



**Woodend Farm school**

Kindness comes in many forms

## June 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

June has brought sunshine, warmth, and a wonderful sense of energy across the school. Despite the rising temperatures, our pupils have shown incredible resilience and maturity—coping brilliantly with the heat while continuing to engage in their learning and play with enthusiasm and care.

This month, we've seen a noticeable increase in how our children are embracing and demonstrating our school values. From acts of kindness and teamwork to perseverance in the classroom, it's been inspiring to see these values come to life in everyday moments. Our weekly class celebrations have been a lovely way to recognise and share these achievements, and we thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these values at home.

We were delighted to celebrate His Majesty the King's birthday with a special assembly and themed activities that helped the children understand the significance of the occasion in a fun and respectful way. A highlight for many was the visit from our local police officers, who spoke to the children about safety, community roles, and making positive choices. Their approachable and informative session sparked great conversations and curiosity among our pupils. We also joined in the global celebration of International Music Day, with joyful performances and musical exploration across the school. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to express themselves creatively and learn about music from different cultures.

Additionally, some of our classes have begun their swimming lessons, and it's been wonderful to see their confidence grow in the water. Swimming is a vital life skill, and we're proud to support our pupils in developing it.

Thank you for being part of such a positive and enriching month. We look forward to more exciting learning and celebrations as summer continues.

Mrs G Quantrill

Executive Headteacher



Kindness



Belonging



Believing



Achieving



## Reminders

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all enjoying the warm weather. We are keeping the children cool with lots of fluid, ice and water play. Please remember to ensure that the children have sun cream on and provide a named hat.

The parental thrive course is going well and proving to be a real benefit, thank you to those who have been attending. We hope to run it again if parents were unable to join this time.

I am so proud of how many attendance certificates that I was able to distribute to the children at the end of the last term. Well done for all the children with 100% attendance for the half term.

There are lots of fun activities planned for the rest of the summer, including Sports day will be on Friday 4th July. Some of our pupils are really enjoying cooking sessions. I am wondering whether any parents know a chef who could come into school to do some sessions with the children and be able to teach them some skills? Please let me know.

Thank you to those who completed the parent survey, we are blown away with the responses we have had, 100% of you the responses given say **“you feel that the school provides a well-rounded education”**.

Other comments include : **“Great caring and well trained staff”**

**“All the opportunities that the school gives my child to engage with activities in the community, swimming etc”**

**“I'm so happy with how far he's come in such a short time, and hope that as his feelings of safety and confidence grow he'll be able to engage even more with the opportunities at Woodend”**.

We really do appreciate all the comments and drives us forward to continue to ensure that your child's education is a fulfilling one.

Thank you once again.

Miss Kinsville.

Pastoral and Well-being Lead



## Term Dates

Last Day of Term - Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Summer Holidays - Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August

Inset Days: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> September

First Day Back: 3<sup>rd</sup> September

## Events

4<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day

7<sup>th</sup> July - World Chocolate Day

21<sup>st</sup> July - National Ice Cream Day





## Role Model of the Month



Noah is our role model of the month. He consistently demonstrates our core values and, because of this, has made excellent progress in his learning. He is a determined learner and has worked hard to achieve all his goals this month. He was so dedicated to his learning that he even chose to continue at lunch time! Noah has shown that he believes not only in himself but also in others: he was spotted helping other children with their learning, ensuring they all feel like they belong. He is always kind and helpful to all. This award was well deserved!





## Ash Class

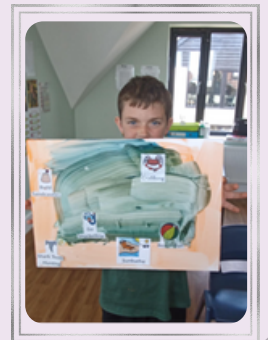
Fabulous couple of weeks here in Ash Class;

Our school values are something that are thread through all elements of our school day and it's been heart warming to hear the children acknowledge when they have; Been Kind, Believed in themselves, Achieved great things and developed their sense of belonging.

Lunch time sports clubs have been an absolute HUGE success for all children in Ash; our favourite being Multi Skills and Tennis. The introduction of Talk for Writing has opened up the most amazing imaginative writers; even better than Miss Magnus!

