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Weekly Newsletter: wb 5th May 2025

Monday the 5th May is of course May Day – so we have another Bank Holiday and 4-day week! (Trust me – the term dates are set by the local authority; not the school!). We hope that, whatever you did over the weekend, you had a lovely time. See you on Tuesday!

Parent Pay

We have been made aware that many parents are having an issue with Parent Pay. Whilst it is allowing you to log-in through Reach More and deposit funds for dinners etc, it is not necessarily updating your balance when meals are ordered. We are working with the developers to try and fix this issue... They have suggested that parents could try logging in to Parent Pay separately (i.e. not through the app) using the same email you use for Reach More – thus enabling the system to properly 'link' the two accounts. You should hopefully have received an email on Friday advising how to do this. I hope this helps!

Suncream

We were pleased to see some sun last week (where did it go?) and it reminded me to mention something about suncream in school... On particularly hot days, it is a good idea apply suncream to protect children from the heat. Staff cannot do this so please do it in the morning before they come to school (the majority of children's suncreams last up to 24 hours so one application should be sufficient). We would also encourage the use of hats when playing outside but we do limit their time in the sun and encourage them to access the shade. I hope that makes sense – please get in touch if you have any questions.

VE Day

As you may be aware, it is VE Day on Thursday; marking the 80th anniversary of the first VE Day in 1945. To commemorate this, we are encouraging children to dress in red, white and blue (or war-time clothes) and will be enjoying a special themed lunch (thank you Taylor Shaw!).

Do you remember the video we made 5 years ago for the 75th anniversary? (During the first COVID lockdown!). Watch it here: <https://youtu.be/EHVKi8MgNzw?si=wW0f8elakEWqKza9>

Bag 2 School

Your child should have brought home a 'Bag 2 School' last week. This is something we have done for a number of years – it allows families to have a good clear out of unwanted clothes etc, supports those in need and raises some much needed funds for school. Just fill your bag with some of the listed items and return to school on Friday 13th June (not beforehand please!). You are welcome to use additional bags (e.g. bin bags) if the supplied one is not big enough. Thank you! Please note the change this year: soft toys, towels, bedding and curtains are no longer accepted.

RSPCA

Speaking of raising money for charity, the RSPCA are starting their own 'Second-hand Sundays' bring and buy sales, starting on Sunday 1st June. See the attached flyer to find out more or book a stall.

Storrs Woodland Artisan Market

Storrs Woodland Artisan Market is another local event you may be interested in. This is a FREE event on the 24th & 25th May – see attached flyer for more information.

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Ford (Ash); William R, Thomas P (Willow); Hope (Rowan); Max (Sycamore); Amelie, Josh G (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** William Mc (Ash); Angus (Sycamore)
- ★ **Gold:** Kyle (Ash); Lacey (Willow); Celeste (Rowan); Leo W (Sycamore)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Kovie & Dexter (Seedlings); Hugo & Willow (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 95.9% overall last week. The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with 96.5% and Oak (KS2) with 97.8%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Europe won the House Point trophy for the first time since before Christmas. Well done to all who contributed!
- ★ Well done to our mixed **Y6 football team** who played on the pitch at Hillsborough last week and finished in a respectable 5th place (1 point off the semi-finals!)
- ★ Paula (Modeshift STARS) was very impressed with the attitude and effort of all the children who took part in her **Scooter Skills** training on Friday.
- ★ Well done to Lexi G, Charlie and Isla who produced some snooker-themed art which will be displayed in the Crucible next week!



This week's birthdays: Josh F (8), Angus (9), Grayson (5), Alfie R (11), Polina (9)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Be resilient

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings are going on a 'bubble adventure' in their Forest School session
Saplings are enjoying reading the classic story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle.
In honour of VE Day this week, Ash have been invited to go and sing some songs at the Community Centre.

Willow have started their PE unit on athletics. Maybe we have a future Olympian in our midst?

KS2 children in The Learning Zone have been immersing themselves in 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by Ronda & David Armitage.

Rowan have been learning about the real-life locations of places in their class novel; describing them using adjectives and sensory details.

Sycamore have been exploring the question 'What would Jesus do?' in their RE lessons.
In the last week before SATS, Oak will be doing a lot of revision this week. The children have really impressed me with their positive mental attitude and desire to achieve their 'personal bests' (that's all we can ask for!).

