support our bodies and enable us to stand, and bones that protect some of our important organs such as the brain, heart and lungs. In Geography, the children learnt about counties; shading them on a map and

creating a key. In PSHE, the children have been learning about road safety. This week, they found out about the different types of crossings; Zebra, Pelican, Puffin and Toucan crossings. In Art, the children had fun using digital media to create graffiti style artwork. In English, the children have finished writing their diary entries, and have completed their first success checklists. They have worked hard on their first piece of Year 3 writing and should be very proud of themselves!

In science, **Elm Class** has investigated the question, do sugary drinks cause tooth decay? The children used eggshells to represent teeth. The children were excited to see the results after four eggs had been left in water, milk, orange juice and Ribena for a week. While writing up the results, the children showed that they can think like scientists.



In **Sycamore Class**, the child had an amazing time learning about alternative power and creating Ferris wheels using K'Nex. In Geography, they enjoyed making top trump cards of different countries in North and South America and having a game afterwards to see which country had the highest values in different topics. In Maths, the children practised their addition and subtraction column methods with numbers up to 6 digits. In PE, they were practising their tennis skills and in English they have all written fantastic letters persuading the Victorian Government to abolish workhouses.

On Wednesday, **Maple Class** thoroughly enjoyed the exciting and challenging workshop, led by Stephen from STEM, building Ferris wheels powered by solar power. Everyone managed to make a working model and some of the creativity that went into their Ferris designs was just fantastic. During French lessons, the children have been rewriting their own version of 'The Gruffalo' in French! As part of their History topic on WWII, the children wrote persuasive letters, from Prime Minister Winston Churchill, to the 'Mothers of Britain' encouraging them to send their children to be evacuated. The examples given are first drafts which have not been edited but are still very impressive. Having learnt about the body's circulatory and digestive systems and how to keep them healthy, the children have created their own booklets about how to live a healthy lifestyle.



Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 10th October and Thursday 12th October

On the evening

- All parents and carers make their way to the school hall a few minutes before their allocated time to book in.
- Children's books will be collected by Year 6 children and given to parents and carers to look at when they arrive.
- A minute before your consultation meeting, parents and carers will be called and escorted by Y6 pupils to your child's classroom to meet your child's class teacher.
- You will have ten minutes to discuss your child's progress.
- After ten minutes, the next parents, escorted by Y6 pupils, will arrive and the first parents and carers escorted back to the hall. And so on...

Could we ask please, once the next parents arrive, discussions are "wrapped" up quickly so that the following parents have the same amount of time for their consultation. We will be following a clock so please ensure you arrive on time for your meeting otherwise you will have to wait for the next available time slot. Thank you.

Harvest Festival – Friday 13th October 10.30am – Weston Village Hall

The children are getting really excited about this year's harvest festival. The arrangements are as follows:

- On Friday morning, the children in Willow, Oak, Beech, Elm and Maple Classes are invited to bring donations of food (tinned, dried packets eg pasta, jars, breakfast cereals, bottles eg squash) or toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, shower gel) into school. These will be given to The House of Bread charity in Stafford.
- The children in Sycamore Class are invited to bring in cupcakes for all the children to enjoy after the harvest service. We are asking for donations which can be paid on Parent Pay. The money raised from this cake sale will go towards Macmillan Cancer Support. This cake sale will take place in school and is only for the children. We are asking for 50p donations please. The children who provide the cakes, that is their donation.
- Weston village hall will be available from 10.00am. I would appreciate it if parents arriving could help set out the chairs.
- After the service, parents and families are warmly invited to stay for refreshments. Tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale. Members of STAA have kindly agreed to serve the refreshments and provide the cakes. Your support would greatly be appreciated.
- Finally, when all the refreshments are gone, if I could have some help putting the chairs away, that would be great.

The children are learning songs, poems and prayers. The children will make their way, with staff, to the village hall and arrive at approximately 10.25am. The service will last about half an hour.

Year 6 Bikeability – Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th October

On Wednesday and Thursday, the children in Maple Class will undergo Level 2 Bikeability training. The purpose of the training is to ensure the children learn to ride safely. The children will begin their training in the school grounds and, following an assessment, will be asked to ride planned routes around Weston village. The children will carry out further assessments on local roads, such as negotiating road junctions. Each bike will be checked before use.

School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 9th October

MENU	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Pizza Mac & Cheese (V) or Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea with Rice (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)
TUESDAY	Chicken Tandoori with Golden Rice (Wg) or Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn, Green Beans Peach & Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Cabbage, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly and Pineapple (Ve)
THURSDAY	Chicken, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg) or Penne with Beany Bolognese (Ve)(Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Swede, Shredded Carrots Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers with Chips or Garden Vegetable Goujons with Chips (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Iced Shortbread (Ve)

CHILL – 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.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS SCHOOL WEB PAGE FOR BOOKINGS](#)

Chill emergency phone number – 07535042629

Enquiries to Sue McCoskry - chill@st-andrews-weston.staffs.sch.uk

Prayer Space

My heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and make music with all my soul. Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn. I will praise you, LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

Psalm 108

This week's attendance

Willow	Oak	Beech	Elm	Sycamore	Maple
94.4%	97.9%	97.5%	98.3%	98.3%	100%

Well done Maple Class. A perfect attendance.



And finally...

Just a note to say, that on Thursday 12th October, all office staff across the MAT will be unavailable between 9.30am and 12.30pm because they will be training. Please leave messages on the school phone if you have an urgent message. The phones will be checked regularly throughout the morning. Thank you for your understanding.

Mr Hayward.

Term Dates and Events for the Year 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Tuesday 10 October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 11 October	Maple Class (Year 6) Bikeability training – Level 2
Thursday 12 October	Parents' Evening
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Friday 13 October	Harvest Festival – Weston Village Hall – 10.30am
Monday 16 October	Maple Class children leave for Stanley Head residential visit
Friday 20 October	Maple Class children return from Stanley Head

Half Term: Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November

Inset day: Monday 6 November

Monday 13 November	Whole school flu immunisation
Thursday 30 November	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm
Friday 8 December	School Christmas Fair – 3.30pm
Friday 14 December	Christmas pantomime in school
Friday 22 December	Last day of term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 25 December – Friday 6 January

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 January	Term starts
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Half term break: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Thursday 14 March	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm
Friday 31 March	

Easter Holiday: Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

Summer Term 2024

Monday 8 April	Term starts
Wednesday 10 April	Elm Class (Year 4) to Laches Wood – Residential visit
Friday 12 April	Elm Class return from Laches Wood
Monday 22 April	Stafford's Gotta Dance 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Monday 6 May	School closed – May Day
Thursday 16 May	Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm

Inset day: Friday 24 May

Half Term Break: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Inset day: Monday 3 June

Thursday 20 June

Governors' Local Academy Committee meeting 6.00pm

Thursday 4 July

Mid-Trent MAT Board meeting

Friday 19 July

Leavers assembly 2.00pm

Inset day: Monday 22 July

Summer Holiday: Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August 2024

Term Dates for 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Inset day: Monday 2 September

Term Starts: Tuesday 3 September

Holiday: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Term Ends: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January

Holiday: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Term Ends: Friday 11 April

Holiday: Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 20 April

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April

May Day: Monday 5 May

Holiday: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Term Ends: Monday 21 July

Holiday: Tuesday 22 July – Friday 29 August