



October 6th 2025

Message from Mrs Norman

We are pretty much halfway through the first half term. Routines are in place and children have settled well into their new curriculums. Thank you for observing our PE clothing guidelines, the children look incredibly smart. Our first LEAF Day was a success and I take on board the comment about white T shirts maybe not being the most appropriate clothing. Due to the amazing fundraising which has taken place, I am looking at purchasing a LEAF Day Hoodie for all children and will be in touch shortly once I have more details.

The Long-term Plan (overview for the year) is on our website for each class and this will show you what your child will be covering in each subject. There are also some Knowledge Notes and these specify the core knowledge we intend children to know.

Please can I remind you about respectful and safe parking. You might think it is okay to park on the zig zags as you are only there a few minutes, but it does create a blockage for other road users as passing points become limited. The zig zags are also there to keep pedestrians safe too by limiting car movement close to the school.

Your child will have brought home a leaflet yesterday about healthy snack choices. This is in line with new DFE guidelines about food consumed on site and minimising the amount of added sugar etc. Thank you for helping us make these necessary but healthy changes. We are also reviewing our weekly lunch menus and will share the updated ones which will come into effect after half term. We have been asked about sending in treats when it is your child's birthday and I have no issue with this as long as they are consumed after the school day.

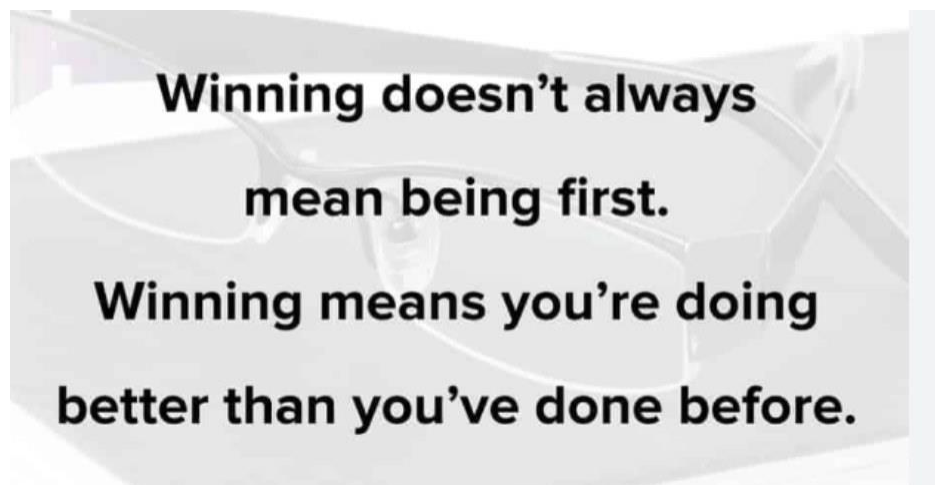
Our School Council have had a busy first meeting and made some great decisions:

1. To invite parents in for lunch when it is their child's birthday or to invite friends to sit with them at a special birthday table. This is something we are hoping to introduce in the future.
1. Introduce a weekly certificate chosen by the school council. This is being introduced with immediate effect.
1. 'Kinderley Records' - This follows on from last week's assembly about the Guinness Book of Records. The School Council are going to organise our very own 'kinderley Records.' Watch this space!

Reminder: if it is your child's birthday they can wear home clothes. If the birthday falls at the weekend, then they can choose to wear home clothes on the Friday before or the Monday after.

Mrs Norman

Quote of the week



Calendar Reminders



Clubs-

Tuesdays and Thursdays - Yr 1 - 6 After School Football Club 3:20 -4:20 p.m

Wednesdays - Singing Club 3:20-4:20

P.E Days-

Tuesdays - Rowan P.E

Wednesdays - Oak Swimming

Thursdays - Maple P.E

Fridays - Whole school LEAF day - Outdoor P.E clothes, footwear and coats.

Upcoming Events -

Monday 13th October - Maple Crafty Cuppa 1-3 pm - details to follow

Monday 13th October - Oak Crafty Cuppa 1-3pm - details to follow

Wednesday 22nd October - EYFS open afternoon 2 pm.

Friday 24th October - Halloween Disco - details to follow.

Acorn Class



Acorns have been very busy over the last few weeks. We have been talking about our families, our bodies and our emotions. We have had lots of sensory experiences (thanks Miss Bains and sorry to Mr Ryan our cleaner, fortunately he is very forgiving.)

Reception have been working hard with their phonics and learning the initial sounds and we are starting to blend words together.

We have had lots of exciting experiences such as checking on the builders fixing the forest school fence and watching the tree surgeons fell the poorly trees. We have learnt what a wood chipper does and how noisy it is!

We have been talking about being healthy this week and made a fruit salad. Reception and pre schoolers cut theirs up and made the fruit salad- our 2 year olds ate the fruit straight away!

