



St. Michael's Woolmer Green C of E School

'Shine as Lights in the World'

Spring Term News

Week Ending: Friday 23rd January 2026



Our School Value for the month of January is 'Perseverance'

Our Jigsaw PSHE themes for the Spring Term are 'Dreams & Goals and Healthy Me'

Our St. Michael's Golden Rule is: 'We will treat one another in a fair and equal way and treat others in the way we wish to be treated.'

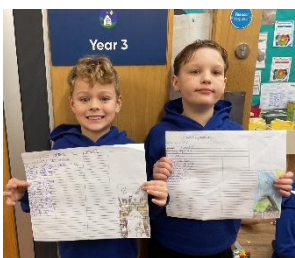
Perseverance

'By perseverance the snail reached the Ark.'
Charles H. Spurgeon

On Monday we continued to explore our value for this month - 'Perseverance'. We looked at a clip from the film, 'Eddie the Eagle' and discussed how he had wanted to be in the Olympics and went for a sport which Great Britain had not entered anyone for - ski jump. He certainly didn't give up on his dream, despite many injuries and negative comments. He did represent his country, and he did compete, attracting much media attention and support from spectators. We looked at a quote from the Bible, 'Let us run with perseverance the race that lies before us...' We spoke about our lives as being like a race and we thought about whether this was a good way to describe life and why we might need perseverance in the 'Race of Life?' As usual the children had lots of ideas to contribute and many said that there can be 'bumps' along the way, some small and some large that we would need to get over as life is not always smooth.



Redwood Class Writing the News



Year 3 have started their newspaper article inspired from the book Escape from Pompeii! They have loved using their Geography volcano knowledge to help their writing in English.

Sycamore Class Making Boats

Sycamore Class have been learning about boats this week as part of their transport topic. They visited Forest School and found different items that would float or sink to help them decide what they could use to make boats.



Beech Class Parachute Drop



Beech Class have been stretching their scientific minds this week with an exciting parachute drop investigation! The children explored how air resistance affects falling objects, designing and testing their own

parachutes to see which designs created the slowest, most controlled descent. There was lots of brilliant prediction, observation, and discussion—great to see such enthusiastic young scientists at work!

Music Assembly



What a treat we had on Thursday morning, when 18 of our young musicians performed in front of the school and their parents/carers. We had children who have just started their musical journey as well as more experienced players and all of them played so confidently. At our school all the children enjoy music as part of their classroom music, and we have a whole class set of glockenspiels that complement this. In addition, Ms Draper provides whole class ukulele lessons for Years 3, 4 & 5 and we have class pBuzz lessons in Year 2 for the summer term. This instrument is a forerunner to playing a brass instrument, which inspired Elliott to begin playing the trombone. Thank you to Ms Draper and all our children that took part.

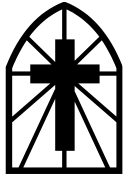


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Please see our [website](#) and [Instagram](#) for more pictures.

Olympic Athlete Visit

On Tuesday Miss Thompson told the children about an exciting event that will be taking place in school on Friday 13th February, when we will be visited by an Olympic break dancer, Mackenzie Clayton. As well as talking to the children about his life and career he will be taking exercise sessions with each class, which is the sponsored element of the visit. The children brought home a sponsorship form which can be filled in or there is a link for an online version. It doesn't matter how many sponsors the children are able to get, it is just a fun way to raise money on the day. 60% of the money comes to the school with the rest going towards helping with young athletes' expenses. We are looking forward to this unique opportunity, which fits in perfectly with our value of perseverance and curiosity (February's value).

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March and we wanted to let you know that like last year, Mrs Woods has found a whole school text called the 'Flower Block', that all classes will be reading and engaging with a variety of tasks based on the book, on and around World Book Day. On the Thursday we would like the children to dress in bright colours and in school we will be making flower masks/headbands to complete their outfits. Minimum stress for all at home!

