

Newsletter



No. 1 - 11th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been lovely this week to welcome our new Reception children, and their families, to our school community. The children have settled in really well. It has been a pleasure to watch our older children get to know them and welcome them into their games at playtimes.

The children enjoyed the first SPLASH assembly of the year on Wednesday, where we learnt about how important it is to ask for help when we need it.



We had our first Celebration Worship this morning. The focus of our Golden Book now being children who have particularly displayed one of our values during the week. Our six values are; respect, perseverance, compassion, forgiveness, joy and truthfulness. We are particularly thinking about perseverance this half-term.

There are lots of new dates in the school diary for this term, which can be found at the end of this newsletter.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Catherine Brooks

“Life in all its fullness” John 10:10

Staff would like to say thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts we received at the end of last term.



Benedict's Law

Benedict's Law, which came into place this September, aims to ensure that children with allergies can attend school safely and that staff have the knowledge and tools to respond quickly when emergencies occur. During the recent INSET days, staff received allergy training to enable us to provide emergency support to a child in the case of a life-threatening allergic reaction.

Allergy is common, serious and potentially life-threatening in school settings.

- Around **two children in every classroom** have an allergy
- Schools are one of the **most common locations for severe allergic reactions outside the home**
- Up to **30% of severe reactions occur in children with no prior diagnosis**

In school we now have emergency autoinjectors which can be used in the case of severe allergic reaction to quickly provide potentially life-saving support.

Benedict's Law introduces a consistent national framework for allergy safety in schools which includes the requirement for a whole-school allergy policy setting out we manage allergies and respond to emergencies. This policy will be available on our website once it is approved by Governors at their next meeting later this month.

More information about Benedict's Law can be found at: <https://benedictblythe.com/benedicts-law/>

We will be fundraising for the Jeans for Genes charity again this year. On Friday 18th September children can wear jeans (or joggers), denim skirts, pinafores or shorts and bring a donation for the charity. This is slightly different to a non-uniform day as children wear the rest of their uniform other than these items.

More information about the charity can be found at: <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/who-we-are>



Curriculum meetings

We will be holding a short meeting (10-15 minutes), at the start of the day, for each class over the next few weeks. It will give the Class Teacher an opportunity to share with you the topics and focus of the term, the home learning structure for that particular class and other useful information. If you are unable to attend the meeting the slides will be available on the website afterwards.

The dates are: Willows – 8.50 Monday 21st September, Ash – 8.50 Thursday 24th September, Sycamores – 8.50 Friday 25th September (all in the hall)

Thank you for all the donations already received, the donation box will be collected on Tuesday.

DO YOU HAVE DRAWERS OR TOY BOXES FULL OF THIS SORT OF JUNK?

*You know... all the tiny bits that just
appear out of nowhere!*

Please consider having a clear-out
over the summer holidays and
donating any small items that would
otherwise end up in landfill

WE CAN TAKE:

- Small hand size toys
- Fidgets
- Keyrings
- Mini figures
- Cars
- LEGO / Playmobil pieces
- Small hand size soft toys
- Leftover party-bag fillers
- McDonald's toys
- Kinder Egg toys
- Magazine / comic freebies
- Mini stationery (rubbers, tiny pencils, stamps, etc.)

Basically: any small, clean, safe toys your children no longer play with.



**A donation box will be placed in the school
office 3rd - 14th September**



WHY IT HELPS:

Most of these tiny toys end up in landfill, by donating them,
we can clean them, reuse them and give them another party
to go to – showing our children that reusing can be just as
exciting as buying new.

Thank you so much for supporting our little reuse project 



Reading rewards

	Ruby 10 reads	Emerald 25 reads	Amethyst 50 reads	Diamond 75 reads	Wormery 100 reads
Willows	Tulip				
Ash					
Sycamore					



Golden book

When a child demonstrates one of our values,
we like to celebrate it in Friday's assembly!

Respect Compassion Joy
Perseverance Forgiveness Truthfulness

Willows

Reception, for all having a lovely first week of school and giving everything a go.
Year 1, for being so kind and welcoming to our new Reception friends.

Ash

All of Ash Class for showing excellent perseverance in their learning this week. They worked very hard in everything they have done.

Sycamores

All of Sycamores Class for demonstrating perseverance and joy in their first week.

Diary dates for the autumn term 2026

September

Friday 18 th September	Jeans for Genes day (Children are welcome to wear jeans or joggers for a donation to the charity)
Monday 21 st September	Willows – Curriculum meeting 8.50 in the hall
Thursday 24 th September	Ash - Curriculum meeting 8.50 in the hall
Friday 25 th September	Sycamores - Curriculum meeting 8.50 in the hall

October

Wednesday 14 th October	Parent's evening
Monday 19 th October	Parent's evening
Half-term	Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October

November

Tuesday 10 th November	8.55 Ash Class Assembly
Thursday 12 th November	8.55 Sycamores Class Assembly
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need (Children are welcome to wear PJs or their own clothes for a donation to the charity)
Thursday 19 th November	8.55 Willows Class Assembly

December

Wednesday 9 th December	9.15 Nativity performance
Thursday 10 th December	6pm Nativity performance
Friday 11 th December	2pm Nativity performance
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term

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