



Autumn Term Dates:

Monday 5th Sep—Tuesday 20th December

Children return Wednesday 4th January

School Times:

8.45a.m—3.15p.m.

Doors open:

8.45a.m—8.55a.m.

Nursery:

AM: 9am—12pm

PM: 12pm—3pm

2022-2023

Remaining PD Days:

Fri 17th Feb 2023

Thurs 20th July 2023

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NEWSLETTER: 12

9th December 2022

Dear parents and carers,

A big well done to Willow Class this week, who attended their first school trip—a visit to a multi-sports festival! They had a brilliant but exhausting time!

Thanks also to Rev. Kate and her helpers on Monday, who shared their Christingle assembly with the children.

Also this week, we had parents of Elm class, working with the children on various crafts, thanks to those who were able to join us.

Elm class also enjoyed their visit to Snappy Christmas, representing the school admirably.

Oak class enjoyed a visit by staff from Yarm School who delivered a clay workshop for the children.

Christmas Advent Calendar

Children nominated for Mrs. Lewis’ advent calendar this week for good behaviour - being ready, respectful and safe.

| Date | Name | Class |
|--------------|-----------|----------|
| 3rd December | Rebecca D | Birch |
| 4th December | Alfie P | Chestnut |
| 5th December | Flora A | Elm |
| 6th December | George C | Oak |
| 7th December | Orla W | Acorn |
| 8th December | Harriet B | Willow |
| 9th December | Seth W | Birch |

RRSA—Rights Respecting School

As a Gold Level ‘Rights Respecting’ School, the children learn lots about children’s rights, with a focus on:

- Well-being
- Participation
- Relationships
- Self-esteem

Article of the month:
December

The right to follow your own religion.





Christmas Parties

We would be grateful for £1 donations towards our Christmas parties. This can be paid via Arbor and will support us with purchasing food, drinks and prizes for games.

On the day of their party, children may come dressed in party clothes. Please ensure clothes and shoes will be suitable for outdoor play.

For children in Willow, **please can they also bring their green school jumper or cardigan on this day.**

Teachers will plan for children with allergies—please discuss any concerns you have directly.



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Classes

Acorn and Willow

Birch and Chestnut

Elm and Oak

Party Day

19th December

12th December

14th December

Christmas Carols in the playground

We are hoping to have a short ‘sing a long’ Carol Service in the large playground on the afternoon of the last day, Wednesday 20th December, starting at 2.40pm. This will depend on the weather. All of the children from Acorn to Oak will be involved, so the pick up point for children will be the playground.

Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers/non-uniform on this day. We would love it if you could join us!

Parent Governor

We are looking for a Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. This is a voluntary role and we have a meeting twice per term, usually on a Tuesday at 4.45pm.

Governors work alongside the school’s leadership team to set targets, formulate school policy and plan for future development. The local authority provide training and a support service for governors.

You can speak directly to the Governor Support Service on 01642 526420 for additional information.

Please collect a nomination form from the school office, if you are interested.









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Team Points

Well done to Earth and Saturn who both won the team point trophy this week!

| Teams | | Team Captains 09/12/22 |
|---------|---|---------------------------|
| Mars |  | Sam Sm |
| Neptune |  | Tom F |
| Saturn |  | Poppy A |
| Earth |  | Millie C |

Attendance and Class of the Week!

Whole school attendance is 87.8%. Please remember that we cannot authorise holidays, unless circumstances meet our exceptional criteria, and that both parents will be referred to attendance which may result in a fine for 10 unauthorised sessions (5 days) or more, per child, within 6 weeks.

‘Class of the Week’ celebrates the class with the best attendance each week. The winning class across the term, will get a treat that they can negotiate with their teacher! Well done to Willow who won this week.

Y6 SATS will be held May 9th to May 12th, 2023 and we expect children will be in school during this period.

Best Attendance

| | |
|----------|---|
| Willow | 5 |
| Birch | 3 |
| Chestnut | 1 |
| Elm | 2 |
| Oak | 4 |



December Birthdays

Happy birthday month to: Noah B, Harrison B, Evie D, Ava I, Ruby R, Archie S and Ted S.

Stars of the week—Be Respectful, Be Safe

| | |
|----------|-------------|
| Willow | Alex P |
| Birch | Rebecca D |
| Chestnut | Theo J |
| Elm | Theo C |
| Oak | Charlotte C |



Learners of the week—Be Ready

| | |
|----------|-------------|
| Willow | Evelyne L W |
| Birch | Jacob M |
| Chestnut | Roscoe H |
| Elm | Millie C |
| Oak | Grace D |



Star Writers

| | |
|----------|----------|
| Willow | Maisie D |
| Birch | Angus W |
| Chestnut | Lily Sh |
| Elm | Sasha L |
| Oak | Daisy T |



Head Teacher's
Award:

Well done to George Kem in Chestnut class for being a kind and helpful member of the school.



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Acorn enjoyed their visit from the Fire Brigade this week!





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During Elm’s Christmas Craft morning they made felt Christmas stockings and decorated biscuits. They also enjoyed their Snappy Sing visit.





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Willow Class enjoyed the Sports Festival!



Oak Class made Christmas decorations and then models of their designs in their Clay Workshop.





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Autumn Term: Diary of Events

We are busy planning events for the children, our families and the local community. We will continue to update this list as the term progresses.

More information will be provided, closer to the time of events.

| Date | Event |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 3/11 - 15/12/22 | Thursday Yoga in school for Acorn and Willow |
| 12/12/22 | Birch and Chestnut Christmas party—pm |
| 12/12/22 | Choir—Community Carols am |
| 13/12/22 and 14/12/22 9.30am | Nursery and Reception Christmas Production 'Born in Bethlehem'. Parents and carers invited |
| 14/12/22 | Elm and Oak Christmas party—pm |
| 16/12/22 | Birch Christmas Crafts, 9.00-10.00am — Parents to be invited |
| 16/12/22 | Christmas Dinner |
| 19/12/22 | Children visiting Church for Christmas Service |
| 19/12/22 | Acorn and Willow Christmas Party—am |
| 19/12/22 | Oak Christmas Crafts, 2.00– 3.00pm Parents to be invited |
| 20/12/22 | Last Day—Christmas jumpers / non-uniform optional (preloved jumpers may be available, please ask at the office) |
| 20/12/22 | Children's carols in the large playground 2.40pm Outdoor performance to parents— weather dependant! |
| 04/01/22 | Children back after the Christmas break. |



Winter Weather

As the icy mornings are upon us, we have been gritting the main routes to school. Please take care and stick to the main paths. Please see our gritting plan below, which shows the gritted route.



There is also a copy in the main entrance.

If we do experience extreme weather, we may close the gate onto the large playground and have everyone come through the main entrance side of the building. We will notify parents if this is the case.

