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Dear Parents and Carers



Remembrance Service – Lest We Forget.

We are so proud of Ayo, Ollie, Ashton, Henry, Progress, Joshua and Sylvie who led the Armistice Day Service on Tuesday, despite the wind and rain. It was rather poignant the sun shone through the clouds during our silence. The children honoured the service perfectly and were a credit to all.

We will remember them.



Just this week....

Red Oak Class enjoyed a trip to Oakwood Church to take part in a variety of activities. Rowan and Silver Birch Class enjoyed a nature walk in the local community. KS1 have had their first few Nativity rehearsals. We also had 2 open sessions for prospective parents, with around 20 new families interested - let's hope we are full in September! 10 staff took part in some essential training, and some effective networking took place with 3 different schools. All that without mentioning the excellent learning and provision successfully carried out – such a busy week!

Open morning and afternoon for prospective parents

This week, many parents who are considering their child's school for September 2026 came for a tour. All visitors liked what they saw and were very encouraged by the high standard of learning, our great provision and amazing site. We continue to strive for further improvement. **Our reception class is full (the only school locally)**, so we must continue our quest to secure 30 children for next year too. We do not have any places in Reception or Key Stage 1, and hardly any spaces in some Key Stage 2 classes, with most year groups full.

Open afternoon for current parents: 2.30 – 3.00pm

On Wednesday 19th November, we offer a chance for parents to see what children have been doing in recent weeks. There will be chance to see your child's classrooms, books and hear what they have been learning. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday. Once you have seen enough, you are welcome to take your children home.

Children In Need – 14th November

Although we kept it low-key, thank you for your contributions for Children in Need.

Parent Survey – From Monday 17th November

On Monday, please look out for our Annual Parent Survey – a chance for Parents to let staff and the RHT Directors know how our school is doing. We are looking for 70%+ responses and some hopefully positive outcomes!



Movember

So far, over £140 has been raised – so thank you to all those who have donated.

If you would like to donate, please click on the link, or search Nick Arnold on the Movember website. [Movember - Home](#) Thank you. Raising funds to support others in need.



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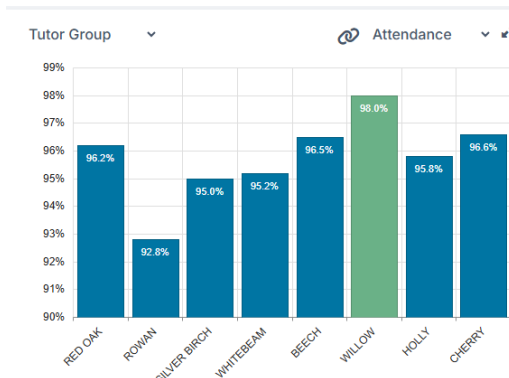
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Attendance

Latest data: 95.6%. Sadly, 25 children are less than 90%.

1st Willow, 2nd Cherry, 3rd Beech, 4th Red Oak, 5th Holly – all those classes are above National Average. Proud. It is vital we maintain high levels of attendance every day because it:

- ***Establishes good routines – essential life skills***
- ***Secures better relationship and friendships***
- ***Supports progress in learning***
- ***Good attendance improves motivation to achieve.***



AMAZING NEWS! Kitchen Audit = 95.2%! SUPERB

Following our annual Kitchen Audit, we scored 95.2% overall, which is outstanding. All areas of the kitchen and food production was monitored, and the results are extremely pleasing – best in the Richard Huish Trust! Thank you, Jen who leads the kitchen, efficiently, and thank you to the new team. Teamwork is essential and awesome!

However, Food Waste – becoming an issue

Last week, I wrote about healthy lunchboxes and shared this website for some great ideas... [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#) We hope it helped. Did you know, it is cheaper to make healthy foods for lunchboxes rather than fill it with processed (unhealthy – high sugar/salt content) foods?

We are trying to reduce meal food waste, made more challenging when some parents are providing packed lunches and then ordering hot meal – interesting decision and one which arguably gives children too much choice?

Did you know we weigh our food waste daily? (Thank you, Mr Barry!) to support future meal planning. Rest assured, we follow Government guidelines for meals.

From the Sports Desk...

Following a recent football competition, our Girls played so impressively against several other teams, with the winning 2 teams progressing. Results:

Played 5, Won 2, Drew 1, Lost 1.

Sadly, we didn't progress because 2 teams won 3 and didn't draw a match, so achieved 2 more points in the league. Luck also wasn't on our side once again.

Nevertheless – ***so proud of them all!***

Well done to the squad of...Farrah, Sylvie, Harlow, Ola, Nyah, Roxy & Clara. Proud of you all!



Hope you all have a lovely weekend – the weather turns colder next week, so please ensure all children have warmer clothing...coats are essential – rain is also expected.

Nick Arnold