

Newsletter date: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week of exciting learning. There has been a buzz around school, as new Class Ambassadors were elected democratically in classes, and we are delighted to announce the role has been awarded to:

- Mabel – Year 1
- Jake – Year 2
- Luna – Year 3
- Evie May – Year 4
- Doty – Year 5

The Class Ambassadors will work closely with our Year 6 Prefects and staff to liaising with the School Council representatives to share ideas and represent their class: whilst upholding school values and ethos by setting high standards for behaviour and learning. Their designated roles will be allocated in due course.

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025, we held a fundraising day to support Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Service. The children took part in activities such as basic first aid, daily mile and decorating heart shaped biscuits in red and yellow. From parents, carers and staff generosity, we have currently raised **£70**. The option to donate will be live on MCAS until Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Friday followed a further fundraiser for MacMillan Cancer Support. Children were encouraged to make or design a cupcake to enter a competition, and the winners received a cupcake mix as a prize! From parents, carers and staff generosity, we were able to raise **£55.50**.

### **Upcoming Dates and Events**

Family Collective Worship - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 10:25am

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct — Individual and sibling photos

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct—Hello Yellow Day (Info to follow)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hafise Nazif (Executive Head Teacher)

Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

### **Giving sacrificially**

- **What would it cost me to give this?** Giving sacrificially means going without something you want or need.
- **Is this a gift that "hurts" a little?** Sacrificial gifts typically cost something more than a mere inconvenience.
- **How will this giving shape my spiritual perspective?** Consider how the act of letting go affects your faith and character.

Father God,

We praise you for all that you have generously given to us. Thank you for families and friends. Thank you for our bodies, our minds and all that makes us unique as your children. Inspire us to be generous in return.

Sharing what we have willingly and cheerfully, In the name of your Son Jesus, who gave his life for us.

Amen.

### **TERM DATES:**

#### **Upcoming Dates and Events**

#### **Open the Book – Family Collective Worship**

##### **Autumn 2025**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October

##### **Half- Term**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

8<sup>th</sup> Oct — Individual and sibling photos

10<sup>th</sup> Oct—Hello Yellow Day (Info to follow)

16<sup>th</sup> Oct—EYFS/Yr 1 ‘People Who Help Us Day’ (Info to follow)

20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 5 Parents – Secondary School application DEADLINE

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct—Parents Evening

**Harvest Festival at church 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**24<sup>th</sup> Oct—Last Day of Autumn 1**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Nov—First Day of Autumn 2**

4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 5/Year 6 – Anglo-Saxon/Viking Day (info to follow)

**11<sup>th</sup> Nov—Open morning for New EYFS 11am**

14<sup>th</sup> Nov—Year 1/Year 2 Great Fire of London Day

21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Yr 3/Yr 4 Mayan Exploration Day (info to follow)

**1<sup>st</sup> Dec—INSET Day – School closed for children**

16<sup>th</sup> Dec—EYFS/KS1 Nativity (am)

16<sup>th</sup> Dec—KS2 Christmas Production (pm)

11<sup>th</sup> Dec—Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner

9<sup>th</sup> Dec—Whole school go to watch Panto

**Christmas service at church 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025**

**19<sup>th</sup> Dec—Last Day of Autumn 2**

**5<sup>th</sup> Jan—INSET Day – School closed for children**

**6<sup>th</sup> Jan—First Day of Spring 1**





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**National: 95% Our School Target: 96%**

	WC 01.09	WC 08.09	WC 15.09	WC 22.09	WC 29.09	WC 06.11	WC 13.11	WC 20.11
Willow	93%	94%	92%	93%				
Sycamore	94%	94%	94%	93%				
Maple	82%	95%	91%	90%				
Whole School	91%	95%	92%	92%				

Our MacMillan Cancer Support Cupcake entry winners!



It was fantastic to welcome parents, carers and extended family members to our Coffee and Cake MacMillan fundraising afternoon! Thank you all for your time and generosity. We have raised £55.50.



**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**



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24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Break up for half term  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Children return to school

19<sup>th</sup> Dec – End of Term  
6<sup>th</sup> Jan - Children return to school

13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Break up for half term  
24<sup>th</sup> Feb - Children return to school

27<sup>th</sup> Mar – End of Term  
13<sup>th</sup> Apr - Children return to school

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Break up for half term  
1<sup>st</sup> June - Children return to school

**Monday 20th July: End of academic year –  
1:00pm finish (after registration)**



Download **My Child at School** from the App Store for Apple users and on Google Play for all Android phone users. It is essential you have the app ready to use as soon as possible so as we send out log in information you are prepared.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

**Year 6 Parents and Carers**

The new secondary school admission round opens today, **Friday, 12 September 2025**, to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026. **The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2025.** Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.