

WOODEND FARM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025

Welcome to our February edition of the newsletter and welcome back to everyone after half term.



February was a jam-packed month with our Thrive Ambassador event taking place, visitors to the school to talk about their childhood and visits to the museums to find out about the lives of children in the past. Our Thrive Ambassador event was a fantastic chance to celebrate all of the hard work the team have been doing to ensure our provision meets the emotional stages of development each pupil is at. Our journey to becoming a Thrive School of Excellence has been both challenging and rewarding. Thrive has allowed us to reflect on our approach to behaviour and build the school around this backbone. Thank-you to all of the families who were able to come and visit us for the day and celebrate with us. We hope this is only the beginning of sharing with you what Thrive can do to support all of our children.

This half term class teachers will be inviting families to attend one-plan meetings to discuss progress, it would be lovely to have 100% attendance for these meetings to ensure that the targets set are shared with families. Class teachers are happy to accommodate these meetings in person or on Teams, whichever works best please listen out for their calls/messages to arrange this. I will be sharing parent/career surveys as part of these meetings to gather your views on your child's provision.

This half term we are continuing Forest school sessions for Willow and Oak class, these will begin on the week of 3rd March. Swimming lessons have already started for Beech and Ash class, and these will continue for the rest of this half term.

Please continue to access class dojo for updates on your child's day.

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UPDATES & REMINDERS



Thank you for your overwhelming support to the recent Thrive Event. It was so lovely to see the parents and children spend time together in the school and celebrate the great achievements of Woodend Farm School.

We have more events planned for the forthcoming weeks, so please look out for these, some are noted below for your reference.

A gentle reminder that attendance is important and provides a consistent approach to our pupil's well being.

Woodend Farm is still encouraging parents to get involved with the school. This can be through reading to the children, supporting with trips and or sharing a particular interest you have. We would complete a DBS check for you and your involvement can be as little or as much time as you can spare.

We are looking forward to the term ahead.

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Term Dates

Last day of half term - Fri 4th Apr

Half term - Mon 7th Apr to Mon 21st Apr

Start of term - Tue 22nd Apr

Bank holiday - Mon 5th May

Half term - Mon 26th May to Fri 30th May

Upcoming Events

2nd March - Dr Seuss day
4th March - Pancake day
6th March - World book day
17th March - St Patricks day
21st March - Red nose day
28th March - Wear a hat day



BEECH CLASS

Another fantastic half term in Beech class. We have continued our history topic 'How are we making history?' and Austins mum and grandma came into school and told us all about the toys they played with when they were children and brought some in for the children to play with. All the children loved the afternoon, and we look forward to inviting more parents in to share experiences with the children soon. A trip to Hollytrees Museum in Colchester brought the past to life as the children were able to step back in time and play with toys from the past, discover what family life was like in the house and were transported back to the days before washing machines. The car journey was full of discussions and car spotting, and it was lovely to hear the children's discussions about the types of cars they could see.

Each child is continuing to make progress in reading, writing and maths and using their own interests to enhance learning is proving to be a real positive.

This half term we are looking forward to learning about 'Everyday materials' in science and creating paper sculptures in art. In PSHE we will be thinking about how citizens have rights and responsibilities as family members, as students in a classroom and school, and as members of their community and as part of our PE sessions we will be going swimming which we are all very excited about.



ASH CLASS

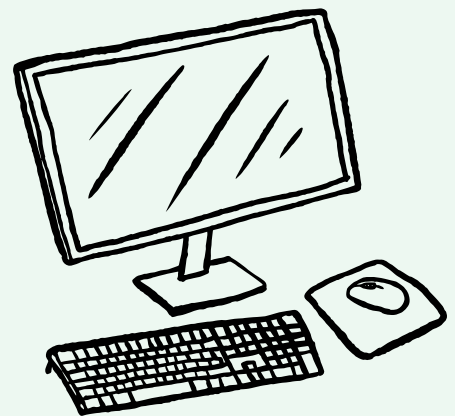
Ash Class took a step back in time exploring education in the past ... Braintree Museum style; the children (and teachers) were made to write with chalk and slate, recite our 10 times tables and following the VERY strict rules of the class teacher.

Phonics in Ash Class is going from strength to strength resulting in all our students now able to independently blend and sound out words, share reading using our new platform on the iPads and most importantly ALL children have noticed their own development.

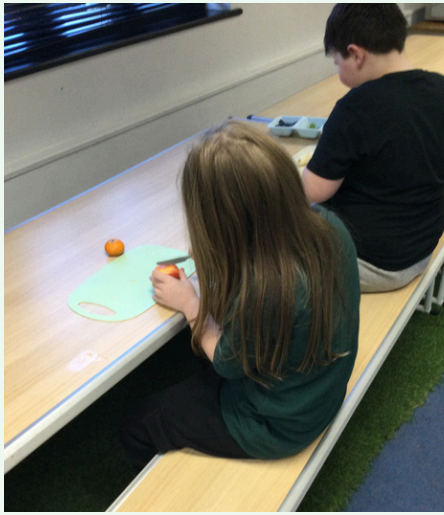
Computing was rated 10/10 by both staff and students; this half term our children were able to take clear photos, edit them using Sketchpad and finish the topic off sharing and reviewing each other's work.

Finally, in true Ash Class style; we've laughed, danced, played pranks but most of all we've been kind, enthusiastic and keen to learn.

Roll on Spring Term 2!!



