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26.04.24

Attendance

95.5%



Dear all,

Hopefully, by now you have seen Mrs Wood’s news, which she shared with the pupils today, and we have also shared with you in an email. If not, she will be leaving us at the end of this term in July for pastures new at a school in Newton Abbott.

Of course, we are very sad (lots of tears flowing) about her leaving but also very excited for her new adventures, which will start in September. We have already started the recruitment process and have a plan for our Willows and Cedars, which I will share in due course.

Please talk to the children and help them understand how challenging this is. Enjoying the time together, in the present, is very important. Rest assured, it will not impact anything this term.

Sense of Belonging

We had a visit from Jacobstow teachers this week who came to look at the amazing provision in our Reception and Nursery. We are so lucky to have some fantastic practitioners down there to share across the trust. We were also able to free up Miss Farress to visit another outstanding setting.

We would love to fill our nursery places further. If you are interested in increasing your hours or have any ideas on how we could increase numbers on Fridays, please let me know.

Stronger Together

Thank you for the feedback many of you have provided. Going forward, it would be very beneficial to establish a specific parent forum through which you can provide feedback. This will help ensure that feedback doesn't solely rely on one person or a member of staff, potentially putting them in awkward positions.

If you're interested in being part of a forum dedicated to discussing how we can continue to grow and improve the school, please let Mrs Sinton know, and we'll take it from there.



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Realising the Possible

Careers Day

We are planning to hold this event in July. Please sign up to share your careers through a video, Power-Point presentation, or in person.

[Career Fair](#)

Pool News

It's challenging to accommodate all the children within the allotted time frame, so we're considering a potential change to allow more time for fewer children, possibly implementing a swap at half term. **Also, please remember that appropriate footwear and swimming hats for longer hair are mandatory.** We suggest wet suits too as it's still very cold outside. If your child is used to wearing goggles, please send them in on Fridays.

Netball club

Starting next week, Mrs Govier will run a weekly session on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30pm in the playground. This session is for KS2 (Y3-6). Children will learn the basics of the game, practice some ball skills, and hopefully have lots of fun! Please sign up on MCAS (the booking will go live at 4pm today). There are limited places available, which will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Clubs:

Monday 3.30 –4:30pm NETBALL(KS2 only, book via MCAS)

Tuesday 3:30-5pm DRAMA

Wednesday 3:30-4:30pm FOOTBALL

Thursday 3:30-5pm BIKE CLUB

Friday 3:30-5pm SPORTS CLUB

Event	Class/Year	Date	Contact
Bikeability	Y5	Tuesday 7th May— Thursday 9th May	Office
Census Day	All	Thursday 16th May	Office
SATs Week	Y6	Monday 13th May— Thursday 16th May	Office
Willows Trip	Willows	Monday 10th June	Mrs Clayburn & Mrs Mealey
Sports Day	All	Wednesday 12th June	Office
School Photos	All	Tuesday 18th June	Office
Y4 Residential	Y4	Monday 24th June—	Mrs Wood
Y6 Residential	Y6	Monday 15th July— Wednesday 17th July	Mrs Wood



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WILLOWS

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STAR of the WEEK

Esme

SPORTS STAR: Meryn

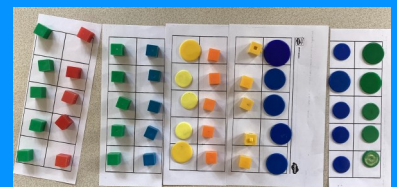
Willows children are beginning some new learning journeys this week. Leading on from our visit to the Otter and Butterfly Farm we are looking at Living Things in Science. We have had a refresher about the life cycle of bees, incorporated our own butterfly house into the class (the caterpillars are growing daily!) and we have been thinking about things which are; alive, not alive and were never alive. Our tadpoles continue to grow and are now housed in a pond made by Mrs Wilson and Miss Farress.

In Art we have been looking at the work of Wassily Kandinsky whose work is bright, abstract and beautiful. We made our own gallery of Squares with Concentric Circles and made a colour wheel to develop our colour mixing and use of Primary and Secondary Colours.

In Maths the Year 1s are practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s while Reception are exploring odd and even numbers. In preparation for Sports Day we are building our stamina in running with our very own Mini Marathon – Thank You Mr S for setting this up for us!

Have a super weekend, From Mrs Clayburn, Mrs Mealey and Mrs Wilson

Wednesdays: PE - please come in PE kit for the day.
Thursdays: please bring the following to change in to: wellies, waterproof coat & trousers.
Fridays: Swimming—ensure children bring in their swimming kits to school.





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CEDARS

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Florence N.



STAR of the WEEK



SPORTS STAR:
Lizzie

This week, we've started our history lessons, focusing on two explorers who made significant discoveries. Firstly, we're looking at Christopher Columbus. The children learnt about his attempt to reach Asia, which led him to the Caribbean by mistake.

In their RHE (Relationships and Health Education) lesson this week, the children explored the concept of the 'learning line.' This tool shows how confidence can drop when learning something new but can rise higher than before with perseverance. It's a valuable concept for school, showing that progress can be challenging but achievable.

The children are thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons! I'm particularly impressed with how quickly they get ready. Girls, don't forget to bring a hair tie—it makes putting on swimming hats much easier!

A big well done to all the children who've been logging on to Numbots and TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) during the week and weekend. Learning these facts has a significant impact on their education as they progress through their schooling.

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Swimming is on Fridays: Ensure swimming kits are brought to school on the day.





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OAKS

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Bryn



STAR of the WEEK



SPORTS STAR:
Whole Class

It has been a wonderful week in Oak class with the children not only working hard in their lessons, but also working hard to prepare for the arrival of our bearded dragon. The children have researched how to care for a bearded dragon using this information to create care sheets, and Mr Williams has kindly built the 4ft vivarium. The children have also begun to submit name suggestions for the class to vote on.

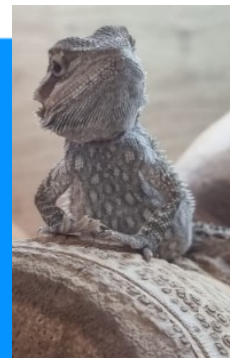
In PE on Wednesday, the children took part in a mini-marathon around the school grounds. They all really enjoyed the challenge and put in great effort to complete it. Children also continued with their swimming lessons this week. They are all working hard to improve this life-saving skill.

In writing, the children have begun sentence stacking a non-chronological report on emperor penguins. They have been using their grammatical skills to skilfully craft sentences to write an engaging introduction.

As historians, the class have been learning about how Ancient Greece was ruled. They explored the start of democracy and the unfairness of monarchy, oligarchy and tyranny governments.

Forest School takes place on a Thursday afternoon, please ensure that all children have a suitable change of footwear and outerwear.

Swimming will continue to take place on a Friday. Swimming costumes, towels and swimming hats to cover long hair should be in school every Friday.



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