



This Week

We have enjoyed two wonderful Harvest services this week. The children delivered the important message with real confidence and it was a joy to see them showcase their talents. Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate with us as your presence made the occasions very special.

A particular thank you to St Peter's Church for hosting the Key Stage 2 service and for playing a part in our celebrations. I am also grateful to all the staff who worked on the preparations, and especially to Mrs Black for her tremendous hard work and energy in producing both services.

As I've mentioned before, staff have been reviewing our school values so they clearly reflect what matters most to our community. Children, parents and governors were involved in this process and I am delighted to share our final values:

S — Success

H — Honesty

I — Independence

N — Neighbourly

E — Equality

We believe these **SHINE** values capture the shared beliefs and ambitions of our pupils, families, staff and the wider community. We will be embedding them across school life so children know what they mean in practice.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes, Ms Earl

Achievements Outside of School



A big well done to Teddy and Leo who achieved their yellow belts in Taekwondo this week at their grading. They were so happy. We are very proud of you.





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Acorn Class

We are so proud of how well the children performed in our Harvest service yesterday! They all sang beautifully and were so brave! The children have all been fantastic at completing our learning challenges during Challenge Time this week. It has been really lovely to see them showing such great learning behaviours, being risk takers when taking part in new learning and trying their very best. Our focus book this week has been 'Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. We have used this book to help us to understand the Zones of Regulation, which helps us identify how we are feeling. In maths we have learnt to recognise numbers to 3 and have practised representing these numbers with our fingers. We have learnt to subitise, which means recognising an amount without counting each object individually (like you do when you roll a dice!)

Pine Class

Year 1 have had another fantastic week! We have been singing beautifully in our Harvest rehearsals and practising our lines, and we were so pleased that you got to see your children perform so brilliantly yesterday. We are incredibly proud of their courage and confidence on stage, and we hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did! They have all worked so hard. In Maths, we have been comparing groups of objects and have started using the vocabulary more than, fewer than and equal to, which the children are showing great confidence in using. In English, we have begun our new poetry topic and have enjoyed using rhyme to create poems about the different seasons. In Art, we have been exploring how to make different types of lines on a variety of textures. What a busy and brilliant week!



Chestnut Class

What a fantastic week we have had in Chestnut class! We hope you enjoyed our Harvest assembly, we are over the moon with how it went and are all very proud of ourselves! In our English lessons we have been exploring how dictionaries work and how we can use them to fix spellings and find out meanings for words we are unsure on. During maths, we have been working hard to master counting up and down on a number line and finding patterns when counting in 3s. As historians we discussed the differences between London now and how it was in 1666 and looked at factors that assisted the rapid spread of the great fire. In science we learnt about microhabitats which lead us to make predictions about where insects may live. We then went on a minibeast hunt to back up our predictions. In PE we continued to practice our hand eye coordination skills and we tried our hands at bowling a cricket ball with Mr Marshall. We look forward to our new learning next week!



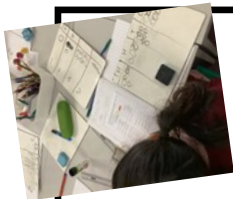


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Willow Class

Year 3 have had a very busy and exciting week! We have finished writing our fantastic spooky stories, with the children taking great pride in presenting their work beautifully. We have also completed our Place Value topic in Maths. Finally, after lots of rehearsing and hard work, the children took to the stage for their Harvest play. They were absolute stars, and we could not be prouder of the confidence, enthusiasm and teamwork they showed. Well done, Year 3!



Elm Class

This week in year 4 we have started our new maths topic of addition and subtraction and have enjoyed using counters to work out tricky maths problems. We have also started our new English topic and hope that we will become excellent informal diary writers using all the new skills we have learnt. Also, we learnt how the Anglo-Saxons lived and how they built their homes and villages with the help of 'Sid the Saxon'. Finally, it was lovely to see the children in church on Friday singing and dancing during the harvest festival after all the effort they have put in practicing in class. Hard work really does pay off!



Beech Class

Beech class has had a very busy week! Maths lessons have focused on ordering and comparing numbers and rounding numbers up to 1,000,000. A new writing unit has begun, and the children are busy incorporating dialogue and description into the myth of 'Odysseus and the Cyclops'. In Science this week, we investigated how to separate solids using a filter. In History, we looked at the beliefs of the Ancient Greeks. The children have also been busy practising our Harvest songs with much enthusiasm, ready for our service today.

Oak Class

Oak Class have certainly been busy! This week, we launched discursive writing, sharpened our understanding of common factors and multiples, and began Animals Including Humans by asking, what exactly is blood? We have also enjoyed PE with Mrs Parkinson and preparations for our upcoming Harvest Festival.



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PSA

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL TOGETHER

FRIENDS FUNDRAISING COMMUNITY

NEXT PSA MEETING

Tuesday 6th October
7:30pm
@ G & D

Come along, get involved and hear what we have coming up! Everyone is welcome!

BAGS2SCHOOL REMINDER

Wednesday 7th October
Morning Drop-Off

Please bring along your unwanted clothes and textiles to help us raise funds for the school.

Thank you for your support! ♥

QUIZ NIGHT?

SOLD OUT!

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported our Quiz Night! We're completely **SOLD OUT** and can't wait for a brilliant evening together. ♥

TT ROCKSTARS DRESS UP DAY!

Thursday 16th October

Come to school dressed as a rockstar for a £1 donation to support our school!

£1

SPOOKY BAKE SALE

Thursday 16th October

Please donate cakes in the morning ♥

2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE & COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 6th November
After Drop-Off

Join us after drop-off for our next 2nd Hand Uniform Sale, with a lovely coffee morning and pastries available too!

It's a great chance to pick up some pre-loved uniform bargains while enjoying a coffee and a catch-up. ♥

♥ Thank you, as always, for supporting the Ightham PSA! ♥

Awards and Certificates

The **Gold Cup** was not awarded this week due to the Harvest Service.

Head Teacher certificates were not awarded this week due to the Harvest Service.

Maple Ready Award was presented to Beech Class

House Points

The House Points accumulated this term:

Mote	Chartwell	Knole	Oldbury
8	11	18	10

Well done to Mote & Oldbury House who had the most House Points this week .



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School Calendar

2026-2027

Term 1: 1st September-19th October

Term 2: 2nd November—18th December

Term 3: 4th January— 12th February

Term 4: 22nd February—25th March

Term 5: 12th April—28th May

Term 6: 7th June—23rd July

Inset days:

27th & 28th August

2nd November

4th January

7th June

2027-2028 dates available on the website

Upcoming dates

5th October Year 6 Community Afternoon

9th October Individual and sibling photos

12th & 13th October Year 5 Mini Medics

12th October Parent Consultations

14th October Parent Consultations

16th October TTRS Day

16th October Last day of term

2nd November Inset Day

3rd November Rail Workshop for years 5 and 6

5th November Phonics workshop for reception parents

5th, 6th, 9th and 10th November Year 6 Bikeability

16th November Antibullying week

16th November Art Week

7th December Flu vaccinations

Attendance and Lateness We are expecting attendance of 96% or above. The attendance for this week is:

Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole School	National
100%	97.88%	96.55%	99.39%	98.74%	94.85%	98.38%	97.96%	94.5%

Number of lates	Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole
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