



St. Michael's Woolmer Green C of E School

'Shine as Lights in the World'

Autumn Term News

Week Ending: Friday 2nd October 2026



Our School Value for the month of October is 'Sharing'

Our Jigsaw PSHE themes for the Autumn Term are 'Being Me in the World & Celebrating Difference'

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.'

Our Value of Sharing

On Monday in collective worship, we listened to a story about 'Chicken Soup'. It demonstrated to the children that sometimes sharing can be hard. We talked about things they might find hard to share and things they would be happy to share with others. We then spoke about our harvest service next Wednesday and the items they are being asked to bring in (see below).

Our Harvest Gifts

Just a reminder that this year we would like to support the Codicote Food Bank and Herts Homeless by contributing a variety of useful items. We are asking each class to bring in the following items:

Sycamore Class - tins of fruit, vegetables, soup etc.

Willow Class - pasta, noodles, rice

Cherry Class - tea, coffee, hot chocolate

Redwood Class - toothpaste, toothbrushes

Elm Class - shampoo, conditioner

Beech Class - shower gel, deodorant

Oak Class - Any of the above

Please bring these in before Wednesday, so we can make a display of the items to celebrate harvest and our value of sharing. Elm Class will be taking our harvest service at the church and parents/carers are welcome to join us. KS2 will then make their annual pilgrimage to Datchworth Church. If any parents/carers would like to accompany us, please let the office know and wait with us after the service.

Picture News

This week's picture news posed the question,



The children were told about the Bayeux Tapestry from almost 1000 years ago, which has pictures sewn onto cloth, telling the story of the Norman Conquest of England. It shows the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066 and is on loan to the British Museum from France for a year. It shows how people in Medieval times shared stories, without technology and when many could neither read or write. The children learned that we can all share experiences in different ways, helping others to understand our lives. See our attached 'Take Home' picture news.

Beech Class - Science

In their science lesson last week, Year 5 investigated thermal insulators by testing which materials would keep warm water hottest for the longest time. They wrapped a paper cup in different materials such as foil, felt, cotton, fabric, tissue paper, and tape, then used a thermometer to measure the temperature every five minutes over a total of thirty minutes. By comparing their results, the children were able to identify which material was the most effective insulator and discuss why some materials kept the heat inside the cup better than others.



Cherry Class News

Year 2 have had such an exciting start to the year! In English, the children have written some fantastic stories following the journey of four animals trying to escape their homes due to the risk of extinction caused by human impact. We even discovered mysterious footprints around the school, which created lots of excitement!

In history, the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Gunpowder Plot and have been creating wanted posters to help capture Thomas Percy. In Science, they have loved spending time in



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Forest School, observing minibeasts and then using their knowledge to build their own microhabitats. Over the next few weeks, our new English text will inspire the children to become Water Protectors. We began this exciting unit today by discussing why water is so important and adding our ideas to the mysterious river that has appeared in our classroom.

Elm Class Science



In science Elm Class have carried out an 'eggperiment' to investigate the effect that different liquids have on teeth. Did you know that an eggshell is full of calcium just like our teeth? They added a small amount of toothpaste to each egg then immersed them in milk, coke, orange juice and vinegar. They then observed the changes that took place. We can't wait to see what happens...

Oak Class Street Art

This week, Year 6 have been exploring the exciting world of street art! They looked at different styles of writing, including bubble, bold and wild style, and then mixed these ideas together to create their own unique tags. The children experimented with bold, bright colours, strong outlines and shadows to give their designs depth and make them really stand out. Here are some of our fantastic designs.



A New PTA

Thank you to the parents/carers that came along last Friday to talk about support, events and a new

committee, as well as those that contacted us over email. We now need to arrange a more formal meeting where we can vote for people who would be prepared to stand as trustees of the new PTA: Chair (or 2 Co-Chairs), Treasurer, Vice Treasurer and Secretary (could be a shared role). We have already had some volunteers to take on some of these roles which is brilliant news. We can then register the 'St. Michael's Woolmer Green PTA' as a charity and begin mapping out our events for the year. Thank you as always for the support offered.

