


Newsletter date: Friday 6th February 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The week has been turbulent with unsettled weather, but that has not deterred the children and their positive attitudes towards learning.

On Tuesday, Year 5 children and Reception children (and their parents) took part in workshops delivered by the Safer Essex Roads Partnership team. Year 5 children also experienced an outdoor roadside session, highlighting the dangers faced by young people, and a further engaging session for Reception children and parents was hosted on-site to highlight the crucial role parents and carers play as role models in teaching children essential road safety skills.

Friday saw Dr Walker's children become **Rock Stars!** This event not only promoted the Times Tables Rock Stars learning platform, but also celebrated the NSPCC Number Day, and promoted a broader enjoyment of mathematics throughout the school. There were a number of creative, rock-themed attires – including accessories and outrageous hairstyles. The day also coincided with the national NSPCC fundraising campaign, and with your generous donations, we raised **£15** for this vital cause.

Attendance at Dr Walker's remains a priority focus area for improvement, which is also linked to the Ofsted judgement area 'Behaviour, attitudes and establishing routines.' Whilst some absence is unavoidable, it is important that your child is in school (on time) every day, they can be for their learning, wellbeing and development. We ask that you support your child with attendance and to avoid further disruption to your child's attendance, medical and dental appointments should not be booked during the school day whenever reasonably possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hafise Nazif (Executive Head Teacher)

Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

OUR THEME: COURAGE

**This week we have been looking at:
ENCOURAGING OTHERS**

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

Dear Lord,

I pray for my friend right now. I pray that you will help them with the struggles they are going through this season, for you know precisely what they need at this moment. Draw near to them and let them feel your presence.

Amen

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

TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

Family Collective Worship @ 10:25 (please arrive for 10:20am)

Monday 9th February

Monday 9th March

Monday 23rd March

WC 9th Feb – Children's Mental Health Week

10th Feb – Fairy Tale Day - EYFS

10th Feb – Parent Consultation Evening

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

3rd Mar – Chinese New Year (menu change)

5th Mar – World Book Day (info to follow)

9th Mar – Whole School Assessment Week

17th Mar – LIFE Ambassador Zoom Meeting

18th Mar – Sycamore British Museum Trip

23rd Mar – Mid-Essex has Got Talent (info to follow)

24th Mar – Annual reports home to parents

26th Mar – Wilderness Foundation Day

(Willow – more info to follow)

Church Easter Service – to be confirmed

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)**





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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%	92%	92%	92%		
Sycamore	91%	91%	91%	90%	90%		
Maple	90%	91%	92%	92%	92%		
Whole School	92%	92%	92%	91%	91%		

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	

Times Tables Rockstars Day!

A celebration of times tables and number bonds.

Willow Rockstars



Sycamore Rockstars



Maple Rockstars



We're proud to support the NSPCC's

Number Day 2026

Friday 6 February

We raised £15

