



## Newsletter 7



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

**Mr P Hayward: Headteacher**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Willow Class** children have had a super week of learning this week. To begin their new unit of writing in English, they had to predict who their new story book character was. The children were given clues including a suitcase containing a hat, coat, label and marmalade sandwiches. There were some fantastic predictions, with many guessing the character correctly as Paddington Bear. The Year 1 children have enjoyed learning about part-whole models in maths and wrote addition number sentences to represent these. The Reception children have enjoyed practising their number formation, matching quantities to numerals and creating different representations for the number 4.

In **Oak Class**, the children really enjoyed working in pairs during English to study a poem from the anthology 'The London Bus.' They illustrated copies of the poems beautifully to create a new classroom display. During PSHE, Year 2 children created their own cardboard shoes to practise tying their shoelaces whilst Year 1 have been demonstrating their knowledge of Road Safety by making posters in groups. In their History lesson, the children developed their chronology skills by forming and then recording a timeline of the key events from The Great Fire of London.



In Maths this week, the children in **Beech Class** have started learning about addition and subtraction. They have been using their number bonds to and within 10 to help them complete calculations with larger numbers; e.g.  $3+1=4$  so  $30+10=40$  and  $300+100=400$ . In English, the children have started their next unit of writing about instructions and explanations. This week, they have had fun giving verbal instructions to a partner. They had to include time connectives and imperative (bossy) verbs, instructing their partners to complete a drawing. In Art, the children have started to make their graffiti stencils and will begin painting next week. In Geography, the children have been using atlases to locate the main cities of the UK. They then labelled them on their own maps. The week ended with our lovely Harvest celebration, and Beech Class did a super job performing their poem!



First of all, well done to **Elm Class** for performing the French song 'Meunier tu dors' so well at the Harvest Festival. The photo shows the children having fun and learning their 7 times table to a TT

Rockstars song. Also, thank you to all of Elm Class for working hard while Mrs Yewdell has been off this week.

In **Sycamore Class**, the children have been learning about rivers and their features in Geography. In English, they have enjoyed writing up letters on laptops. In Science, they enjoyed using plasticine in an experiment to see the effects on water resistance on different shapes. They observed how streamlined shapes have less water resistance, so therefore go faster. Over the whole week, the children have enjoyed rehearsing for their harvest performance, practising their song and poem, which they performed beautifully in the village hall. They all worked really hard on their performance and should be so proud of themselves.

**Maple Class** has had another busy, challenging but enjoyable week. The children have all taken part in their Level 2 Bikeability course and passed with flying colours; with many compliments from their course leaders. After a lot of hard work, the Mr Men books have been completed and once they are put together will look brilliant. The children in Maple Class are now looking forward to sharing them with children in Willow and Oak Classes before half term. The week was topped off by the Harvest Festival Service. All the children performed brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves.

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

MENU	WEEK ONE
MONDAY	Mac & Cheese (V) or Mixed Bean Chilli with Rice (Ve)(Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream
TUESDAY	Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg) or Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn & Peppers, Cauliflower Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Chickpea and Veggie Puff with Roasties (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Broccoli, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly and Peaches
THURSDAY	Tuna & Pasta Pesto Pasta (Wg) or Penne with Tomato Super Sauce (Ve) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Green Beans, Swede Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers with Chips or Falafel Wrap with Mint Yoghurt & Chips Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Flapjack (Ve)

## Harvest Festival Donations – Thank you



Thank you so much for the generous donations you made on Friday. Representatives from the House of Bread charity were delighted when they saw the amount of food and other items that you have donated. Representatives from the charity said that supermarkets are now giving food to their own staff and so the charity receives fewer donations. Therefore, St Andrew's contribution was greatly appreciated.

The pictures below were taken during our Harvest Festival service. Many thanks go to Reverend Danny for joining us, to Mrs Boothby for playing the keyboard, to Mrs Munden for setting out the chairs and to STAA for baking and making cakes, tea and coffee to sell. The children recited their poems and sang the songs beautifully.



### 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**

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### Prayer Space

Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands. Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

(Psalm 112)

### This week's attendance

Willow	Oak	Beech	Elm	Sycamore	Maple
99.6%	94.1%	93.1%	96.7%	98.7%	100%



Another perfect week from Maple Class, second in a row. Well done Willow Class, an excellent attendance.

### And finally...

Just a polite reminder that the morning gate closes at 8.50am. I have noticed more families arriving after this time. Please make an extra effort to get the children into school on time, especially as the weather is turning darker and colder. Many thanks to those families who arrive on time every day.

Well wishes go to the Year 6 children who will be departing for Stanley Head on Monday. They are going for the five days and so will be out of school until Friday. We hope they have a happy and safe time away.

Mr Hayward.

### Term Dates and Events for the Year 2023 - 2024

#### Autumn Term 2023

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

**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