



UPDATE FOR PARENTS

Friday 15th
November
2024

- Thought for the week
- Art work of the week
- Anglo-Saxon Day
- Focus on Attendance
- Upcoming events
- Stars of the week

Thought for the week – Remembrance



On Monday 11th November, we marked Remembrance with a special Assembly. We commemorated the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth during the first and second world wars and the conflicts since.

I am grateful to Vedanshi, Matthew, Vedhaa, Zachary, Ruby, Maryam, Ehsaan, Rayen and Riana who led our assembly so beautifully.

By remembering, we learn to look first for a peaceful solution to problems that we have, so that this peace will affect others and spread across the world.

Art works of the week



Theo, year 4 Juniper



Ayaaz, year 4 Juniper

Anglo-Saxon Day



To complement the year 5 study of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings this term, Mrs Thompson and Mr Merrill invited History Off the Page into school to provide a 'Life in Saxon/Viking Britain' day.

History Off the Page provided an immersive and practical history workshop for the children and gave them the feeling of what it was like to live during the year 878 AD in Britain. The children used authentic tools and materials to learn the skills of apprentices in a wide variety of workshops.

The children looked amazing in their costumes and had a really successful day.





Focus on Attendance

This academic year, there is an increased national and Hertfordshire focus on the importance of attendance. All our attendance figures are reported to the Department for Education every week, enabling them to assess how well each school is doing.

I will be including an attendance and punctuality report in each parents update, enabling you to see the picture across the school.

Congratulations to Holly class for near-perfect attendance!

Attendance and punctuality for Week beginning: Monday 3rd November 2024

<i>Class</i>	<i>Attendance percentage</i>	<i>Number of children late</i>
3 Holly	99.67%	5
3 Willow	96.67%	6
4 Juniper	91.67%	4
4 Oak	95.33%	4
5 Beech	97.33%	3
5 Elm	97.67%	4
6 Poplar	94.14%	8
6 Rowan	95.67%	4



Our target is 97% attendance each week!

Upcoming events for your diary

<i>Events</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Is this event open to parents?</i>
Parents Consultations (Willow, Juniper, Oak, Elm, Beech, Poplar, Rowan classes)	19 th and 21 st November <i>Online</i>	Yes – please book your appointment
Holly Class Parents Consultations	19 th and 20 th November <i>Online</i>	Yes – please book your appointment
Flu immunisations	26 th November	N/A
Carol Service	11 th December (10.30am – 11.15am)	Yes – a limited number of tickets will be available nearer the time (tickets limited by space in St Andrew's Church)
Flu immunisations (Catch up session)	12 th December	N/A
Christmas Lunch	13 th December	No
Pantomime	17 th December	No
Singer of the Year Finals	19 th December (11am–12 noon)	Yes – parents of finalists are warmly invited
Talent Show	TBC	No

Stars of the week

Friday 15th November



Class	Nominee	Reason
Holly	James	For coming 2nd overall in the Year 3 boys Cross Country run, out of seven schools! You paced yourself well, ran with passion and determination. You should be extremely proud of yourself.
Willow	Zaman	For excellent Design and Technology work this week. Well done, Zaman. Your 3D Christmas Tree was a perfect replica of the modelled design.
	Matthew	For clear, confident and accurate reading in the Remembrance Day Assembly. Well done, Matthew. We were all very proud to have you represent Willow Class at this important event.
Oak	Lilian	For being a positive member of our, you are always there to help your peers in a kind and considerate way.
	Sarah	For her hard-work during our English lesson on subordinate clauses. Well done, Sarah.
Juniper	Zaynab	Zaynab has shown great enthusiasm for her learning this week. She has been consistently joining in with class discussion in all subjects whilst demonstrating a positive attitude towards her learning.
	Nathaniel	For excellent contributions and enthusiasm during our Geography lessons.
Elm	Megha	For engaging really well in our Saxon Day this week, showing enthusiasm and her historical skillset when working like an archaeologist.
Beech	Ilya	For being so engaged and enthusiastic on our trip to Bayfordbury Observatory last half term. Ilya loved sharing his extensive knowledge on space with the astronomers and represented our school very well.
Rowan	Samara	For fantastic effort and perseverance, whilst working independently to complete a fraction investigation.
Poplar	Isabella	For her excellent basketball skills. Isabella was able to dribble the ball, using alternate hands, with ease and she never missed a shot! Well done, Isabella.