

4th September 2026

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**Message from
Mr Rock**

Thank you to all of those who came along to our Meet the Teacher meetings on Wednesday to learn more about our curriculum plans for this academic year. A copy of the presentations will be shared with you shortly for those that were unable to attend.

Visiting classes this week, I am pleased to see all of the children showcasing excellent behaviour while they engage with their learning. Whether it is our new starters in Reception engaging in their outdoor provision, our Year 1 and 2 pupils further developing their phonics skills, our Y3&4 pupils engaging in their new class book, 'Greta and the Giants' or our Y5&6 pupils developing their sentence skills and exploring letter writing. Well done everyone for showcasing a positive learning attitude.

This week we welcomed back the Open The Book team for their first visit of the academic year. The assembly retold the story of Joseph and his brothers looking at the themes of jealousy, betrayal, and forgiveness. Thank you to those children who took part as 'extra's' in the assembly.

**Be safe
Be ready
Be respectful**

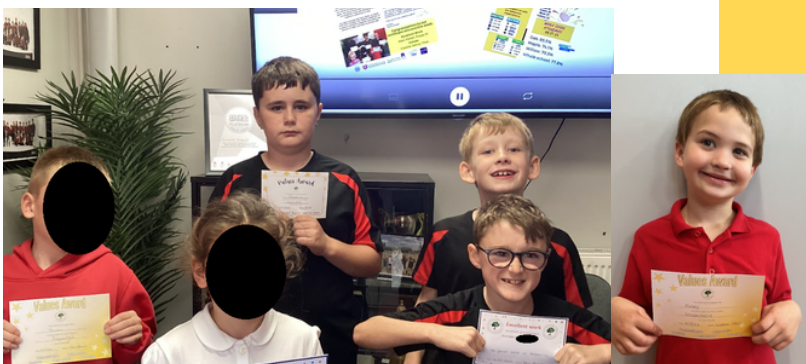


Next week Oak Class will be heading off on their residential trip next week. I'm sure they will have a fantastic time with all of the activities arranged for them.

Please note - earrings must be removed prior to any PE lesson as children are not permitted to wear any jewellery during sporting activities. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, please remove them prior to sending your child into school.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Rock
Head of School



**Congratulations to our
certificate winners this week**

**Excellent Work:
Elsie, Zac & William
Values:
Finley, Jenson, Oliver**



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ROUTE TO RESILIENCE



Go above and beyond!

Upcoming dates

Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th
September. Oak Class
Residential Trip

Wednesday 16th September
Flu vaccinations in school

Tuesday 22nd September
Harvest Festival at St Peter's
Church. 2pm. Parents invited

Friday 25th September
Glow Dodgeball

Friday 25th September
MacMillan Coffee morning at
Claybrooke Village Hall

Wednesday 14th October
Topic Showcase - Classrooms
open for parent visit 2:50 - 3:20

Friday 16th October - INSET Day
School closed to pupils

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd
October Half term

Monday 26th October
Pupils return to school

**Huge well done to all those who recently had
their artwork published in the Young Artists
'Ocean Artists' book.**

**Also well done to Bodhi who will be having his
story published in the Young Writers
'Rediculous Writers - Stories With A Smile' book.**

**Team points
this week :**

**Red: 39
Green: 71
Blue: 47
Yellow: 34**



**WEEKLY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
w/e 04/09**

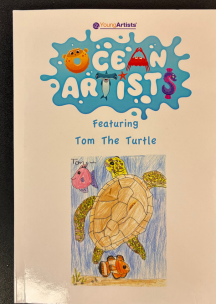
Oak: 100%

Maple: 82.95%

Willow: 85.94%

Whole School 88.46%

**MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Willow Class Newsletter

All the children have made a great start to the School year, we are delighted with how well they have settled in. Our new reception children have quickly integrated into the routine and made new friends. We are also very impressed with how well our year 1 and 2 children have transitioned into the year above.