Pupil Progress Meetings & Book Looks

Hopefully you have booked our Pupil Progress Meetings, which went live on Wednesday. These will give you a chance to ask teachers how the children are settling into their new classes. After half term we will have our book looks for all children in Years 1-6. These will be held in the classrooms at 2.45pm and are a chance for children to share their work with you. If you are unable to attend, please let class teachers know so that we can ensure your child does not feel left out. If you need to arrange a different time, please speak to your child's teacher.

Book Looks

Willow Class (Year 1) - Tuesday 17th November
Cherry Class (Year 2) - Wednesday 18th November
Beech Class (Year 5) - Thursday 19th November
Oak class (Year 6) - Friday 20th November
Redwood Class (Year 3) - Monday 23rd November
Elm Class (Year 4) - Tuesday 24th November

Girls Football Tournament

Yesterday our girls football team played in a tournament at Marriotts School. It was their first time playing together and they did so well, coming 3rd in their group. Congratulations to them all and thank you to Mr. Mali and Mrs. Fincham for training and accompanying the team.





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Travel Survey - Reception, Year 1, 5 and 6

Just a reminder that our school has agreed to take part in an important government evaluation of interventions that enable walking, wheeling and cycling to school. The findings will help Active Travel England make walking, wheeling and cycling to school easier and safer for children. If 50 parents and carers of pupils in our school take part, then our school will receive a £75 Love2Shop voucher.

All parents and carers of pupils in Reception, and Years 1, 5 and 6 are eligible to participate [here](https://survey.natcen.ac.uk/mrIWeb/mrIWeb.dll?I.Project=P2042601_MAI_V1&i.user1=129595).
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More information here: [survey](#), [evaluation](#) and new [Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy](#).

This Week's Attendance by Class

Sycamore - 98.4%

Willow - 95.7%

Cherry - 99.1%

Redwood - 98.1%

Elm - 97.6%

Beech - 99.3%

Oak - 98.2%

Congratulations to **Beech Class** who have won the attendance cup this week!

Our whole school attendance this week is 98.7%
- fantastic!

Please see Diary Dates on the
next page

Celebration of Work

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

Willow Class: Holly

Cherry Class: Frankie

Redwood Class: Willow & Maya

Elm Class: Elliott, Chloe & Charlotte

Beech Class: Ayrton

Oak Class: Alice

Celebration of our School Vision and Values

Thank you to the children listed below, for demonstrating our School Vision and Values:

Willow Class: Eddie & Arlo

Cherry Class: Yaqoub

Redwood Class: Lara B

Elm Class: Joshua

Beech Class: Olivia

Oak Class: Zac

Handwriting of the week

We are so proud of our brilliant hand writers this week, they are:

Willow Class: Cais

Cherry Class: Lev

Redwood Class: Mia

Elm Class: Ralph

Beech Class: Tereza

Oak Class: Teddy

Reading Plus Certificates (Elm & Beech Class)

Congratulations to Finley, Arthur, Nieve, Jacob, Elise, Scout, Millie, Aadhya, Scott, Macy, Ralph, Diellza, Sienna & Thomas who have been awarded their reading plus certificates in our celebration assembly. Keep up the great work!





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What's On:

- 7. 10.26 - Harvest Service in the church taken by Elm Class, followed by KS2 Pilgrimage
- 9.10.26 - Hello Yellow Day (children's mental Health)
- 12.10.26 - Individual Photographs
- 19.10.26 - Open Morning for prospective parents
- 20.10.26 - WW2 History Day Oak Class
- 21.10.26 - Pupil Progress Meetings (Years 1-6)
- 22.10.26 - Pupil Progress Meetings (years 1-6)
- 26.10.26 - **HALF TERM**
- 2.11.26 - Return to school
- 6.11.26 - 1.30pm Stay & Play for pre-schoolers
- 13.11.26 - Children in Need
- 16.11.26 - Flu Nasal
- 17.11.26 - Year 1 Book Look 2.45pm
- 18.11.26 - Year 2 Book Look 2.45pm
- 19.11.26 - Year 5 Book Look 2.45pm
- 20.11.26 - Year 6 Book Look 2.45pm
- 23.11.26 - Year 3 Book Look 2.45pm
- 24.11.26 - Year 4 Book Look 2.45pm
- 25.11.26 - 9.15am Open Morning
- 27.11.26 - Light Switch On
- 30 11 26 - Occasional Day (School Closed)
- 4.12.26 - 1.30pm Stay and Play for pre-schoolers