

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year!! We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break. We extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and families joining our Reception and Nursery classes this academic year.

This week we have held Meet the Teacher sessions for Years 1 to 6 to share the learning that will be taking place across this half term. If you missed this, please take a moment to read the year group curriculum newsletter which includes what children will be learning, homework expectations and what day PE will be taking place. Within this newsletter you will also find details of who is who on our whole school staffing structure for this academic year. Don't forget, lots of other useful information including diary dates and news can be found on our school website and social media so don't forget to check and follow us.

Children have been talking about and celebrating their holiday homework projects, which are being proudly displayed in classrooms and shared in assemblies. Thank you for taking the time to discuss and research new learning topics, this helps children to make links, ask questions and practise vocabulary with ease.

Children have been given new home reading diaries and reading books this week. Reading is an important part of wider learning and daily practise supports fluency and understanding. Please help us to support children in developing this most important of skills by ensuring they read to, or with you each day.

All primary school children in Reception to Year 6 in state-funded schools in London will get free school meals for the 2024/25 school year. In addition, our school is also funding free school meals to all full time Nursery children.

At the end of last term, we were pleased to receive our Key Stage 2 results which again places the achievement of pupils at Orchard, Southwold and Hoxton Garden schools well above national averages. This is down to the hard work of pupils and teachers, but also very much due to the support that you give from home in ensuring that children read every night, learn times tables, complete homework tasks and come to school ready to learn.

Thank you for your support!

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

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Reminders

School Uniform

Please make sure that children look smart in our uniform for school everyday. Our school uniform is available from the MAPAC website (link from the school website). If you struggling to access this online please ask for help at our school office.

School Start Time

School starts at 8.55am and we expect all children to be on time in order that learning time is not lost.



Roleplay

This week in Nursery, children have been enjoying role playing house games in their brand new role play area. Here, they have had back-and-forth conversations while sharing their food together and taking turns to cook food for their friends.



SEAL Awards

This week, pupils in Year 1 have been working hard to help adults and their friends during the school day. They have been showing their social skills through empathy, motivation and communication. As a result, we will be celebrating them by awarding them SEAL awards!



Rocks

This week in Science, the children in Year 3 explored the properties of rocks, classifying them into categories according to their texture, colour and shape. The children shared their ideas with enthusiasm, using a wide variety of key scientific vocabulary to justify their choices.



Staffing Profile 2024 - 2025

Children have now settled into their new classes and are back into a routine. A big welcome to the new members of the teaching team who joined us this September!

Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher			
Mr Stephen O'Brien - Headteacher			
Ms Felicity Headen EYFS & KS1 Deputy Headteacher		Mr Zammedin Siddique KS2 Deputy Headteacher	
Ms Ivita Grozde EYFS & KS1 Assistant Headteacher		Ms Megan Lovett KS2 Assistant Headteacher	
Year 6	Maple Class James Tilden	Redwood Class Lenna Marson	Chestnut Class Simmy Moosa
Year 5	Poplar Class Isabel Imperato	Holly Class Nuressa Khatun	Elder Class Anna Celi
Year 4	Hawthorn Class Natasha Tannis	Laurel Class Alice Markham	Hazel Class Myles Hoary
Year 3	Cedar Class Seyma Cakir	Sycamore Class Meski Abdi	Walnut Class Nahida Islam
Year 2	Willow Class Rahima Islam	Olive Class Yeliz Siddique	Rowan Class Jessica Brown
Year 1	Ash Class Sophie Peace	Pine Class Faisa Nuur	Oak Class Krystal Ellis -Townsend
Reception	Apple Class Janatee Miah		Cherry Class Rehana Begum
Nursery	Sapling Class Jessica Mendoza		

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 20th September	<u>Reading/Early Reading</u> : What strategies can I use at home to support my children to read? What books should children be reading at home?
Friday 27th September	<u>Maths</u> : What times tables should children be learning and when? How can I help my children learn all their times tables?
Friday 4th October	<u>Homework Support</u> : What strategies can I use at home to help my child with their homework?
Friday 11th October	<u>World Week</u> : How do we celebrate diversity and inclusivity within our school?
Date	EYFS Workshop
Thursday 17th October	<u>Fine Motor Skills and Handwriting</u> : How to develop your child's handwriting?

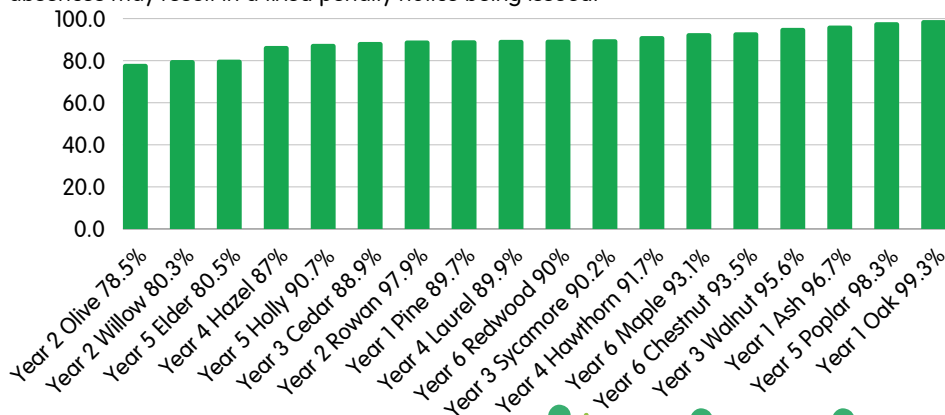
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 90.6%.

Well done to Year 1 Oak Class, last week's winners with 99.3% 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.



Key Dates

Bring A Significant Male to School
Wednesday 25th September at 9am

Olive Class Assembly
Thursday 26th September at 10:30am

Redwood Class Assembly
Thursday 26th September at 11am

Black History Month
October 2024

Willow Class Assembly
Thursday 3rd October at 10:30am

Chestnut Class Assembly
Thursday 3rd October at 11am

Rowan Class Assembly
Thursday 10th October at 10:30am

Maple Class Assembly
Thursday 10th October at 11am

World Week
Week of 14th - 18th October

National Dress Day
Thursday 17th October

International Evening
Thursday 17th October at 3:45pm

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

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