

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week we will be celebrating World Week and Democracy Day. World Week celebrates the diversity within our partnership of schools and creates opportunities to explore relevant global issues and for children to gain an understanding of themselves as global citizens. The theme for World Week this year will be 'sustaining our world'. Children will gain an awareness of their own role in protecting the planet they live in, from the impact they can have in their local environment, to how their actions contribute to the health of the wider world. The children will investigate a cause, and effect and sustainable solutions to the climate crisis the planet is currently facing. World Week will incorporate a number of events such as international evening, democracy day, cultural workshops, national dress day and the launch into Black History Month. We are very excited to welcome external visitors who will undertake a range of dance workshops including Flamenco, Morris and African dancing! We also elected the new members of our school pupil council, who meet weekly. A reminder that international dress day and international evening will be taking place on Thursday 17th October. We are looking forward to seeing children in their cultural dress and sampling dishes from across the globe. We are so fortunate to be able to celebrate so many different cultures that make London a proud global city!

The first half term has gone by very quickly, with school breaking up for half term on Friday 25th October 2024 at 3:30pm. Children return on Monday 4th November 2024 at 8.55am. During the first few weeks of the school year we have again been focusing on key skills such as reading confidently and with understanding as well as knowledge of key maths skills such as pairs of numbers that add to 10,100,1000 and essential confidence in times tables facts. Please support us by making sure that children practise these at home including the use of Mathletics and Timestable Rockstars. There are some tips in home reading diaries on how you can help or speak to the teacher who will also be happy to help! You will also be receiving the half term holiday project information to support children in getting ready for the new half term of learning and we look forward to seeing the creative outcomes worked on at home when children return!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien - Headteacher | Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher

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Reminders

The Governing Body are delighted to announce that Mr O'Brien has been successfully recruited to the Executive Headteacher role for January 2025. Mr O'Brien is an established member of the Viridis Schools senior leadership team having held the Headteacher role at each of the three schools over the past ten years and is well known to all three school communities. Mr O'Brien will ensure the schools continue to work closely together to provide the very best educational offer for our children.



Seasonal Art

This week in EYFS, children have been exploring colour and colour mixing as they created a large Autumn tree with different coloured leaves. This activity allowed them to expand their understanding of colour theory. Children also practised their fine motor skills when using the pipette in order to drip water and paint onto the cotton pad leaves.



Evolution of Toys

This week, Year 1 visited the Young V&A Museum as part of their History unit focusing on the evolution of toys through time. During this trip they identified and explored a variety of modern day toys while comparing them to toys from the past. This sparked their curiosity about history and how play has changed over the years!



Viking Collages

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed working on their current art project this week, they have been creating elements for a Viking ship collage. The children experimented with painting techniques and texture to develop a wooden effect for their ships. They also began developing their collage, adding the sea to their sky backdrop.





Pupil Voice Fair

This week, Orchard children enjoyed the Pupil Voice Fair. It was wonderful to see children from Year 1 to Year 6 engaging in conversations about which roles they would apply for and why. We would like to say a huge thank you to all our subject leaders for setting up such an inviting space!



Bike Bus

This week, children and parents enjoyed an energising ride for this week's bike bus to school. The bike bus starts off at Frampton Park Estate at 8:30am before a ride over to Well Street Common and then over to St John's Church. This has been a wonderful way for children and parents to get involved!



Key Dates

Black History Month
October 2024

World Week
Week of 14th - 18th October

National Dress Day
Thursday 17th October

International Evening
Thursday 17th October at 3:45pm

Individual School Photographs
Tuesday 22nd October

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexible Space at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 18th October	<u>Online-Safety</u> : What does our curriculum teach about being safe online?
Friday 25th October	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home?
Date	EYFS Workshop
Thursday 17th October	<u>Fine Motor Skills and Handwriting</u> : How to develop your child's handwriting?

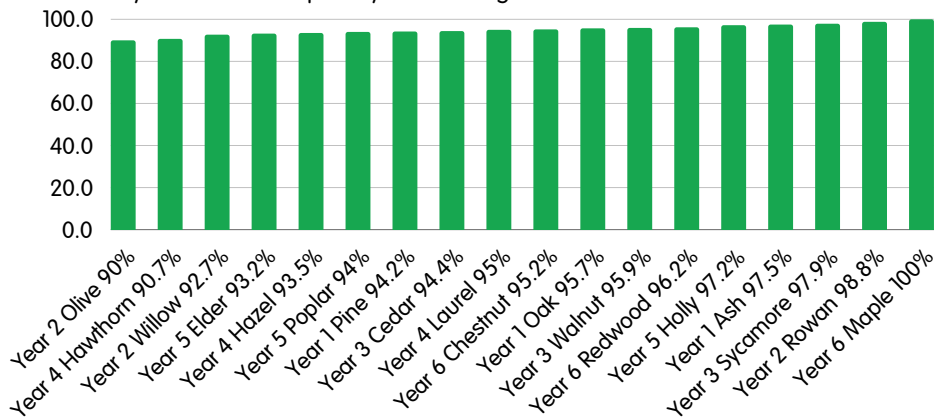
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 94%.

Well done to Year 6 Maple Class, last week's winners with 100% attendance.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



Term End and Start

The first half of the autumn term ends on Friday 25th October 2024 at 3:30pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 - 2025 term dates.



School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



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