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*“Though your beginning was small,
your future will flourish indeed.”*

Dear Parents and Carers,

First and foremost, it was wonderful to welcome children and families back to school for the final term of the academic year, albeit to such temperamental weather after such lovely sunshine! The turbulent weather and rain did not dampen the children’s enthusiasm for learning and it has been delightful to see the children so engaged in their classroom and outdoor learning environments following the half term break.

This week, the Year 6 children received cycle proficiency training from Bikeability, and they were commended for their behaviour and positive attitudes. The training equips children with vital life skills. Children not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing. After Bikeability, children are better at responding to risk and report increased confidence. As a result, more children cycle to school, which in turn improves mental health and wellbeing. This allows children to get more out of the classroom, improving their attention span and engagement. Healthier habits lead to increased attendance and improved academic results. **Bikeability goes beyond a training course; it impacts children’s lives.**

Maple Class also began their swimming sessions at Ongar Leisure Centre. The swimming team follows the Swim England Learn to Swim Framework to deliver swimming lessons. They also use fun and games to build water confidence from the first splash to a lifetime of loving swimming and being safe in the water.

Please do continue to check the term dates for upcoming events – as there are some very busy weeks ahead when we return after the half term break and enter the final half term of the academic year. More information for events will follow.

Please take a few moments to complete the [Parent/Carer View Questionnaire](#). Your views are really important to us.

In our final term, we appeal to you to ensure that you continue to support us with your child’s education and attendance. If you require help and information, please contact the office and we will be happy to help you.

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	ATTENDANCE MATTERS WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN? BE SMART BE THERE! <small>Percentages based on 190 academic days</small>
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day	
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hafise Nasif (Executive Head Teacher)

Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

Lord Jesus, light of the world, help us to shine as lights, to be truthful and honest in all we do. Amen

Talk together about occasions when complete honesty could cause trouble or be hurtful. For example:

- When a member of your family asks you if you like their new shoes
- When telling the truth will get your friend into trouble
- When someone asks what you are thinking but the answer would hurt their feelings



TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

Family Collective Worship – Open the Book

Monday 9th June 2025

Monday 30th June 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

WC 9th June: Formal Assessment Week

WC 9th June: PSC Check Assessment – Year 1

WC 9th June: MTC Assessment Week -Year 4

9th June: Year 6 Chelmsford Cathedral Leaver’s Service (am)

13th June Swimming - Maple class

19th June: Class photos

20th June Swimming - Maple class

27th June Swimming - Maple class

30th June British Week - Tennis Week – Whole school and Strawberries

1st July Zoe Bear’s 9th Birthday – Cupcake Competition

4th July Swimming - Maple class

9th July Year 6 Leaver’s Service – St Nicholas’ Church
9:00am

10th July End of Year Reports home to parents

11th July: INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

15th July Sports afternoon **from 1:00pm**

17th July: Whole school trip to Southend

18th July: Last swimming lesson – Maple

18th July: FODW Summer Garden Party **3:00pm – 5:00pm**

Tuesday 22nd July: End of academic year – 1:00pm finish (after registration)



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National: 95% Our School Target: 96%

	WC 02.06.25	WC 09.06.25	WC 16.06.25	WC 23.06.25	WC 30.06.25	WC 07.07.25	WC 14.07.25	WC 21.07.25
Willow	89%							
Sycamore	92%							
Maple	78%							
Whole School	86%							

Is my child too ill for school?

Please find attached [poster](#)
and [NHS website guidance](#).

ZOE IS NINE



Zoe Bear is
9-years-old on
Tuesday 1st July and
to mark her birthday,
we are hosting a
competition!

Your challenge is to
design and make a
cupcake to help
Zoe Bear celebrate
her special occasion.
Please bring **ONE**
cupcake into school
for judging on
Monday 30th
June 2025.



**Prizes for each
year group!**

On Monday 30th June, as Wimbledon Tennis Week commences, we will align with LIFE Mid-Essex schools and participate in 'Being British Week - Wimbledon Tennis Week' - a first for all our schools.

During this session, all children will be encouraged to participate in tennis and the spectating children will be able to enjoy strawberries.

We ask that parents and carers send some strawberries in with their child on the day.

We believe that this will be an exciting opportunity for the children to participate in.