We love seeing the excitement the children bring to their learning and can't wait to see what they teach us next!







Maple Class



In Art, the children have been exploring a range of mark making opportunities. As well as using a variety of materials we have been looking at how different music styles and movements affect our mark making and used this learning to create their own piece of work inspired by Waves. There were some messy hands and faces, but everyone had fun.















In science, we are learning about animals, their habitats and how they move. We've been comparing animals and plants, and their differences.







The class are fascinated by the chickens, watching the way they move, eat and stand. The children have been sharing some healthy snacks with them and have discovered that they like apples almost as much as they do!



It has been great to see that reading at home has improved in Maple class and I want to thank parents and carers for finding time to read with the children. Thank you.



"You can find magic wherever
you look. Sit back and relax all
you need is a book!"

— Dr. Seuss

LittleYellowStar

Rowan Class



These last two weeks in Rowan class have been busy! We have been learning how to write adverts and diary entries in literacy. We learnt all about the different stages of a River and compared this to our local River. We even made our own Pizzas in DT and compared the ingredients we used to those we'd find in a shop bought pizza. On LEAF days we had a blast making arrays with leaves, going on a times table scavenger hunt and even having a go on a guitar!





Oak Class



We really enjoyed our first LEAF day. In the morning we hunted the grounds for prime numbers, (a number that is a product of 1 and itself – 3, 5, 7). We found most of them but number 5 seems to have disappeared. In the afternoon we walked to the church to draw it. We then used charcoal, pastels or watercolours to enhance our work. In science we have been adding cells to

a circuit to observe what happens. We have been drawing circuit diagrams to show what we have been doing, using the correct symbols.

We also have new neighbours. They are not too noisy – and we hope they're not hiding the number 5!







School Attendance

Attendance Matters



Mrs Norman and myself have been looking at ways the school can continue to improve attendance for all our children and build on the progress already being seen across the school. I

will be giving updates and sharing attendance information with you all in future newsletters, and I will aim to make this as clear and relevant as possible for everyone.

You should have received an attendance leaflet since the start of the new term (copies in the office), which gives important information on the school's attendance policy. Please note that ALL absences, must be logged before the close of the class register at 9:10 or it will be recorded as 'unauthorised'. Remember, you are able to report a child's absence on the school office answerphone before the office opens at 8:30 if you wish. We would ask that you try to arrange any appointments for your child outside of school hours, but recognise that this is not always possible. Please let the office know if your child has an appointment during the school day, giving 24hrs notice where possible. We do also need to see evidence of any appointments in the form of a letter, text message or appointment card.

Thankyou to those who have been following the school attendance policy. It's great to be able to acknowledge that several grown-ups have spoken to staff with queries about their child's attendance and we have been able to offer guidance and support each time. Evidence of how home and school working hand in hand really can make a difference.

Teachers have also reported that there has been a big improvement in children arriving on time and before the close of registers in the morning. They have commented on the calm and relaxed atmosphere when the children come into the classroom each morning allowing everyone to settle and prepare for their day. This time is so important, as it gives children the opportunity to speak to their adults in class if there is anything that they need to ask or share before the start of their day. Your morning routines at home are really helping children start their day in the best possible way. If you are feeling rushed in the mornings or trying to do more than one school drop off remember that we offer a morning club from 8 am Monday to Friday. The club offers a variety of activities as well as breakfast each morning. Pop along to the office if you want to find out more.

Certificates

<u>Acorn Class Certificates</u>	12 th Sept	19 th Sept	26 th Sept	3 rd Oct
Awesome Acorn	Dennis	Sadie-Jayne	Markus	Mikayla
Acorn Pride	Oskar	Ollie	Charlie C	Anna
Acorn Dojo	Anna	Mikayla	Huxley	Leighton
<u>Maple Class Certificates</u>	12 th Sept	19 th Sept	26 th Sept	3 rd Oct
Maple Wow Writer	Madison	Swayley	Joanie	Myla
Maple Pride	Domas	Lenni	Logan	Elizabeth
Maple Dojo	Asia	Talon	Asia & Madison	Asia
<u>Rowan Class Certificates</u>	12 th Sept	19 th Sept	26 th Sept	3 rd Oct
Rowan Wow Writer	Lola-Lee	Tilly-Mae	Isabella	Lauren
Rowan Pride	Isabella	Ella	Archie D	Olivia
Rowan Dojo	Ethan	Evie	Eliese	Ethan
<u>Oak Class Certificates</u>	12 th Sept	19 th Sept	26 th Sept	3 rd Oct
Oak Wow Writer	Molly	Ronnie	Jacob	Jorge
Oak Pride	Oscar	Ronnie	Carly	Tommy S
Oak Dojo	Nancy	Teddy	Josh	Alfie
<u>School Council Awards</u>				
Tommy V	For demonstrating the school's PRIDE values at all times.			
Tilly-Mae				
Evie				