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## Attendance

98.2%



Dear Families,

A quieter week in the Academy this week with our Year 4 pupils out on residential, Year 6 heading to their transition days, and no enormous whole school event!

Please could I remind you that gates open at 8:40am, close at 8:55am, and register is at 9:00am. Pupils arriving between 9:00am and 9:10am will be marked as late (please factor in time for getting to class.). After this time, arrivals will be unauthorized. Apologies for the reminder, but we have a lot of late arrivals accruing, and they really impact our attendance data.

Could I also ask that after your prompt drop-off, you move off the school site for any conversations (I recognise these are usually about supporting the school in lots of ways) you might have. It helps us to keep the site safe and secure and could be seen as a safeguarding issue with people onsite and not signed in.

We recognise the slight gap with dropping Nursery children off (at 9:00am), but siblings need to start the day calmly and settled on time.

## Removing Barriers

We have been working hard to use Seesaw to share work and events in the Academy. We have already asked you to review your photograph and video permissions, ready for next year. Please could we ask you to carefully choose your preferences for these permissions via MCAS.

We understand that some people do not want pupils on social media, but we also recognise that this limits our ability to share some amazing events and experiences with you. If you support using Seesaw, and in-academy use, it means you will have access to see your child in the setting, but it will not be available publicly beyond the Academy.

There are two Seesaw apps – one for pupils and one for families. The pupil version allows children to work and share from home, while the family version allows you to see multiple children and comment on or ❤️ their work. You are their most important audience.

Please let us know if you need any updates.

## Realising the Possible

Incredible music opportunities across the Academy – don't miss out! Pupil Premium funding may be available to support.

*Dear Parents,*

*Thank you to those parents who have signed up for the woodwind tasters. I had hoped to fit them in by now but it has been a busy few weeks in school! They will definitely be taking place next Wednesday which does mean there is still time to sign up online via the link below. Any child attracting pupil premium is eligible for free music lessons.*

*Jo Todd*

Woodwind Teacher

[Woodwind Taster Registration](#)



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**Stronger Together**

We are saving ourselves for the Dunsford Show! Enormous thanks to the PTFA and friends who are helping project manage this incredible event.

Please make sure you reach out to support in any way you can, even if it is just to buy or sell more raffle tickets.

The money the PTFA raises is used to ensure our pool runs for half the year, provides a wide range of resources, experiences, and trips for our pupils, and this year we are hoping to raise enough money to rebuild our forest school lean-to into a genuine outdoor classroom space.



**Goodbye and Good luck**

We would like to inform you that Mrs Measley will not be teaching in Willow Class from July onward. She has been offered a full-time position elsewhere and will, unfortunately, be leaving us. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to her for her hard work and dedication, especially in making a tremendous impact on our writing program.

Starting from 5th July, we are pleased to welcome back Mrs Tong, who will be teaching in Willow Class alongside Mrs Clayburn on Thursdays and Fridays.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Event	Class/Year	Date	Contact
Dunsford Show	All	Saturday 29th June (12-5pm)	PTFA
Willow Trip	Willows	Monday 8th July	Mrs Clayburn
Oaks Farm Trip	Oaks	Wednesday 10th July	Mrs Wood
Y6 Residential	Y6	Monday 15th July—Wednesday 17th July	Mrs Wood
Cedars Night-time Adventure	Cedars	Thursday 19th July & Friday 18th July	Mrs Baker
Oak Class Performance	Oaks	Friday 19th July	Mrs Wood
Parents Evening— <b>optional</b>	YR—Y6	Monday 22th July & Tuesday 23rd July	Office/Teachers
Leavers’ Assembly	Y6	Wednesday 24th July	Mrs Wood



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**WILLOWS**

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STAR of the WEEK

SPORTS STARS  
**Charlotte & Otis**

**Otilie Ha.**

Summer is here! There's been no rain in the rain gauge, and we have been putting on sun hats and cream for outdoor activities. We even had an ice cream treat on the field as the children have gained so many Dojo points this year. If we get 6,300 points by the end of the term, we are going to ask Mr. Grimley for a disco!