OAK CLASS



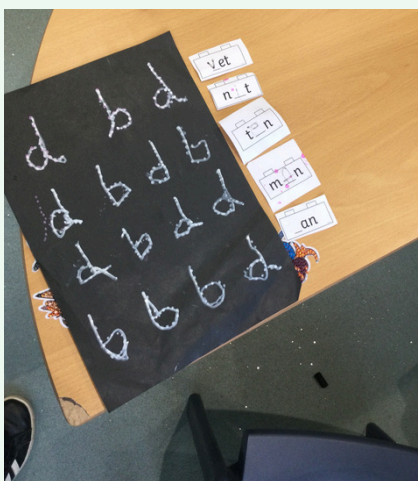
This month has been very exciting in Oak class! We have continued with our child led learning, which has directed us in many fantastic directions.

We have practiced our cutting skills by making fruit salad, decorated cookies, made cakes and demonstrated our excellent creativity through our drawings and creations.

We also have a Maths and Phonics focus every day, as well as developing our fine motor skills and letter formation. Every day in Oak class looks very different and we wouldn't have it any other way!

We have also been focussing on our Zones of Regulation, which is how we recognise our emotions in ourselves and develop our toolkits. Our toolkits give us personalised strategies to ensure that we can always get back to the green zone and be ready to learn.

We can't wait to see what March will bring!

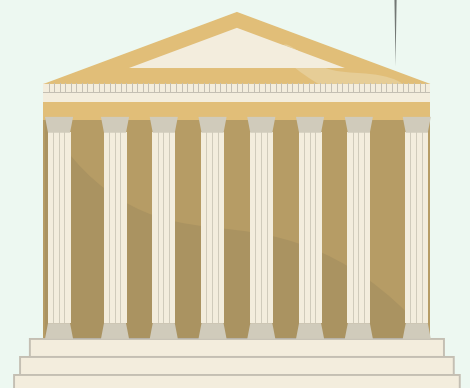


WILLOW CLASS

Willow class have had such an amazing, jam packed month!

Our History topic has been childhood through time, so we had the opportunity to go to Hollytrees Museum and explore the toys from across the ages. The most popular toys were definitely the ones that span around. We also explored how houses have changed and looked at some old cookers and vacuum cleaners: the boys all agreed that technology has definitely evolved well over time.

We have continued with our learning interventions: Sumdog and Literacy gold are very popular and give us time to repeat our learning so it is fully embedded. We are continuing with Talk for Writing: watch this space to see our learning for next month!





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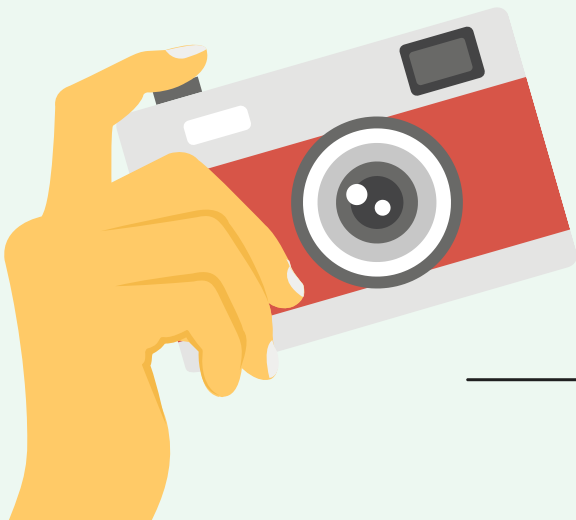
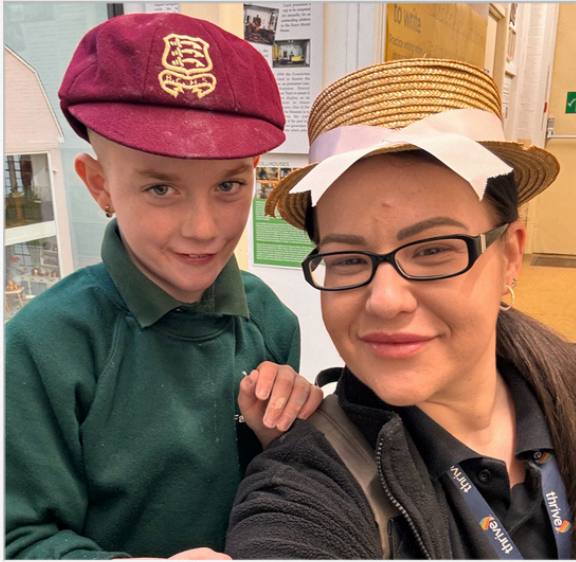
I would like to start by saying a massive thank you to all parents and carers for attending the Thrive presentation on the 7th of February.

We are incredibly proud of our school's achievement and our students. We couldn't have asked for more from our students as we know they can struggle with change to routine. However, all of our students were able to cope with the change in routine and to have so many visitors in the school at one time, which goes to show how far our students have come.

We look forward to parents and carers attending our Thrive family sessions with Mrs Quantrill.

Again, a big thank you for all of your support and can't wait to celebrate more achievements with you all as the school continues to grow.





SPRING 24/25 LUNCH MENU WEEK 1



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognaise with garlic bread	Pitta Pizza Pepperoni/ cheese	JP Tuna/ Beans and cheese	Creamy Chicken/Rice with Brocoli	Fish fingers and chips
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SPRING 24/25 LUNCH MENU WEEK 2



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Burger and Chips	Mac and Cheese	Roast Chicken with roast potato's and Yorkshire	Shepard's Pie with broccoli	Fish fingers and chips
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