

Diary Dates

06/01/25 Inset- staff only

07/01/25 Return to School

27/01/24 Learning Together Morning

Maple

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Willow

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EYFS

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Lime

27/01/24 Learning Together Morning

Beech

Drum roll... the 2024 LH KS2 TTRockstars battle has taken place!

We are excited to announce that the battle for Times Tables Rockstars supremacy has been fierce and fun! We'd like to congratulate all the children who participated, persevered, and improved their times tables knowledge and speed during this exciting challenge! Your dedication and enthusiasm were truly inspiring. **Special congratulations go to Sachin, Caden, Max, Ernie, Otis, Tom, Jesse, Joshua and Eloise who emerged victorious after showing outstanding skills and determination.**

Well done to everyone, and keep rockin' those times tables!

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of a very busy yet immensely productive term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable progress our children have made across all areas of the curriculum. Their hard work and dedication have been truly inspiring, and it is clear to see how much they have grown, both academically and personally.

Our staff have worked tirelessly to create a creative and engaging curriculum, delivering active lessons where every child is involved and empowered to reach their full potential. We are fortunate that local headteachers visited recently for a peer review of our science provision. They were highly impressed by the variety and challenge of the work being offered, and while we are always seeking ways to improve, their positive feedback was a testament to the excellent teaching taking place here.

In addition, our school improvement partner visited and focused on the writing across the school. She was delighted with the level of engagement our children demonstrate, their passion for writing, and the variety of styles and approaches they explore. It is clear that our children not only meet high standards but are genuinely excited about their learning. They have produced some truly remarkable work this term, all while developing social skills and enjoying the process of learning.

As we look forward to 2025, we are excited to continue this journey of growth and discovery. We are incredibly proud of what our students have achieved, and we cannot wait to see what they will accomplish in the months to come.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season. May it be filled with rest, joy, and time spent with loved ones. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your continued support and partnership. A special thank you goes to our governors, whose unwavering support and commitment to upholding high standards help ensure our school remains a nurturing and thriving environment for all.

Just wanted to add, Thank you so much, we are deeply touched by the thoughtful gifts and kind words shared with us this festive season. Have a fabulous holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on the Tuesday 7th of January 2025!

Sinead Connolly, Headteacher

News from the classes...

What a busy last week down in Early Years! We started the week in style with our dance performance that we have been working so hard on. From partner work to solo moves, the children demonstrated their listening skills and cooperation, as well as their rhythmic abilities! Thank you to our dance teacher Zoe for making the performance a complete success.



We had a lot of fun in the forest on Tuesday, with a Christmas sing-a-long followed by our Jewel Jar treat; some delicious hot chocolate! Just the thing for a chilly day. In truth, the children have been doing really well with their learning behaviours, looking after one another and the classroom and making brilliant choices. It is no surprise that the Jewel Jar has been full to bursting!

The children really enjoyed dressing in their Christmas jumpers for Christmas Dinner day! We spent the morning decorating hats for the occasion, practising making skills that we have been perfecting this last half term. We also really enjoyed watching Little Hadham's Got Talent in the afternoon.



Ash and Saplings children had great fun during Golden Morning and thoroughly enjoyed the different activities on offer. Whilst some children were busy in the forest, others were learning circus skills, a few were cooking some Christmassy treats and some were making wonderful snowmen out of clay. It was a very successful and festive morning.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all very much for your generous gifts and kind words! We have had such a brilliant half term down in Early Years and can't wait to kick start the new year with new experiences, learning and fun.

In Beech class this week the children amazed us all with a spectacular dance performance. They demonstrated excellent teamwork as they moved in unison and supported one another through the routine. The highlight was their freestyle moves, where their creativity and confidence truly shone! It was wonderful to see every child fully engaged and expressing themselves through dance.



On Wednesday, we were treated to a delicious Christmas lunch. The children enjoyed tucking into a festive feast of turkey, stuffing, roast potatoes, and all the trimmings. It was a lovely opportunity for the whole school to come together, share laughter, and get into the holiday spirit.

On Thursday, the children participated in a Golden Morning filled with a variety of enriching activities. They explored their creative sides through sewing, embraced the great outdoors in forest school, and engaged in other exciting hands-on tasks. These activities not only sparked their imaginations but also encouraged teamwork and skill-building.



In English, the children have been honing their descriptive writing skills by creating vivid descriptions of winter. They explored sensory details—thinking about what winter looks, feels, smells, and sounds like—to craft rich and evocative pieces. The class has shown great improvement in using adjectives and similes to bring their writing to life.

In maths, we have been exploring fractions, both year groups have made great progress in understanding the importance of equal parts and how fractions relate to real-life situations.