As for our learning . . . we have been learning about money (coins and notes) in Maths, and we know that if we are counting 5p coins, we need to count in 5s. Next week, we are going to be learning about Time. To develop a realistic sense of time, please chat with your child about the day, date, and time of everyday and special events. For example, being ready for school by 8:30am and being picked up from school at 3:30pm. It's also fun to talk about which months have family birthdays, holidays, and celebrations!

In Science, we have continued our learning about plants. We haven't been good gardeners as our beans dried out and didn't grow, so we need to start our bean growing experiment again! Luckily, the earlier rain kept all the trees watered and growing. We went up to the field to identify as many tree types as possible. We identified different shapes and sizes of leaves and named a lot of them using our identification sheet. We have oaks, hawthorn, hazel, lime, and silver birch . . . just to name a few.

Last week, we finished reading "The Enchanted Wood" – which we loved! Now, we are thinking about our own special lands to write about. Our class is so creative that there are all sorts of different lands to visit, with amazing characters. What events will unfold in these wonderful places?

**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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**Ida**



**STAR of the WEEK**



**SPORTS STAR**  
**Austin**

This week in Cedars, we have been learning about the states of America and some of the USA’s incredible natural landmarks. The children used Google Maps and Earth to explore these locations and get a feel for them.

In maths, we have been exploring mass, capacity, and temperature. It would be fantastic for the children to continue with their learning at home, especially as the temperature is fluctuating so much at the moment! Thank goodness for our air conditioning unit in the classroom!

We have been finishing our George and the Dragon writing unit, which the children have loved. We are now planning our independent write, called The Tiny Crusader. The finished pieces will be shared on Seesaw once we have edited them.

We will be undertaking our RHE lessons on Monday and Tuesday afternoon next week.

Warm Weather Reminder: Please remember to send your child with a water bottle and a hat. On Thursdays, we have Forest School. The children will need to bring a change of clothes, such as a t-shirt, leggings or thin joggers, and another pair of shoes (old trainers are suitable as we are unable to use the forest at the moment).

In Art, we are exploring the work of artist Alberto Giacometti and studying the outlines of our bodies.



**PE is on Wednesdays** : PE kits should be in school during the week and not worn to school on any day.

**Forest school is on Thursdays**: ensure appropriate clothing is brought to school.

**Swimming is on Fridays**: ensure swimming kits are brought to school on the day and please ensure they are named.



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OAKS

Attendance 99%



Tabby

STAR of the WEEK

SPORTS STAR Thomas

What a fun-filled week we have had in Oak class with lots of wonderful opportunities to explore different ways of learning! The Year 4 children had a lovely two-day residential at Forest and Beach with friends from schools across the trust. They had a brilliant time exploring the beach, completing bushcraft activities, and setting up camp for the night. The children behaved beautifully and were such amazing ambassadors for the school that headteachers from other schools commented on how wonderful they all were.

While the Year 4s were busy soaking up the sun, the Year 5 and 6 children had the opportunity to take part in a virtual author event with the incredible Alice Roberts. The children learnt about her book, The Wolf Road, and how she researched the ice age to ensure her story reflected what life was like at that time. The children have had the opportunity to research and plan their own stories set in the past using the methods that Alice Roberts used when planning her story.

The children have been busy rehearsing their musical on the village hall stage. They are really working on developing their characters and ensuring that they are always in character when they are on stage. Costume lists have gone home with the children. Please ensure children have their costumes in school by Friday 12th July. They need to be named and on a hanger so that we can store them tidily. If you have any problems sourcing your child’s costume, please let me know, and I will try to support where I can.

Next week, the children will enjoy a transition day with their new class and their new teachers. There will be an opportunity to informally meet their new teacher at the end of the day.

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