

Newsletter date: Friday 13th February 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Spring 1 term draws to an end in a week of excitement and activities.

On Tuesday, Willow Class immersed themselves in a Fairytale Day – dressing up as princesses, queens, princes and kings! The children also experienced a Fairy Tale Tea Party with a selection of finger sandwiches, carrot sticks, cucumber sticks, sausage rolls (vegetarian sausage roll), orange juice and apple juice! Throughout the day, the children explored Fairy Tale stories and ...

Tuesday also welcomed parents and carers to our second Parents' Consultation evening, which included appointments being booked via MCAS! It was wonderful to see such support from parents and carers – despite the dreary weather (again) and the slight overrunning of appointments – so thank you for your patience and understanding.

Maple Class became Ancient Greeks on Friday, and explored the Greek alphabet, tasted some Greek foods, participated in Greek maths and had a go at Greek Gods and Goddesses Top Trumps! There were further opportunities to create a collage and a Greek mask and then to round off the activities they engaged in Mini Olympic Games and ended the day with some Ancient Greek stories.

We would like to kindly remind parents and carers that between **8:30 am and 8:45 am**, our teachers are fully dedicated to the supervision and welfare of their classes as they prepare for the school day. To ensure a smooth and safe start for all pupils, we ask that you please reserve non-urgent queries for the end of the school day. Additionally, we kindly ask that parents refrain from entering the classrooms during this time to help children settle quickly and maintain a focused environment. Should you have an urgent message that requires immediate attention, please pass this through the **School Office**. Our administrative team will ensure the information reaches the teacher as quickly as possible. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Have a lovely half term break. We look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 24th February 2026**.

Mrs Hafise Nazif (Executive Head Teacher)

Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

OUR THEME: COURAGE

**This week we have been looking at:
TRUSTING GOD'S PROMISE**

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

Dear Lord,
I come to You today to thank You for Your unwavering faithfulness and Your many promises. When I am overwhelmed by worry and doubt, help me to stand firm on Your Word, knowing that You are in control. I trust that Your plans for me are good and that You are working all things together for my benefit.
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 March

Monday 23rd March

WC 9th Feb – Children's Mental Health Week

10th Feb – Safer Internet Day

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 Ancient Egypt Day (in school - info to follow)

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

Safer Internet Day 2026 | **Tuesday 10 February**
 Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre
saferinternetday.org.uk

For Safer Internet Day, Willow Class watched the live lesson and learnt about the importance of knowing how and when to trust AI and made their own chatbots.

For Safer Internet Day, Sycamore class took part in a live BBC lesson. We talked about being AI AWARE: Safe, smart and in control.

Click the link for [Top Tips for parents and carers](#)

For Safer Internet Day, Maple Class watched a live lesson on designing a safe AI bot.

