23rd October 2026

- We were delighted to welcome local artist Hannah Farthing who was blown away by the talent and enthusiasm shown by the children. Thank you to everyone who attended the art exhibition
- Despite the soggy weather, children enjoyed a fantastic campfire experience alongside local Scout, Cub and Squirrel leaders.
- We were thrilled by the turnout at our Open Evening and received some wonderful feedback from prospective parents
- Children in Years 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed their residential visit to Thorpe Woodlands. They embraced every challenge, demonstrated excellent teamwork and resilience, and represented the schools brilliantly throughout their stay.
- FOMSA will be running a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop after half term..
- The next FOMSA meeting will take place on 4th November at 7.30pm. If you would like to join via Teams, please contact the school office and a link will be provided.

We wish all our families a wonderful half-term break. Please remember to stay safe over the Halloween and firework period and take extra care when out and about.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break.

FOMSA Christmas Raffle

Your child(ren) should have brought home some Christmas raffle tickets. We kindly ask that you do your best to sell as many as possible, as all funds raised will go towards purchasing additional equipment and resources for the children at the school.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Draw the Teacher Competition

We've received lots of fantastic entries for our *Draw the Teachers* competition! We're extending the deadline until the Tuesday after half term, 3rd November, to give everyone a little more time to complete their pictures.

We've had plenty of drawings of class teachers, so why not draw some of our other amazing staff too? Our principals, teaching assistants, office team and support staff would love to be included. If you need a template, please ask your teacher or call into the school office.

Reporting Your Child's Absence

Thank you for letting us know when your child is unable to attend school. When reporting an absence, we kindly ask that you provide a specific reason for the absence wherever possible. Unfortunately, terms such as *"ill"* or *"unwell"* do not give us enough information for our attendance records.

Having a clearer understanding of the type of illness affecting our pupils helps us identify if there is an increase in similar illnesses across the school. This enables us to take any necessary steps to protect the health and wellbeing of our school community, including enhanced cleaning or, where appropriate, a deep clean of the school.

Thank you for your support, cooperation, and understanding in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone.

Parent & Carer Focus Group

We would like to invite parents and carers to join our **School Focus Group**. This is an opportunity to:

· Learn about our key priorities and improvement plans for the year ahead.

· Find out more about developments across the school.

· Ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of school life.

· Share your views, suggestions and ideas.

· Work alongside school leaders to help shape the future direction of the school.

Date: 18th November - 3:15. Children may attend after school club free of charge during this session.

We value the perspectives of our families and believe that by working together with parents, carers and governors (a selection of whom will be in attendance), we can continue to strengthen our school and provide the very best opportunities for our children.

We hope to see many of you there!

Dinner Menu
Week Commencing 2nd November

Monday	02.11.26 Dreami Panini Wedges (W, Mi) ——— Praise The Spaghetti Bolognese (W) Vegetarian Option ——— Winner Winner Chicken Dinner (W, M, Mi) Vegetarian Option ——— Pepperoni Pizza Margherita Pizza (W, Mi) ——— Catch of the Day Hip-Hip Hooray Fish & Chips (F, W)
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

JACKET POTATO

Cheese (Mi)
Beans
Butter (Vegan)

HELP YOURSELF TO

Pasta (W),
Bread (W)(Mi),
Cheese (Mi),
Crackers (W),
Tortilla Crisps (W),
Wedges,
New Potatoes,
Garlic Bread (W) (Mi),
Salad, Coleslaw,
Mango Salsa,
Veg Sticks,
Seasonal Vegetables

SELECTION CHANGES DAILY

SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH

Bagels/Sandwiches/ Wraps(W)

FILLINGS
Cheese (Mi), Ham

SERVED WITH

Tortilla Crisps (W) or Lentil Rings with unlimited Sides, Salads & Fruit &

Dessert

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Platter, Yoghurt, Jelly Daily where available

Homemade Dessert of the Day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Friday—Real Fruit Lollies, Ice Cream Tubs

ALLERGENS GLUTEN

W-Wheat
O-Oats
B-Barley
R-Rye
SP-Spelt
GF-Gluten Free

ALLERGENS

P-Peanuts
TN-Tree Nuts
E-Eggs
SE-Sesame
S-Soya
Mi-Milk
CE-Celery
MU-Mustard
F-Fish
Mo-Molluscs
CR-Crustacea
L-Lupin

Diary Dates

25th October - Indoor Car Boot Sale

26th to 30th October
Half Term

4th November - Book Fair Collected
6th November - Christmas Jumper Swap Shop for a Donation
10th November - Willow Class Owl Day
11th November - Remembrance Service
13th November - Pudsey Pentathlon for Children in Need
18th November - Parent Focus Group
27th November - PD Day

Attendance This Week

Willow: 88.46%
Elm: 86.67%
Oak: 98.5%
Chestnut: 98.82%
Holly: 96.67%
Cherry: 93.33%

Super Learners

Willow - Ben
Elm - Lily, Mabel
Oak - Reuser, Teddy, Cassie
Chestnut - Noah, Charles
Holly - Jack, Daniela, Noah, Alfie
Cherry - Lacie-Mai, John