Our reception children have started the autumn topic on 'All About me'. We have been sharing texts about belonging and what makes us special. The children have been painting portraits, drawing pictures of Bumblebear and exploring their indoor and outdoor classroom. In RE, we have been discussing belonging and sharing our experiences. They have also started their learning sounds in phonics such as m, a, s, d, t, and i. We will send home videos to consolidate these when we have covered the first 10 sounds. We have started writing letters and teaching about a 'perfect handwriting position'. We have been using rhymes to help us form letters correctly. Here is a link if you want to see how the Read Write Inc letter rhymes can help the children form letter [Handwriting Parents Video.](#)



Year 1 & 2 children have been exploring place value recapping tens and ones. They also have been looking at partition numbers (e.g., splitting 34 into $30 + 4$). The children will be comparing and ordering two-digit numbers using greater than ($>$), less than ($<$), and equal ($=$) signs. The children have shared the text 'Beegu' answering questions using prediction, retrieval and inference. In writing we have been consolidating what makes a good sentence, focusing on punctuation. In art, we have been experimenting with different materials to create different textures whilst drawing using cross hatching, smudging and shading. They also used collage materials to explore different textures. In science we have explored seasons as well as classifying and we have started to look at what technology is in computing.





**This
week at
Claybrooke**





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SCHOOL CLUBS



THIS TERM!

GET INVOLVED,
HAVE FUN AND
LEARN NEW
SKILLS!

ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB KS1

Mondays
after school

for 6 weeks

7th Sept – 12th Oct



ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB KS2

Mondays
after school

for 6 weeks

7th Sept – 12th Oct



SUPERSTAR SPORTS CLUBS



TUESDAYS
Football



THURSDAYS
Archery



ARTS & CRAFTS CLUBS



Sign up for these clubs
via Arbor.



First come,
first served!



SUPERSTAR SPORTS CLUBS



Parents need to go to
www.superstarsport.co.uk
to book a slot.



DON'T MISS OUT – SPACES ARE LIMITED!

SEE YOU THERE!



The organisers of the Leire Scarecrow festival have reached out to local primary schools to ask if any of their pupils would like to take part. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Amos for further information. The theme of the scarecrow festival is storybook characters.

IMPORTANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM) UPDATE - AUTUMN 2026

MORE FAMILIES NOW ELIGIBLE!

KEY CHANGES



Eligibility Expanded!
All families on **Universal Credit** can now apply, regardless of income.



OLD RULES: Income cap of £7,400
NEW RULES: Income cap **REMOVED**
(Save ~£500 per child/year)

APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW (From June 1st)

NEW TERM BEGINS: Monday 24 August 2026

FAMILIES ALREADY RECEIVING FSM

FAMILIES WHO MAY NOW BE ELIGIBLE

'Targeted FSM'
versus.
'Expanded FSM'
'Expanded'
groups

ACTION REQUIRED:

Click the link below to force a re-check of your eligibility.

HOW TO APPLY

- ☒ 1. Gather Details (National Insurance, address)
- ☒ 2. Submit Online (gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)
- ☒ 3. Await Confirmation



REC, YEAR 1, YEAR 2: Still automatic meals, BUT apply anyway for Pupil Premium funding!

CLICK

CLICK THE LINK TO CHECK IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE!

For queries, email: freeschool.meals@leics.gov.uk

Term dates 2026-27

Term Dates - Academic Year 2026-27

AUTUMN TERM
Monday 24th August 2026 - Thursday 15th October 2026 (Bank Holiday Monday 31st August 2026)
HALF TERM
Monday 26th October 2026 - Friday 18th December 2026
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
SPRING TERM
Tuesday 5th January 2027 - Friday 12th February 2027
HALF TERM
Monday 22nd February 2027 - Friday 19th March 2027
EASTER HOLIDAYS
SUMMER TERM
Monday 5th April 2027 - Friday 28th May 2027 (Closed for Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May)
HALF TERM
Monday 7th June 2027 - Thursday 8th July 2027
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Teacher days:

- Thursday 20th August 2026
- Friday 21st August 2026
- Friday 16th October 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Friday 9th July 2027

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Inspiring Inclusivity
Inspiring Collaboration