We've created ant farms in thrive, puppets in creative and are really enjoying the history of the seaside ... although feeling sad that Punch and Judy isn't around as much anymore!

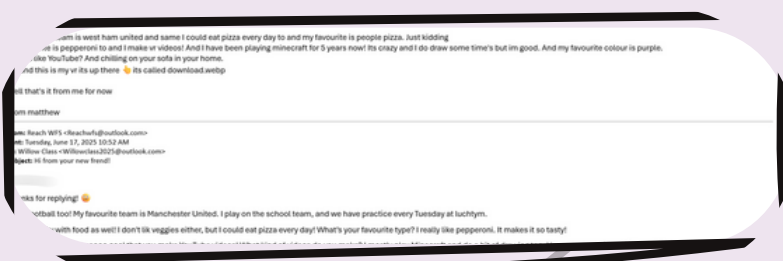
Looking forward to updating you all with even more milestones conquered, WOW moments and the day to day goings on in Ash Class.



## Willow Class

Hello everyone! 🌟 This week, our fabulous Willow class have been journeying back in time to the land of Pharaohs and pyramids! They've been absolutely captivated by the ancient Egyptians – and who wouldn't be? In their Creative lesson, the boys got their hands messy making polyporus paper. They have been crafting like true artisans!

We have also been diving into the world of emails and online safety in our Computing lessons. Willow Class have been honing their skills by crafting messages to their incredible pen pal, none other than Miss Millership herself! The kids have embraced the challenge, sharing everything from their likes and interests to what their favourite food is! Of course, we've also been learning about staying safe online. Keep up the great work, Willow Class! ✉️🌟

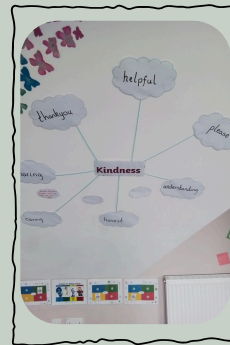


# Beech Class

Beech class love practical learning lessons and the children have loved our computing lessons so far this term. We are thinking about algorithms and to help them realise instructions need to be in order and specific we have dressed bears ensuring the clothes go on in the correct order and then in lesson 2 the children had to give me instructions on how to make a jam sandwich. They thought it was so funny when they gave me instructions including... put the bread on it - I put it on my head ,put the jam on the bread - I put the jar on it, and when they told me to just spread the jam, I spread it on my arm. Even though they were giggling through the whole lesson they still stayed focused and were able to come up with a specific set of instructions that then meant I could make a jam sandwich properly for them to share.

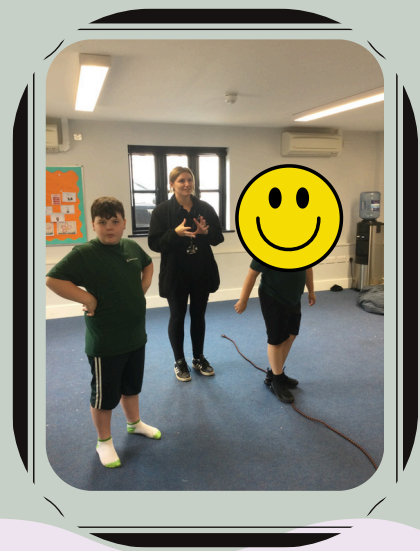
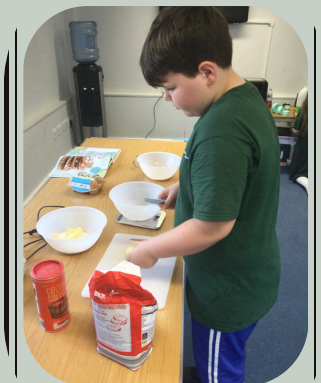
Our talk for writing sessions have been a great success with all the children enjoying and engaging in them. So far, they have added actions to the story of Sammy the Cheeky seagull, acted out the story, made story maps, drawn the characters and the setting and thought about the 5 sentence starters which is all leading up to them writing their own version of the story in a few weeks' time and we can't wait to read them.

We can't wait to see what the next month brings.



# Oak Class

This month in Oak Class has been full of energy, creativity, and teamwork! The children rolled up their sleeves and got stuck into some delicious baking, measuring, mixing, and decorating their very own cookies — the classroom smelled amazing! Alongside their culinary fun, they've also been showing great enthusiasm in PE, joining in with games and activities that got everyone moving and smiling. It's been a joy to see their confidence grow as they try new things and support one another. Well done, Oak Class!



