

Kindness and Co-operation	Thankfulness	Friendship and Sharing	Respect	Unity	Responsibility
Hope and Peace	Patience and Perseverance	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This week the children have been getting to grips with new subject content in a number of their lessons as we start the new term. Having tried a topic approach in the past where each half term there was a different focus, we found that retention of skills and knowledge was not as thorough as we would have liked due to the length of time between revisiting subjects. This year we have opted for a 2-week timetable which we shared with you at the start of the academic year. This means that the gap between subjects is a lot shorter and pupils are knowing more and remembering more of their learning. So far this is showing positive results, subjects are taught more discretely but pupils are making the links between their learning now and previous knowledge they have gained.

On the class pages on our website you will find the termly overviews which will show you what is being covered in each subject to enable you to have conversations at home with your children about their learning. Clicking the relevant year group below will take you to the page you need. These can be found by following the link to Spring Term learning at the bottom of that website page.



Year 1 [Yew](#)



Year 2 [Aspen](#)



Year 3 [Rowan](#)



Year 4 [Poplar](#)



Year 5 [Juniper](#)



Year 6 [Elder](#) | [Sycamore](#)

We will also be uploading this term's knowledge organisers to the class pages by the end of next week too so please look out for these. We look forward to discussing your child's learning with you at Parents' Evening in February - please see dates over the page.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

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Attendance

Maple Tree supports the government campaign 'Moments matter, attendance counts.' which aims to highlight the importance of school attendance.

Last academic year we updated our attendance policy and are now embedding this. Our attendance policy, along with our other policies can be found [here](#).

Unsure if your child is well enough to attend school?

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. A great resource is the [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) which outlines a range of infectious diseases and what to do.

What do I do if my child is ill?

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please ensure that you let us know by calling and leaving a message or emailing the school office. If we do not hear from you a follow up parentmail will be sent, which could be followed up by a phone call.

What is school doing to help reduce the spread of infection?

School knows the importance of regular and effective handwashing. We also ensure spaces are well-ventilated and monitor this with our classroom CO2 monitors. Communications are sent about the presence of particular injections to parents and carers where needed and outbreaks are reported to public health.

For more information about school attendance, visit our [website](#).



Headteacher Awards

This week the awards are for...

...being a calming influence!



Fir:

★ Lana

Yew:

★ Sophie B

Aspen:

Ella ★

Rowan:

Harper

Poplar:

Darcey

Juniper:

Sophie M ★

Sycamore:

Megan ★

Elder:

Lottie ★

A special well done to Reuben for achieving distinction in his Grade 1 violin exam!

This week's House Winners



Congratulations!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 8th February 2.30pm Parent Forum

Tuesday 13th February Parents' Evening 4-6pm

Thursday 15th February Parents' Evening 4-7pm

Friday 16th February Half term ends

Monday 19th February Half Term week

Thursday 7th March World Book Day

Thursday 21st March 2.30pm Parent Forum

Thursday 28th March 9.10am Reception and KS1 Easter assembly - parents welcome

Friday 29th March Easter holiday begins

Term dates for 2024-2025 can be found [here](#).

Attendance Awards

Week beginning 8th January 2024

The best attendance award is presented to:
class!

Mulberries

94.3%

Fir (YR)

83.1%

Yew (Y1)

95.7%

Aspen (Y2)

92.1%

Rowan (Y3)

94%

Poplar (Y4)

94.6%

Juniper (Y5)

90.8%

Elder (Y6)

90.6%

Sycamore (Y6)

97.5% ★

Our target is
97%