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Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a buzz of activity this week, despite the turbulent weather that we have experienced!

Fortunately, Monday's weather was much more favourable, allowing our short promotional filming to proceed as scheduled. The morning provided numerous enriching learning opportunities, encapsulating a broad spectrum of experiences that children encounter throughout their time at our school. These moments reflect a typical week, term, and even an entire academic year within our community. We are delighted to share the completed video with you. Please click [here](#). The video will also be hosted on our official school website to welcome prospective families and encourage them to 'Join our flourishing community'.

Next Tuesday, we welcome Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 parents to join us at 3pm for workshops to support your child with their upcoming National Assessments. You would have received letters with more information. Please do remember to complete the link to indicate your attendance.



It is important that you access MCAS to book your child's lunch option ahead of the school day.

All school meals are cooked to order, and therefore, to avoid any further issues, we kindly ask that you begin to discuss lunch options with your child and book these a **week in advance**. This will also help to reduce food waste and guarantee choice. The menus for the week are readily available in the Parent's Section on the [school website](#). All children in **Reception, Year 1, and Year 2** are legally entitled to receive hot school lunches at no cost under the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) program. While these meals are automatically provided regardless of household income, parents must still book their child's specific meal choice in advance.

Have a lovely weekend.

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

OUR THEME: COURAGE

This week we have been looking at:
DETERMINATION

Home school values – explore the value at home. Click the link [here](#)

Lord,

Grant me the strength and determination of mighty men, that I may run my course with purpose and climb over obstacles with courage.

May I march forward, stay focused, and overcome challenges to fulfil my purpose.

In Jesus' name,
Amen

**"Though your beginning was small,
your future will flourish indeed." Job 8:7**

TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

19th Dec—Last Day of Autumn 2

20th Jan – PSC Meeting for Parents (Year 1) – 3pm
20th Jan – MTC Meeting for Parents (Year 4) – 3pm
20th Jan – SATs Meeting for Parents (Year 6) – 3pm

26th Jan – Year 6 After School Boosters commence
WC 9th Feb – Children's Mental Health Week
10th Feb – Fairy Tale Day - EYFS (info to follow)
10th Feb – Parent Consultation Evening (info to follow)
13th Feb – Ancient Greek Day – Maple Class

13th Feb – Break up for half term

23rd Feb – INSET DAY – School Closed for Children

24th Feb - Children return to school

27th Mar – End of Term

13th Apr - Children return to school

22nd May – Break up for half term

1st June - Children return to school

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





National: 95% Our School Target: 96%

	WC 05.01	WC 12.01	WC 19.01	WC 26.01	WC 02.02	WC 09.02	
Willow	92%	92%					
Sycamore	91%	91%					
Maple	90%	91%					
Whole School	92%	92%					

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The effect of of absence on progress					
A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 178 days. That leaves 187 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.					
No absence	9 days absence	11 days absence	18 days absence	27 days absence	36 days absence
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.		Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		Your child will find it very difficult to make progress	

During our Collective Worship, the children begin with our school prayer. This is an integral part of our Collective Worship which the children constructed to include our **school's name**, our **school vision** and our **school values**.

Dear Lord,

We come together today at **Dr Walker's School**.
 We thank you for our inner **creativity**. We ask
 that you grant us the **courage** to face new
 challenges and always have a deep sense of
compassion.

We trust that **though our beginning was small,
our future will flourish indeed**.

We pray this in Jesus' name
 Amen

Dr Walker's CE Primary

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Courageous Optimism

Boundless Creativity

Heartfelt Compassion

