

Newsletter date: Friday 20th June 2025

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been as delightful as the sunshine! Although the temperatures are making the mercury soar, this has not affected the children’s positivity and resilience. They certainly are a true credit to us all.

We have shared information relating to the parent and carer questionnaire with you. There were 13 responses in total, so thank you to those who completed it – your voice really does matter to us! From the responses, 85% would recommend us to others, which is fantastic news, and we are working hard to raise that to 100% and ensure that Dr Walker’s is every parent and carers first choice for their children.

In response to the survey results, we will consider how we:

1. Continue to uphold the many strengths you highlighted in your feedback. It is reassuring to know that your child feels happy, safe, and well-supported in their learning. We are also pleased that you recognise the breadth of the curriculum and the strength of leadership within the school.
2. Work proactively to raise the profile of the school, aiming to increase pupil numbers and ensure that more families can benefit from what we offer.
3. Further refine how we communicate with you, especially in relation to your child’s learning and progress, so that you feel even more informed and connected.
4. Seek your views more regularly, as your input is vital in helping us grow as a community and shape the future of our school together.

The photographer visited on Thursday to take class photos, and we will share the proofs with you when we have them.

Unfortunately, our overall attendance is still significantly below national expectations. We appreciate that at times children may be too ill to attend school; however, we really need your support and commitment to ensure that your child attends school every day, on time. We offer a **FREE breakfast club** – for all – from 8:00am to 8:30am and the gates open at 8:30am. Registration closes at 8:45am, by which time your child should be settled in the classroom ready for learning. Should you need any support, please do let us know.

Attendance	Lessons Missed	Days Missed
95%	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?
BE SMART BE THERE!
Percentages based on 190 academic days

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hafise Nazif (Executive Head Teacher)
Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

KING SOLOMON

Click [here](#) to watch the video link.
Think about arguments you have been involved in.
How did it make you feel?

In God's eyes, a half-truth equals a whole lie.

Help me be a person of truth, even if I am embarrassed or afraid. I want to honour You with every word I speak, for I know You will hold me accountable for every one of them. Thank You for giving me the power to speak the truth in love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

Family Collective Worship – Open the Book

Monday 30th June 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

19th June: Class photos

20th June Swimming - Maple class

24th June Southend Risk Assessment (more information to follow)

25th June Teddy Bear’s Picnic – new Reception children

27th June Swimming - Maple class

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

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

1st July Children to meet new class teachers

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 TO CHILDREN

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 – 4:15pm**

21st July Music Concert – whole school 2pm

21st July Year 6 Activities afternoon

22nd July Whole School Year 6 Farewell Collective Wor

22nd July Children, Parent/Carer, Staff Picnic 12pm

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%	94%	89%					
Sycamore	92%	88%	93%					
Maple	78%	83%	91%					
Whole School	86%	88%	91%					

Is my child too ill for school?

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

Wednesday 18th June 2025 was National Thank a Teacher Day!

proud to celebrate



We recognise the value of all the staff that support the children and wider community of Dr Walker's.



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