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End of Autumn 1 Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy and successful first half term, I would like to thank all of our children, families and staff for their hard work, support and commitment. It has been wonderful to see how quickly our pupils have settled into the new academic year and embraced every opportunity to learn, achieve and thrive.

Celebrating Success

This half term, we have been delighted by the positive attitudes, excellent behaviour and enthusiasm for learning shown by our pupils. Across the school, children have demonstrated our school values every day through their kindness, resilience and determination.

We are particularly proud of:

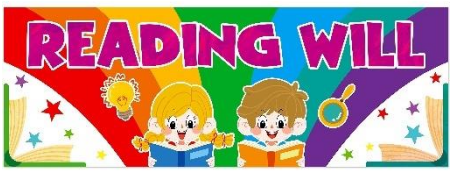
- Strong engagement in reading across all year groups.
- Positive attitudes towards learning and high levels of participation in lessons.
- Excellent attendance and punctuality from the majority of our pupils.
- Children's involvement in enrichment activities, clubs and wider school opportunities.

Supporting Reading at Home

Thank you for your support with reading. Daily reading is one of the most effective ways to improve children's achievement, vocabulary, comprehension, writing and overall academic success. When pupils read every day, they are exposed to a wider range of language, develop greater fluency, build background knowledge and strengthen their confidence as learners.

We encourage families to:

- Read with their child daily.
- Discuss books together.
- Practise phonics and common exception words where appropriate.
- Celebrate reading achievements at home.
- Foster a lifelong love of reading.





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Attendance Matters: Every day really does count!

Thank you to families who consistently support good attendance. Every day in school matters, and regular attendance has a significant impact on children's learning and progress.

We ask all families to support their child's attendance by ensuring they arrive on time every day and attend school whenever they are well enough to do so. Missing even a small number of days can make it harder for children to keep up with learning and can affect their progress over time.

Our attendance target is **96% or above** for all pupils. Attendance below this level can quickly add up to a significant amount of lost learning.

Holyoakes Attendance Champions

A huge well done to Elm Class for coming out on top of all class across all four of the Trust's Schools. They topped the leader board with an amazing **98.3%!**

Hall of Fame Stars

Congratulations to the following pupils who were recognised in this week's Hall of Fame assembly.

Class	Pupil
Cedar	Tayshawn: For always contributing during class discussions and trying your hardest no matter how tricky new learning is
Elm	Max: For using mathematical language when explaining the answer
Fir	For a fantastic story in English and working incredibly hard to develop her handwriting and follow the success criteria
Hazel	For working hard in English to write amazing sentences about the story
Maple	Eva: For making brilliant predictions and being curious in Science this week
Oak	Adam: For being such an excellent role model to others in class and around school.
Rowan	Thea: For a fantastic piece of writing in this week's Big Write. She used lots of different techniques and it was a very interesting read
Willow	Mia-Rose: For excellent perseverance, focus and independence when completing her big write!

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Key dates for your diary

November 2026

Date	Event	Time/location
2 November	Teacher Training Day School closed for pupils	
3 November	Pupils return to school	
6 November	Family Disco	2.40 pm Playground
11 November	Y3 Invasion Games at THS	AM
13 November	Children In Need	
16 November	Y3 Indian Dance workshops	Parents invited to watch from 2.50pm in school hall
16 November	Whole School Anti-Bullying workshops	During School Day
24 November	Year 3 Forge Mill Educational Visit	During School Day
26 November	Year 4 Multiplication Information session for parents	9.00 am school hall

December 2026

Date	Event	Time
2 December	Year 3 Assembly	9.00 am School Hall
2 December	Year 3 Reading Comprehension Information session for parents	9.15 am School Hall
10 December	Christmas Enterprise event	TBC
11 December	Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Visit	During School Day
14 December	KS1 Carol Concert	9.00 am & 2.15 pm School Hall
15 December	KS2 Concert	9.45 @St Stephens Church
16 December	EYFS Nativity	9.00 am & 2.15 pm School Hall
17 December	Christmas Party Day	During School Day
18 December	Teacher Training Day School closed for pupils	

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Poppy Appeal

As part of our support for the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**, pupils will have the opportunity to purchase a poppy and other commemorative items in school from **Wednesday 4th November.**
Suggested donations are:

- Paper poppy - voluntary donation
- Wristbands - from £1
- Reflectors - from £1
- Snap bands - from £1.50
- Other appeal items as available

The Poppy Appeal raises vital funds to support serving and ex-serving members of the Armed Forces and their families.
If your child would like to purchase an item, please send their donation into school in a clearly named envelope or purse. All donations will go directly to the Royal British Legion.
We appreciate your support in helping our children learn about the importance of Remembrance and supporting those who have served our country.

Thank You

I would like to thank our entire school community for the support, encouragement and partnership shown throughout this half term. Working together enables us to provide the very best opportunities for our children.

We wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming pupils back for the second half of the autumn term.

With best wishes,

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