

Weekly News

Friday 1st May 2026

Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another positive and productive week in school, with children continuing to approach their learning with enthusiasm and maturity. With the lovely weather this week, it has been especially pleasing to see classes making the most of outdoor learning opportunities. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking their learning beyond the classroom, and it has been wonderful to see their engagement and enjoyment in the sunshine.

We would like to remind parents that staff supervision begins at 8.35am, which is the official start of the school day. Children may arrive on site before this time; however, they must remain under the direct supervision of a parent or carer until 8.35am. We have noticed a growing number of children being dropped off early without supervision, which raises safeguarding concerns. Children in UKS2 who walk to school independently are, of course, permitted to arrive on their own. We appreciate parents' support in ensuring that appropriate supervision arrangements are in place for all other children until the start of the school day.

A reminder that Monday is the Bank Holiday, and school will be closed. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 5th May. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation, and we hope you enjoy a restful long weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Egan

Attendance

Whole School Attendance for w/c 27th April 2026

94.7%

Elm: 98.7% Maple: 97.9%
Hazel: 96.3% Oak: 94.3%
Chestnut: 94.2% Beech: 93.3%
Sycamore: 91.7% Rowan: 91.3%

Diary Dates for next week:

Monday 4th May - Bank holiday - school closed
Thursday 7th May - Library Visit, pm (invitations already sent out)

Looking ahead:

w/c 11th May - Year 6 SATS
Friday 15th May - Year 4 Habitats and Sleepover
Thursday 21st May - Sports Day, pm

Wow Work Winners

Oak - Amelia
Elm - Alek
Maple - Oscar
Chestnut - Shivaanshi and George
Hazel - Jacob
Rowan - Kysen
Beech - Tindy
Sycamore -



Year 5 Debating Day

Last Friday 10 of our Year 5 children had the exciting opportunity to take part in an action packed day of debate training at Collingwood College. The day was led by the Collingwood Debating Society and headed up by Team England Development members.

From imagining life as world leaders to debating survival in the most extreme scenarios, pupils showed creativity, confidence and real courage in sharing their ideas. With fantastic support from Collingwood students the day ended with lively debates and plenty of proud moments which included our children finishing second in the debating competition up against a number of other primary schools.



Spotlight on Year 3

Year 3 have had an exciting few weeks of learning. The children have begun learning to play the recorder and are already showing great enthusiasm as they master their first notes.

In English, they have been writing up a storm. After exploring the dramatic events of the Mount Vesuvius eruption in 79AD, the children produced powerful diary entries imagining what it might have been like to witness the disaster. Building on this, they are now creating their own newspaper articles reporting on the same incredible historical event. This work links beautifully with our History unit on the Romans, and the children have been fully engaged, demonstrating excellent creativity and curiosity throughout.

It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow across all areas of learning.

Formula One STEM Day

Yesterday 40 children from across the school had the opportunity to participate in a STEM enrichment day at the Williams Formula 1 Experience Centre. Despite an early start, the children had an absolutely fantastic day and fully engaged with all discussions and learning activities. We very much hope to be able to offer similar experiences to other children in the future.

