



Newsletter

“Forward thinking and creative; valuing faith, tradition, community and achievement”



‘Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.’ **JOSHUA 1:9**

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Issue 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week in school, and we have been very proud of how well all of the children have settled into all the school routines.



This week our Reception children stayed for lunch and they took this in their stride, really enjoying the fun of lunch-time. The older children enjoyed having them here, too. As ever, they have shown great care towards our youngest children and have helped them to settle in with so much confidence.

We have selected our House Captains and our Sports Captain this week. We are pleased to announce that Milo and Tana will lead Fermyn, Lauren and Elliot will lead Rockingham, Sophie and Emma will lead Lyveden, with Connie and Emma leading Deene. Ethan has been selected as Sport Captain, to lead our school in a range of sporting activities throughout the year. We know that all of these children will set an excellent example to everyone in school. As Emma said, “We will be kind to everyone and we will show respect. We will share and care and always set a good example.”



Our Key Stage 2 children had great fun at the cricket on Tuesday and enjoyed watching Northamptonshire take on Nottinghamshire.

Ethan Pike, our sports captain, commented on how watching a game can help you to improve. ***“It was good to see how many different ways you can hit the ball. It was also good to see how effective the fielders were. All the school enjoyed the game and it made us all want to play cricket again.”***

Clubs are now fully underway! Art club are working on a range of community projects this term. We are starting by painting some stones with poppies to link with the work that all the children are doing to prepare for Remembrance. We will be displaying our painted stones on the bank at the front of the school for the whole village to enjoy. Underneath each one there will be a special dedication, and we are sure that everyone will enjoy looking at them.



The painted stones will be appearing soon...

The children have enjoyed all the clubs this week, but can we please remind everyone that if your child is unable to attend you will need to inform the office or the teacher who is running the club.

REVEREND HEATHER LOWE

We were pleased to welcome our new vicar to the school on Wednesday. She enjoyed looking round and is keen to be involved with our school and the children of our village. She will be joining us for our Harvest Celebration on 4th October, and she looks forward to seeing many families in St. Andrew’s Church; this Sunday her service will be at 9.30am. We are sure you will join us in wishing her a very happy and rewarding future in our village community.



Attendance

Attendance in school last week was 96.9%. Well done to **Willow Class** and **Cherry Blossom** class who had 100%.



Upcoming Events

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| 25 th , 26 th September | Bikeability for Year 6 |
| 26 th September | Playmaker training for Year5 |
| 27 th September | Cross country event for KS2 |
| 28 th , 29 th September | Bikeability for Year 5 |
| 29 th September | Macmillan coffee morning, 9.15, run by the school council. |
| 4 th October | Harvest assembly at 9.30 am |
| 10 th October | Parents Evening, 4.30-7.30pm |
| 11 th October | Parents Evening, 3.40-5.30pm |
| 12 th October | Y5, 6 meeting about residential, 3.30pm |



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

- Reception – Jayden Smith for having beautiful manners, always being ready to listen and learn and practising his writing.
- Year 1 – Poppy Wise for being such a kind and helpful member of Maple class and setting a great example.
- Year 2 – Brayden Wilson for showing everyone how to be ready to learn at the start of each lesson and setting a great example.
- Year 3 – Otto Whorrell for persevering with number lines even when it got tricky, well done!
- Year 4 – Oscar Mumford for a transformation in his attitude towards handwriting.
- Year 5 – Ruby Eyre for accurate rounding homework and a beautifully presented piece of work for the Learning Log task.
- Year 6 – Oscar Hunt for an engaging piece of narrative work and clearly explaining his reasoning in the maths mastery question.



Awards and Certificates outside of school

Oliver Combrink

U9 Cricket Coach Award



WILLOW CLASS

We have had another fantastic week in Reception.

It has been Colour Week this week. We have had lots of fun finding things that are our favourite colours and reading Elmer who is a very colourful elephant, not grey like other elephants and making our very own Elmer for our classroom.

We have also really enjoyed staying for lunch this week. The hot dinners are yummy and have been eaten up very quickly!

The children are continuing to behave beautifully, remembering their manners and being good friends to each other. They are also continuing to make other friends in other classes.



We have a lot to look forward to next week, too. On Friday we will be having a special day in school when we come to school in our FAVOURITE COLOURS!

Please can you send your child to school dressed in their favourite colour on that day.

We will be having a special fruit snack on that day, too, and we will be decorating biscuits with coloured icing.



MAPLE CLASS

We have had another busy week. The children have been really enjoying Literacy this week, continuing our work based on the story Funnybones and the children will be involved in writing a newspaper report to describe what happens in the story. A highlight to our Literacy lessons has been doing the Skeleton Dance to the song Dem Bones, Dem Bones.

In Maths we have moved onto a unit of work based on addition and subtraction and the commutative law.

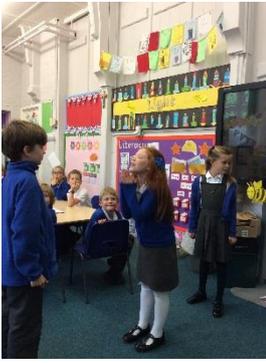
In Science we have continued our investigations based on ourselves, learning about the effects of exercise on the heart, where our organs are in body, how our hearing works, what a healthy balanced meal and lunch box consist of and seasonal changes in our environment.

We will be starting an art project in preparation for Christmas and the children will be designing their own Christmas card.

CHERRY BLOSSOM

In Maths this week, we have been putting our knowledge of place value to the test! We have been using a number line to add and subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers. It is so important that the children understand how to partition each number, this helps them when adding mentally.

In Literacy, we have continued our work on Greek myths. We read the story of King Midas and the Golden Touch, then used this to create our own drama performance and describe the characters.



We have also been making our Christmas cards ready to send off for Cauliflower Cards. The children really enjoyed doing this and each card is unique and creative. We can't wait for you to see them.

The highlight of our week so far has been our trip to Northants Cricket ground. The sun was shining, we got free hats and it was interesting watching professional cricketers in action. All of Year 3 and 4 were well behaved and enjoyed the experience. We are also really looking forward to taking part in the TATA Steel triathlon.

OAK CLASS

This week we have spent time looking at the pictorial representation of the well know Christmas Song, The Twelve Days of Christmas, and the meaning behind each of these gifts. We then designed Christmas Cards using this focus and family and friends will be able to buy these once they return from the printers. On Wednesday afternoon we enjoyed working with other children in the school during another Day 10 session.

We have continued to rehearse our comprehension skills; reading test and answering a range of questions. Using editing and focusing on clauses, fronted adverbials and noun phrases we have improved our writing; this time focusing on the scene where Lady Macbeth tried, unsuccessful, to calm her husband down at the banquet. English also continued with 'Tuesday', whereby the class took on the role of reporter and practiced using open and closed questions to investigate the unusual events. In maths we have looked at rounding numbers and negative numbers.

Science was all about classifying animals depending on their characteristics, this encouraged much discussion about how they should be grouped and which characteristics the class found important. They then had to explain their thinking using scientific language and how they related to their habitat.

We are looking forward to an active morning, on Friday, when we take part in the Triathlon.