# PE Achievements

This month the pupils at Woodend Farm School have been fully engaged in their PE sessions despite the hot sunny weather. Allowing the pupils to have more water and time in the shade has kept the school's attendance in PE as high as possible. During PE sessions, the classes have been working on their sending and receiving ball skills and their dynamic balance skills.

As well as PE, we have had a large group of pupils attending our daily lunchtime PE Clubs. The fan favourites are volleyball and football. On one of the days, we had 11 pupils participate in volleyball!

Mr Etheridge  
PE Teacher



Thank you so much for joining us in the Parental Thrive! Your presence, engagement, and support made the sessions truly special. It was wonderful to see you taking the time to connect, learn, and grow together as a community.

We are hoping you are finding the sessions insightful and empowering, and that you left feeling more connected and inspired in your Thrive journey. Your involvement plays a vital role in creating a nurturing and thriving environment for our children at home and in school.



# Support Services



If you become concerned about an imminent threat to life or risk of imminent and significant harm to someone's life, always contact the Police on 999.

## COMPASS



## Respect



**COMPASS** provides an initial point of contact that enables callers to speak with a trained member of staff who will complete an assessment and ensure contact is made with the most appropriate support service across Southend, Essex and Thurrock **call 0330 333 7 444 or complete their online contact form.**

Whatever you're going through, call the **Samaritans** any time, from any phone. This number is free to call from both landlines and mobiles, including pay-as-you-go mobiles. You do not need to have any credit or call allowance on your plan to **call 116 123.**

We know it can be a really difficult decision to speak out. **Crimestoppers** takes information about crime 100% anonymously. Reports of domestic abuse can be completed online or calling **Freephone 0800 555 111.**

The freephone, **24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline** provides information on how to access support, rights and options available for female victims of domestic abuse. You can reach their Helpline team by calling **Freephone 0808 2000 247.**

**Respect** is a national organisation focussed on increasing the safety of men experiencing domestic abuse (and the safety of any children) by providing confidential support calling **Freephone 0808 8010 327.**

**ManKind** is a national charity that provides help and support for male victims of domestic abuse and domestic violence. Their confidential helpline is available for all men across the UK suffering from domestic violence or domestic abuse by their current or former wife or partner (including same-sex partner) calling **Freephone 0808 800 1170.**

Abuse can happen at any time of the day or night. And when it does, it's vital that children have someone they can talk to – no matter the hour:

**Help for adults concerned about a child call 0808 800 5000**  
**Help for children and young people call Childline on 0800 1111**

For non-emergency health or mental health concerns contact **NHS 111** (Option 2 for Mental Health). For emergency health or mental health concerns, go straight to A&E or dial **999 for urgent support.**

Report a concern about an adult if you are worried about their safety or wellbeing, suspect neglect, abuse or would like to report an incident. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, always dial 999.

- **Textphone: 0345 758 5592 or Telephone: 0345 603 7630**
- **Out of hours telephone: 0345 606 1212**
- **Email: [socialcaredirect@essex.gov.uk](mailto:socialcaredirect@essex.gov.uk)**

If you are worried about a child or young person or maybe you're worried about something that's happened to you, a friend or someone you know. You don't have to leave your name if you don't want to. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, always dial 999.

- **Call the Children and Families Hub on 0345 603 7627**
- **Out of hours or bank holidays: 0345 606 1212**
- **Access 'Request for Support' form via [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)**




## Woodend Farm School Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2025-2026

| September 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | October 2025  |    |    |    |    |    |    | November 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | December 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| January 2026   |    |    |    |    |    |    | February 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | March 2026    |    |    |    |    |    |    | April 2026    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| May 2026       |    |    |    |    |    |    | June 2026     |    |    |    |    |    |    | July 2026     |    |    |    |    |    |    | August 2026   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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 = School holidays

 = Bank holidays

 = Weekends

 = Non pupil day

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated,  
or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

**Autumn Term:** Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 75 days

**Half Term** 27 October – 31 October

**Spring Term:** Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 55 days

**Half Term** 16 February - 20 February

**Summer Term:** Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 65 days

**Half Term** 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May

195 days