

Weekly News

Friday 13th February 2026

Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support. It was wonderful to see so many family members join us for the Maple Class assembly. The children were amazing: dancing, performing and speaking with real confidence. They should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Year 6 also enjoyed a very successful trip to Henley Fort, representing the school brilliantly and making the most of the opportunity to bring their learning to life.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to hold our first face-to-face Parent Consultations for some time. It was lovely to welcome you into school and for teachers to share children's books, celebrating the progress and achievements they have made. Thank you to our PTA and pupil helpers for providing refreshments and helping the evening run so smoothly.

Finally, since joining the school there have been many memorable moments, but last Friday's impromptu conga around the playground will take some beating! What started with a small group of Year 5 pupils quickly grew into almost the entire school dancing and chanting together. It was a joyful reminder of what a special community we are.

We hope you all have a restful break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 24th February.

Kind regards,
Mrs Egan

Attendance

Whole School Attendance for w/c 9th February 2026

96.2%

Elm: 100% Chestnut: 99.2%
Maple 96.8% Beech: 96.5%
Hazel: 96.0% Rowan 94.3%
Oak: 93.7% Sycamore: 93.1%

Diary Dates for next week:

w/c 16th February - half term

Monday 23rd February - Inset Day

Thursday 26th February - Spirit of the Wild Zoo visiting Year 3

Looking ahead:

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Wednesday 11th March - Rock Steady Concert
2.30pm

Friday 13th March - Year 3 trip to Wisley

Tuesday 17th March - Interactive French Theatre Performance

Wow work winners

Elm: Iz'zan

Oak: Nacoma

Maple: Tom

Chestnut: Keira

Hazel: Blanka

Rowan: Arabella

Sycamore: Alexia

Beech: Milena



Conga Pictures



Year 4 Coffee Morning

The Year 4 Parent's coffee morning will take place on Wednesday 4th March at 9am.

Please sign up so we can plan accordingly by clicking the link below:

[Year 4 Parent's Coffee Morning](#)

Spotlight on Forest School

It's been a very cold and wet few weeks in Forest school but that hasn't stopped us from getting the children outside for a run around and to have some Forest school fun in the fresh air.

Year 3

We finished off our Stone age topic and spoke about tools and weapons. The children had great fun making bows and arrows and trying to shoot them on the field.

We then went on to study Plants, discussing what parts a plant is made up of and what they need to grow. The children created a plant with leaf litter and then labelled the stem, leaf, root and flower as well as adding their own interesting facts.

Year 4

We have been studying Greek architecture, learning about the differ types of columns that there are - Doric, Ionic and Corinthian. We made our own columns out of Forest litter and then the following week we drew columns with charcoal and learnt all about Greek gods. We also acted out the story of Athena and Medusa which the children loved to do.

Year 5

We started this term by talking about Tudor food and making potage which the children enjoyed. Most of them were also brave enough to try it!

We then held a lesson about Space with the year 5 children and were amazed by their knowledge of the planets. We looked at the different sizes of the planets and how far away from each other they are in the solar system ! We then scaled down the distances and mapped them out on the field and playground.

Finally, we moved on to study Vikings. We made shields and swords and had great fun charging at the Viking dummies in Forest school!

Year 6

Year 6 have been studying World War II. In Forest School we always start by asking what they already know about a topic and their knowledge was fabulous so it's obviously a topic they have loved learning about in class. We talked about air raid shelters with them and over two lessons tasked them with building a bomb resistant and waterproof shelter. They rose to the task and built some absolutely amazing shelters, which withstood the bombs (basket balls!) and only a few of them got wet when we tested whether they were waterproof. Beech class did particularly well as they had to finish their shelters off in the pouring rain, but they certainly kept morale up by singing as they worked and did a fantastic job. We have now moved on to rationing and last week had jam, toast and a cup of tea around the fire.

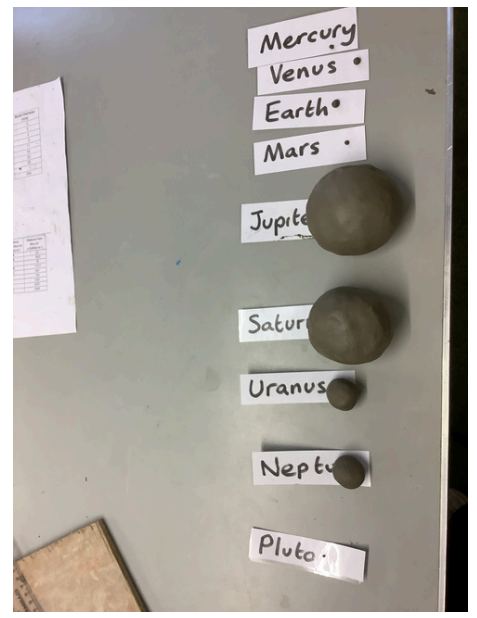
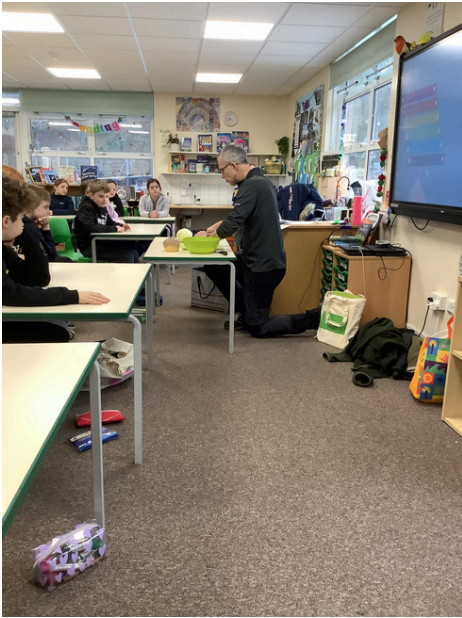
In amongst all the learning we also played lots of games too. They children particularly love hide and seek, Elephant ball is also quite popular and we have introduced the year 3 children to 'Who's under the tarp' which they appeared to love.

Forest School Dates - REMINDER

Tuesday 24th February - Oak (am) and Rowan (pm)

Wednesday 25th February - Beech (am) and Chestnut (pm)





Housepoint totals this week



499



465



461



430