

## Newsletter No. 14 2024-25 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Star of the Week

Well done to our first 'Stars' for 2025 who all received their certificates in assembly today:

**BIRCH CLASS:** Alfie Cook

**WILLOW CLASS:** Jackson Chambers

**SYCAMORE CLASS:** Eesha Kanaparathi

**LARCH CLASS:** Sami Idris

**CEDAR CLASS:** Emily Walker

**BEECH CLASS:** Hanusri Ananda Arasu

**OAK CLASS:** Noah Lawrence-Hall

**REDWOOD CLASS:** Reyasri Galem

**CHESTNUT CLASS:** Muhammad Syed

**ROWAN CLASS:** Rathnakala Muruganatham

**MAPLE CLASS:** Sofia Mancinelli



### Welcome Back

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term. It is lovely to see the children back in school, ready for learning and I have really enjoyed chatting to them about their Christmas break.

It seems that the really cold weather has finally arrived, although we have escaped the snow which has hit other parts of the country. As a precaution, I have sent out the letter today which explains what happens in extreme weather conditions but, hopefully, we won't need to follow it!

We are looking forward to another busy term in school and today's newsletter includes a list of some of the dates which are already set.

Miss Griggs

### REMINDERS

Next week's MENU will be

**WEEK 2**

Please pre order by  
**TUESDAY 14/01/25 for WEEK 3**

Attendance this week  
(up to & including Thursday)

Birch Class	84.5%	
Willow Class	97.9%	
Sycamore Class	94.8%	
Larch Class	99.1%	
Cedar Class	100%	★
Beech Class	95.0%	
Oak Class	88.4%	
Redwood Class	99.2%	
Chestnut Class	100%	★
Rowan Class	97.5%	
Maple Class	94.6%	
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.8%	

Check Email and Bookbags  
for...

- \* Extreme weather procedures – letter sent today
- \* Spring Term Clubs – sent today
- \* KS1 Shared Learning



## Late Arrivals

We have a considerable number of children arriving late for school. Please remember that the pupil doors are open between 8.40 and 8.50 a.m. and children should be in the building by the time the doors close. If your child is late for any reason, **they must be signed in by an adult** for safeguarding reasons. Some parents/carers are dropping children off and letting them make their own way onto the building – a known adult must sign your child in please.

Children who arrive late for school inevitably miss the important start to learning and this can make them unsettled and anxious. We would appreciate your support with ensuring that your child arrives for school on time – thank you.

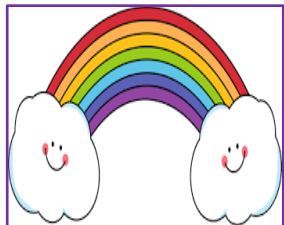


### It's a girl!

Congratulations to Miss Barten and her partner on the safe arrival of a baby girl. We are looking forward to seeing them both soon.

## 'FREE TUCK FRIDAY'

WELL DONE to **CEDAR CLASS** and **CHESTNUT CLASS** who will have **Free Tuck** on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January**



Mrs. Richardson presents her 'Rainbow Award' each week in Friday's Star of the Week assembly. This is given to a child who has made a significant contribution when working in a group with Mrs. Richardson. Well done this week to **ADRIAN** in Sycamore Class.

Each week, Mrs. Carter chooses our 'Rocker of the Week' – this is a pupil who has made significant improvement over the course of the week in any aspect of their times tables knowledge. Well done to **DAVID** in OAK CLASS.



## VIP Table



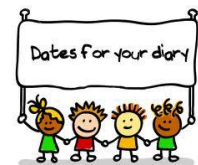
Each week, one child from each class is chosen by Miss Griggs for their kindness, good manners and sensible

attitude. Well done this week to:

Birch Class	Rozalia
Willow Class	Deethya
Sycamore Class	Felix
Larch Class	Ayda
Cedar Class	Sophie
Beech Class	Tym
Oak Class	Isla N
Redwood Class	Isla S
Chestnut Class	Ellie
Rowan Class	Ridwan
Maple Class	Trisha
Windmills	Jackson

## Diary Dates

Please see list of Spring Term dates on today's newsletter



# Diary Dates Spring Term 2025

Listed below are some important dates for this term. Don't forget that there is always a 'dates' section on each weekly newsletter and further dates or any changes will be advised in due course.

Date

Event

## JANUARY

Monday 13th	'At Home' evenings start this week
Monday 20th	After school clubs start this week
Wednesday 22nd	Young Voices O2 (Years 5/6)
Wednesday 29th	Key Stage 1 Shared Learning session 2.00 p.m.

## FEBRUARY

Monday 3rd	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 11th	Parent Teacher Consultations 4.00 – 7.50 p.m. (details to follow)
Thursday 13th	Parent Teacher Consultations 4.00 – 7.50 p.m. (details to follow)
Friday 14th	<b>NON PUPIL DAY</b> (school closed to children)

## HALF TERM – Mon 17th - Fri 21st Feb

Monday 24th	Children return to school
Friday 28th	Individual Photographs – details to follow

## MARCH

Monday 31st	Rock Steady concert 9.30 a.m. (details to follow)
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## APRIL

Wednesday 2nd	Yr 3/4 Production 7.00 p.m. (details to follow)
Thursday 3rd	Yr 3/4 Production 7.00 p.m. (details to follow)
Friday 4th	LAST DAY OF TERM
Tuesday 22nd	Children return to school

Child First Trust

# Parenting Workshop

This **8-week** course is offered to parents from our school for FREE.

Venue: HIGHWOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
Tynedale Square, Highwoods, Colchester  
CO4 9SN

8 sessions from

**Tuesday 14th January. 14th, 21st, 28th January,  
4th 11th, ( break for half term on 18th ) 25th February  
4th, 11th March.**



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