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### Attendance

94.9%



Dear Families,

Thank you so much for respecting our need to clear the playground quickly for safeguarding reasons and getting pupils into school just before 9am.

It makes a huge difference to pupils in settling, putting their kit away, handing in their reading books, and expressing how they feel or checking in with the teacher, ready to start learning.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Removing Barriers

As we come towards the end of the year, we have been very lucky to have our new teachers experiencing the Academy in full flow and really getting to know their new wards.

Children have had structured and unstructured times with them, and on a personal note, their expertise is already acutely evident from their questions and preparation for their new classes.

They have given lots of their own free time already to ensure they get to know the children. They have spent time with home teachers to ensure the smoothest of transitions.

### Realising the Possible

Yesterday we all thoroughly enjoyed our voting. Over the last few days, we have been talking about different parties and the impact of their policies. We were very clear to be bipartisan about it, with children making their own minds up and being asked to talk to parents. We also discussed the importance of researching carefully and being aware of information that is not factual.

Children voted for their school councillor for next year, in a polling booth, with polling cards, and in private to show the importance of democracy.

Please support your child if they are disappointed. There will be many more responsibilities available over the coming weeks.



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**Stronger Together**

What an incredible show! We can never fully express our gratitude for the support that parents and pupils put in. It is not lost on us that there is some serious heavy lifting going on for some, especially those working full-time and with young children.

I hope that everyone whose children benefit from your hard work can rotate some of these huge responsibilities each year, which make a regular and spectacular difference to our pupils and community.

**Sense of Belonging**

Amazing to see how quickly pupils took to their new teachers during the transition. I’m very excited about next year for them. It is always my greatest pleasure and honor to have the opportunity to teach in every classroom in the Academy. This week, I have had the pleasure of teaching both the top and bottom of the Academy. Pupils in Year 6 were breathtaking in their knowledge and interest in citizenship and democracy, and in developing high-quality surveys for their balanced arguments. Nursery, as always, was a total delight. Their creativity, talk, and questioning were an absolute joy to engage with.

Event	Class/Year	Date	Contact
Willow Trip	Willows	Monday 8th July	Mrs Clayburn
Oaks Farm Trip	Oaks	Wednesday 10th July	Mrs Wood
Swimming Gala— pupils only	YR– Y6	Friday 12th July	Office
Y6 Residential	Y6	Monday 15th July—Wednesday	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**

**Attendance**  
**95%**



STAR of the WEEK

**Clementine**

SPORTS STAR:  
**Temperance**

This week we have been looking at growing up and experiencing ‘transition’ by spending time in our new class environment. This is so that we know what to expect in September. It’s an exciting time, but it can be very tiring too as the children begin to take their next steps – from what they tell me they are excited about joining their new teachers and are looking forward to learning new and exciting things.

We have also been learning about Rosa Parks this week – we admire her for standing up (or sitting down!!) for her rights and believe she really brought about change in the unfair world she was born to.

Next week we’ll be off on our school trip to Exmouth (Monday). We’ll visit the RNLI lifeboat station, have a paddle at the shore and have time to do some illustrations of the coast and its features. Please remember to apply sunscreen before the school day and bring along the following; backpack, sun hat, sun cream, full water bottle, small towel/blanket, comfortable shoes and raincoat.

Willows children have been loving the swimming this term – it is their favourite school activity (Thank you to the PFTA from supporting this!) and they will be able to celebrate their achievements on Friday 12th July with their Swimming Gala.

**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**

**Attendance**

**92%**



**Kit**



**STAR of the WEEK**



**SPORTS STAR:**

**Lizzie**

This week in Cedars, we have had another busy week. The children had an exciting afternoon with their new teachers, Mrs Boatman and Mrs Clark, who will visit again before the end of the term.

In PE, the children have loved playing cricket-inspired games. As the weather is lovely and warm, please don't forget to send your child with a sunhat, sunscreen, and a water bottle.

Cedars absolutely love Forest School! They enjoy learning about our environment as well as singing songs and crafting. Your child's report will be coming out very soon, and there will be an opportunity to book parent evening appointments if you have any concerns or issues with your child's report.

Thank you to all parents who have signed and returned the camping permission form. We have had three tents loaned to us; it would be fantastic if we could get one more larger tent. If you have one available, please drop the school an email.

Our class swimming gala is fast approaching. On Friday, July 12th, the children will be taking part in their class swimming gala. All the children have made fantastic progress in their swimming lessons!

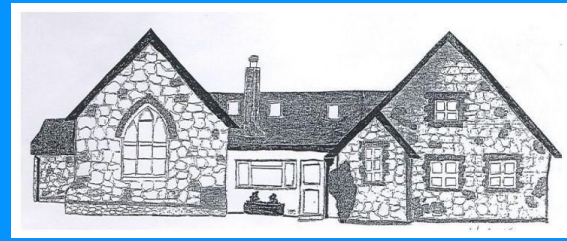
**PE is on Wednesdays** : PE kits should be in school during the week and not worn to school on any day.

**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  
98%



Eloise



STAR of the WEEK



SPORTS STAR:  
Tabby

The children have had a very varied week this week with lots of different learning opportunities with different people in different places. Lots of our wonderful year 6 children have now had their transition days at their new secondary schools and have come back full of excitement about their new teachers and friends. It is such an exciting time for them, and it is lovely to hear about the time they have spent in their new settings. The children in year 4 and year 5 have also had their own transition afternoon with their two new teachers Mrs Boatman and Mr Bird. They too have lots of amazing new opportunities to look forward to next year and I am sure they made their two new teachers feel incredibly welcome on Thursday.

As we head towards the end of the summer term there are lots of exciting events to look forward to, starting with the class trip to Tor Royal Farm. I have spoken to the farmer about our visit, and it sounds like it is going to be fantastic. Please make sure that you send your child into school on Wednesday with a refillable drinks bottle, a healthy snack and their lunch in a bag that they can carry on their back. They also need a pair of shoes/boots that are suitable for walking around a farm setting, a waterproof coat and a sun hat and sun-cream (keeping my fingers crossed for a glorious day of weather!).

The children have really enjoyed their swimming lessons throughout the summer and have been busy practising for their swimming gala. This will take place on Friday 12th July where the children can demonstrate their improved swimming skills.

Please can costumes for the end of summer production start coming into school next week. They need to be named and, on a hanger, so that they can be stored tidily and safely. Any issues please speak to me about it as soon as possible.

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