Attendance - Very Important

As we have mentioned before the Department of Education and the Local Authority have a huge push on attendance in schools. It will certainly be a big focus for future Ofsted Inspections. We want to support our families who have low attendance and avoid fixed penalty notices (FPNs) from the local authority for continued low attendance. We of course understand that there can be reasons for poor attendance i.e. if your child has had a prolonged illness, but there are many families taking extended holidays during term time. Please see attached guidance from Hertfordshire explaining the rules around attendance and our leaflets explaining the detrimental effect of poor attendance on all aspects of schooling - academic and social, emotional and mental health.

We as a school want to work with parents/carers to offer support around attendance and lateness and we will be contacting you today, via email, if your child's attendance is below 90% (this is known as **persistent absence** from school) and we ask that in the first instance you arrange to meet with your child's class teacher.

Equally we want to celebrate all the children who have 96% plus attendance, as this is what is expected for 'most' children. We have 51 children at 100% attendance (after afternoon registration on Thursday) which is wonderful! Hopefully, we can work together to support your child/children to have good attendance and value the positive effects of this on academic and social and emotional development.

Attendance Cup

Congratulations to **Sycamore Class**, with **100%** attendance this week - amazing!

Important attachments about
attendance & The Friends
events.

Please see next page for
celebration assembly and Diary
dates



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Celebration of Work

Congratulations to the following children, who shared their work with the school in our Celebration Assembly.

Sycamore Class: Lenny & George

Willow Class: Luca

Cherry Class: Maya

Redwood Class: Ralph

Elm Class: Olivia & Scarlett

Beech Class: Zara & Saffy

Oak Class: Elliott & Sophie H

Celebration of our School Vision and Values

Well done to the children listed below, for demonstrating our School Vision and Values.

Sycamore Class: Isla

Willow Class: Lewis

Cherry Class: Darcey

Redwood Class: Poppy

Elm Class: Andie

Beech Class: Dan

Oak Class: Oscar

Reading Plus Certificates (Elm & Beech Class)

Congratulations to Jacob B for receiving his reading plus certificate this week.



TTRockstars - Gone Green

Very well done to Madison and Elliott in Elm Class for their quick time in answering their times table questions.



What's On:

- 28.1.26 - Candlemas Service led by Redwood
 - Beech Class - Road Safety Distractions
- 29.1.26 - **National Puzzle Day (Packs being sold)**
- 30.1.26 - Walking & Wheeling Initiative - Year 1 and Reception
 - Zumba Class Years 1-6 (PE uniform)
 - **Hot Chocolate after school**
- 3.2.26 - Choir at 'Young Voices'
- 6.2.26 - Redwood Class Assembly 8.50am
- 9.2.26 - **National Pizza Day - after school sale**
- 10.2.26 - Krishna Temple Visit Elm Class
- 11.2.26 - Ash Wednesday Service 9am led by Beech
- 12.2.26 - **Pancakes after school as Shrove Tuesday is during half term**
- 13.2.26 - Visit by an Olympic Athlete
 - Play & Stay for Pre-Schoolers (pm)
- 16.2.26 - HALF TERM
- 2.3.26 - Book Look Willow Class 2.45pm
- 3.3.26 - Mayan Day Elm & Beech Classes
 - Book Look Cherry Class 2.45pm
- 4.3.26 - Book Look Elm Class 8.50am
- 6.3.26 - World Book Day
 - **Wonka Bars with hidden golden tickets**
- 5.3.26 - Cherry Class Assembly 8.55am
 - Book Look Redwood Class 2.45pm
- 9.3.26 - Book Look Beech Class 2.45pm
- 10.3.26 - Book Look Oak Class 2.45pm
- 11.3.26 - Pupil Progress Meetings 3.30 - 6.40pm
- 12.3.26 - Fantastic Forces Workshop
 - Pupil Progress meetings 3.30 - 5.30pm
- 16.3.26 - Pedestrian Skills Elm Class
- 20.3.26 - Red Nose Day
 - Elm Class Assembly 8.55am
 - 'Stay & Play' for pre-schoolers
 - **Whole School Disco 3.15 - 4.30pm**
- 25.3.26 - Beech Class Dance Festival
- 26.3.26 - EASTER JOURNEY (Whole School)
- 27.3.26 - Last Day 1.30pm Finish

Events in red are 'Friends' events and can all be booked on 'Classlist'



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