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Collective Worship Inclusive - Invitational – Inspiring
This term's theme: **FRIENDSHIP**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was delightful to welcome Mrs Wickens, our SIAMS inspector, to Dr Walker's on Monday to allow her to make a judgement to establish if our school is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish. We will receive the outcome of our inspection in 3 weeks' time and will be able to share this with you. We would like to extend our gratitude to all who gave up their time to speak with Mrs Wickens as part of the inspection process.

We welcomed Open the Book and Rev. Julia Baldwin back on Monday and it was lovely to see parents and carers attend our Family Collective Worship.

Thank you to the parents who came to the 'Meet the Executive Headteacher' event with Mrs Taylor on Wednesday. We hope that this provided you with the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have had about the transition and you enjoyed learning more about Mrs Taylor.

Attendance & Punctuality

We continue to focus on improving our school attendance and would like to remind parents and carers of the vital importance of daily attendance and punctuality. Currently, our school is performing below national expectations; this impacts our children not only academically but also socially and emotionally.

Under the new Ofsted Framework, attendance is a critical component of the "Behaviour and Attitudes" judgement. Consistent attendance is essential for us to achieve a "Expected" or "Strong" rating, and we thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is in school and on time every day.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Melissa Taylor (Executive Head Teacher)

Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

OUR THEME: FRIENDSHIP

This week we have been looking at:
encouraging others

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

Loving God,
I thank you for the gift of friendship. Thank you for the friends who love us, share our joys and sorrows, and who support us in times of need. Thank you for the friends who give us the freedom to be ourselves. Help me to be a better friend to them, showing compassion, kindness, and forgiveness.
Amen

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

TERM DATES:

SATs Week Countdown – 9 school days away!

Upcoming Dates and Events

Open the Book – Family Collective Worship
10:25am

11th May - Mistaken for Gods

Half-Term

1st June - Paul is Shipwrecked

15th June Tea at Auntie's House

29th June The Greedy farmer

13th July Everyone Gets the Same

21st Apr – KS1 SATs Revision Programme to start

22nd Apr – Meet the Exec Head 3:30pm

28th Apr – Daisy May's Farm EYFS/Yr 1

4th May – MAY BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

6th May – Children return to school

11th May – KS2 SATs Week

12th May – LIFE Ambassador Meeting

11-17th May – Mental Health Awareness Week

12th May – RSE Parent Meeting

14th May – Year 6 after SATs Treat

18th May – KS1 SATs Week

18th May – Maple Class USA Day (in school)

20th May – NO PENS DAY

21st May – Summer Census

22nd May – Break up for half term

1st June - Children return to school

1st June – Year 4 MTC

8th June – Year 1 PSC (and Year 2 resits)

8th June – Year 6 Chelmsford Cathedral Leavers' Service 10 - 11:30am – more info to follow





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National: 95% Our School Target: 96%

	WC 13.4	WC 20.4	WC 27.4	WC 4.5	WC 11.5	WC 18.5	
Willow	89%	89%					
Sycamore	90%	90%					
Maple	92%	92%					
Whole School	90%	90%					

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	



Our Year 6 Prefects have been leading the development of our outdoor Spirituality Area and engaging with younger children to enable them to independently access the space to reflect and have moments of stillness.

Our year 6 prefects have demonstrated incredible initiative and collaboration. More than just a fundraiser, this project has seen them manage every stage of real-world business - from costing to bespoke 3D fidgets to organising a sustainable “bring and buy” sale of pre-owned items. Half of the money raised will contribute to a year 6 activity/treat and the other half will be donated to WWF - the leading global environmental charity. We are extremely proud of how the prefects are using their voices and actions to contribute to the greater good. We look forward to sharing the final total with you once the sale concludes!



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Upcoming Dates and Events

- 15 – 21st June – Refugee Week
- 16th June – New EYFS Intake – Session 1
- 16 – 22nd June – Nat’l Sports Week – Always Active
- 15th June – Havering Festival of Education
- 22nd June – EYFS Dinosaur Topic Day (in school)
- 22nd June – Year 6 Secondary School Transition Week
- 23rd June – Year 1 and 2 Seaside Day (at school)
- 23rd June - New EYFS Intake – Session 2
- 25th June – National Writing Day
- 29th June – Funfair Day (at school)
- 29th June – Year 1 and 2 Football Tournament (MPS)
- 1st July – Zoe Bear’s 10th Birthday
- 7th July – KS2 SATs Results released
- 7th July – LIFE Celebration Event
- 7th July – Reports sent home to parents
- 7th July – Meet the New Teacher 9-10am
- 7th July – Teddy Bear’s Picnic New EYFS 9-10am
- 13th July – International Week
- 13th July – Year 6 Leavers’ Service – St Nicholas’ Church
- 15th July – Sports afternoon (from 1pm)
- 20th July – Year 6 Memories Assembly for Parents (am)

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

