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Attendance

95.4%



Dear Dunsford families,

Removing Barriers

We are so excited to have the pool up and ready, opening on the first Friday back after Easter. Well done to the PTFA for their support in training all the volunteers. This will provide even longer access to swimming sessions, as swimming will replace the second PE session during the week.

It's that time of year again when we need some spotters in the morning and afternoon to assist with swimming lessons. The groups are relatively small, so it should not be too onerous.

Please ensure that swimming kits, swimming caps for longer hair, and properly fitting goggles are brought in. Additionally, this year we kindly ask that children bring crocs or flip flops to walk safely to and from the pool area. This will protect their feet and reduce pool debris.

We are incredibly excited to prioritize swimming in the PE curriculum, as it is a crucial life skill.

Sense of Belonging

So many things hold us together, and we are very proud of the work our staff, parents, and pupils do. Pupils have been working hard on their assessments over the past week. You would be so proud of the effort they have put in. They have worked very hard and with a real growth mindset.

Our Academy has just introduced an even more focused piece of work called the Optimal Learning Approach. We have spoken to the children about the value of metacognition and how it has an enormous impact on learning.

So many of them are trying hard to be independent as they grow and become more responsible in managing themselves and being aware of their own thinking. How can you support? Please give them opportunities to gradually become even more independent. This problem-solving and reasoning is literally increasing brainpower! You can read about it here.: [Summary of recommendations poster 2021-10-27-151056 qiiz 2021-10-29-074723_miux.pdf \(d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net\)](https://d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net/Summary_of_recommendations_poster_2021-10-27-151056_qiiz_2021-10-29-074723_miux.pdf)

We are currently focussing on section 1 and 2, but they are all worthy of our time. We are using plan, monitor and evaluate in more sessions.



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Stronger Together

As we move into the Summer Term, we will be adding to our short-term fold with a teacher called Mrs Mealey (Thursdays and Fridays). She will be working alternately with Mrs Clayburn (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays), who will drop to three days a week. Mrs Mealey is a very experienced EYFS and Year 1 teacher, and I am sure you will welcome her as she supports the class towards Summer.

Realising the Possible

Careers Fair – Summer Term

We would very much like to organise one of these to share your wonderful passion and careers expertise with children. Knowing what they want to do and seeing you gives them motivation to be all they can be.

Please fill in the Google Form if you might be able to support on one afternoon to discuss, show, display, and answer questions about your wide and varied careers.

The wider variety for the pupils, the better. We are all different and all unique with our skills.

<https://forms.gle/Hr2oSLuiQwnE62YFA>

Headteacher awards

Reception: Charlotte & Molly-Rose

Year 1: Clara & Flora N

Year 2: Margot & Cole

Year 3: Harvey & Harper

Year 4: Bryn

Year 5: Claudia

Year 6: Henry G

Event	Class/Year	Date	Contact
First day at school	All	Tuesday 16th April	Office
Willows school trip	Willows	Thursday 18th April	Mrs Clayburn
Bikeability	Y5	Tuesday 7th May— Thursday 9th May	Office
Census day	All	Thursday 16th May	Office



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WILLOWS



Flora M

Attendance
93%



SPORTS STAR:
Jasper

It has been an exciting final week of term with our Easter Service in the church, a pre-view of the Cedars production, hot cross bun baking and our musical performance too! Thank you to Alice for teaching us some Samba drumming!

In Maths, Year 1s have been learning about capacity. We counted how many spoons of water it took to fill and cup, then how many cups of water to fill a jug. Meanwhile Reception children have been counting all things Easter-related up to 20!

After all our learning about the Great Fire of London we heard that King Charles II wanted his new city to be much safer with wider streets and houses built of stone or brick. We drew our own plans for the ‘new’ city and Wilbur even included a Fire Station to ensure the new city could deal with a fire if there was a ‘next time’! We saw a photo of The Monument near Pudding Lane, built to remember the fire, and hope to see it for real one day.

Willows have made us really proud this term as they arrive ready to learn, are caring friends to one-another and try their best whenever they are learning something new. We look forward to seeing all their smiley faces again on Tuesday 16th April and taking a trip to the Otter and Butterfly Farm on Thursday 18th April.

Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy Easter.

Wednesdays: PE - please come in PE kit for the day

Thursdays: please bring the following to change in to: wellies, waterproof coat & trousers

Fridays: PE –please come in PE kit for the day





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CEDARS



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Harry

SPORTS STAR:
Everyone!

Wow! What an incredible performance by Cedars on Wednesday afternoon with their rendition of the Bee Musical. I am immensely proud of every single member of my class. Your dedication and hard work truly shone through!

Don't forget to keep up with your reading and engage in activities like TTRS and Numbots during the holidays!

When we return, we'll delve into the realm of money in our Math lessons. It's crucial for children to gain hands-on experience with coins and notes.

Wishing you all a fantastic Easter break!

On the 18th April, Cedar class will have another Forest School session to make up for the missed session this term.

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OAKS



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98%



Cressida

SPORTS STAR:
Penelope

What a wonderful end to a lovely term in Oak class. The children have been working hard to complete end of term assessments in maths and reading alongside taking part in exciting Easter activities. The year 6 children read so confidently in the church service on Monday, and the all the children sang their Easter songs beautifully.

It was amazing to welcome so many of you to our music concert today. The children had been rehearsing their ukulele performance all term and I am so proud of them all. It was incredible to hear their singing and to watch so many talented musicians playing their instruments so confidently.

The children have also found time to finish their learning for this term, including creating stunning Frida Kahlo inspired self-portraits. The children really took the time to use the skills that they have been developing to create proportionally correct faces, and to create a background that represents their sense of self and their culture.

Next half term, the children will begin their Forest School lessons again. While I hope the weather will be better than it has been, children will still need to be bringing in a change of footwear and to ensure they have something warm and waterproof to wear.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 16th April- rested and ready for a wonderful summer term.



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Forest school is on Thursdays-ensure appropriate clothing is brought to school.