

SMUPS News

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Friday 18th October 2024

Hello from the Head

Despite the wet weather, it has been a great week in school with some super learning taking place. On Thursday, we welcomed Jonathan Gower to the school, who is our Ventrus School Improvement Lead. We spent the day observing learning in classes and talking to children about their work and learning. It was wonderful to see the very positive learning behaviours displayed in all classes and how engaged the children were in their learning. The children were able to talk confidently about their learning, make links across subjects and prior learning and use some very impressive vocabulary. It was great to see all of the hard work on the curriculum and teaching and learning in action. It was also great for a visitor to the school to see what we see everyday in school—our amazing children being brilliant!

Parent consultations are coming up shortly after half term. We will send out details next week and parents/carers can begin signing up next week. These will be 10 minute meetings with the class teacher to discuss how they have settled in to their new class, their learning so far and next steps. You will also have the chance to see their work from the year so far.

Thank you for all the support with home learning—it is really encouraging to see the children engaging so well with this. We have lunchtime club each day for KS2, where the children can do TTRS and Ed Shed to help them with their home learning.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Collective Worship

On Monday we looked at some ways we can turn challenges into positives and on Tuesday Beech Class presented the story of the ten lepers as part of their class Collective Worship.

Things to Remember

- Please do not park on the school site at normal pick up and drop off times. The safety of the children and pedestrians is paramount. Please park carefully and considerately on the roads near to the school and use the pedestrian path.
 - Please ensure that break time snacks and lunchboxes are healthy and nutritious.
- School starts at 8:30am for Reception and KS1. Please ensure children are at school, ready to be let in for a prompt start at 8:30am. KS2 start at 8:45am.
 - Please support your child with their home learning.
 - Long hair to be tied back and nail varnish removed

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CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Each week, we celebrate brilliant learning in our celebration assembly.

We give out certificates for Resilience, Resourcefulness,

Relationships, Risk and Reflectiveness as these are our

Building Learning Powers.

ACORNS: Ivy & Evanna

OAK: Barney & Annabelle

ASH: Bea & Oliver

PINE: Ruby W & Joshua

BEECH: Caitlin B & Charlie S

HOLLY: Sophia W & Greg

WILLOW: Alex W & Geoffrey

ELM: Sera & Billy

Well done to Austin, Wyatt, Amelie, Joanna, Daniel and William for winning the Numbots certificates for this week.

Well done to Isla, Florence, Lilly, Steve, Lauren, Jack B, Ralph, Willow, Ella H and Heidi for winning the TTRS certificates for this week.

Well done to Lauren, Mila and Ralph for achieving 100,000 words, Dylan in Elm Class for achieving 250,000 words and Maylah in Willow class for achieving 500,000 words on Accelerated Reader. Great effort.

ATTENDANCE

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

The attendance percentages for each Class this week are

Year One Oak: 97.1%

Year Two Ash: 91.4%

Year Three Pine: 90%

Year Four: Beech: 93.6% Holly 90.2%

Year Five Willow 96.9%

Year Six Elm: 91.3%

Dates for this half term

Please note that there will be more dates added over the coming weeks.

Tuesday 22nd October—Planetarium Visits

Thursday 24th October – [New Reception Parents \(September 2025 starters\) Open Day](#): 5-6pm

Friday 25th October – Last Day of Half Term and PTFA Tuck Shop

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November: Half Term Holiday

Monday 4th November – First Day of Autumn Half Term 2

Wednesday 6th November - New Reception Parents (September 2025 starters) Open Day: 9:30-10:30am

Thursday 7th November – Choir Singing at Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Friday 8th November - New Reception Parents (September 2025 starters) Open Day: 4-5pm

Week Beginning 11th November: Parent Consultations – Dates to be confirmed

Monday 18th November - New Reception Parents (September 2025 starters) Open Day: 1:30-2:30pm

Friday 22nd November: PTFA Bingo at the Coaching Inn: Evening

Wednesday 4th December: PTFA Wreath Making (7-9pm)

Thursday 5th December: PTFA Wreath Making (7-9pm)

Thursday 12th December: PTFA Christmas Fayre (3pm-5pm)

Monday 16th December: Christmas Carol Service in church (Choir) 5pm-5:30pm

Wednesday 18th December: School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 19th December: Whole School Christmas Carol Service in church (9:30am)

Friday 20th December: Last Day of Autumn Term

Monday 6th January 2025: First Day of Spring Term