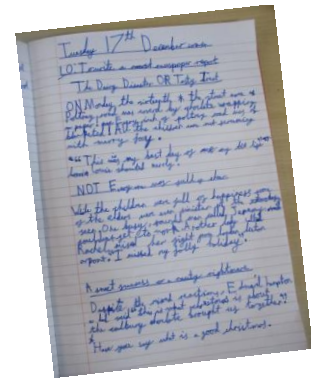
Well done to all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm this term—we are so proud of everything they have accomplished, and we can't wait to see all they achieve next term!



What a wonderfully creative and energetic week it has been in Lime Class! Your children have truly embraced the festive spirit and showcased their incredible talents and hard work in so many ways.

In English, Lime Class brought their creativity to life by diving into the world of Cadbury's Christmas wrapping advert. They channelled their inner journalists to write captivating newspaper reports, full of imaginative details and festive flair. Their enthusiasm and storytelling skills were nothing short of impressive!

In Maths, the class put their times tables knowledge to great use, tackling challenging puzzles with determination and perseverance. It was fantastic to see them apply their learning in such a fun and engaging way.



The excitement didn't stop there! Lime Class eagerly participated in the Humanities quiz, showing off their general knowledge and team spirit. They also thoroughly enjoyed the festive fun of the whole school Christmas dinner, sharing laughter and joy with their friends and teachers.

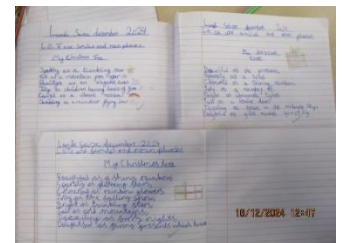
A special highlight of the week was Little Hadham's Got Talent, where we saw an incredible number of acts from Lime Class. A huge congratulations to our talented winners, Billy and Jules—what a fantastic achievement!



The children also embraced the spirit of Golden Morning, trying out a variety of enriching activities alongside children from other classes. To cap off the week, they poured their hearts into creating beautiful Christmas cards after writing stunning Christmas poems. Their thoughtful words and creative designs were a real testament to their hard work this term.

It's safe to say Lime Class is ready for a well-deserved holiday! They've worked so hard and accomplished so much this term. We can't wait to start fresh and dive into new topics and adventures in the next half-term.

This week in English, the children in Maple revisited similes and noun phrases and used them to craft beautiful poems about Christmas trees, capturing the festive spirit. They also experimented with creating rhyming couplets to add a lyrical touch to their work.



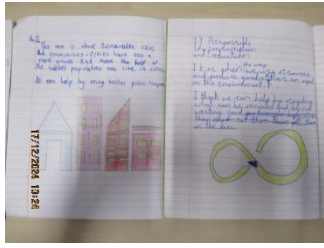
The festive spirit continued as the children received beautifully crafted Christmas cards from their penpals in Greece. The cards shared details about Greek Christmas traditions, including festive foods, celebrations and customs. In response, the children wrote lovely letters, sharing cherished English Christmas traditions, both at home and in school.



To further embrace the season, the Maple class pupils participated in an online musical meeting with their partner primary schools in Poland. The children had the opportunity to sing and listen to the partner schools' children performing traditional Christmas songs in their native language, making it a joyful and culturally enriching experience for everyone involved.



During their early morning work, the children explored the remaining Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are: Affordable and Clean Energy, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, Reduced Inequalities, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Responsible Consumption and Production, Climate Action, Life Below Water, Life on Land, Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, and



Partnerships for the Goals. They discussed actions they could take to support these goals and designed their own creative logos to represent them. This activity was linked to the Christmas season, emphasising the importance of giving, kindness and sustainability during the holidays.

The week was alive with festive joy and lively activities, as the children designed and created colourful Christmas hats, relished a traditional Christmas dinner while dressed in their cheerful Christmas jumpers, and delighted in the dazzling performances of Little Hadham's Got Talent. The celebrations were filled with laughter, creativity and a fabulous sense of community.



As we approach the Christmas holidays, in Willow Class we have been reflecting on the super experiences and events that made this last week of term so memorable. From skating at Alexandra Palace to festive celebrations in school, it's been a whirlwind of excitement, learning, and fun!

On Monday, we ventured to Alexandra Palace for a magical ice-skating experience. What a fantastic way to kick off the final week of term! We showed remarkable determination and perseverance as we took to the ice. After some cautious first steps, we quickly found our feet and were soon gliding with confidence, making turns and spins like pros. We enjoyed a well-deserved break to warm up with hot chocolate before heading back onto the rink, skating beneath the twinkling fairy lights and around the stunning Christmas tree. It truly was a special experience, and we couldn't have asked for a better way to embrace the festive spirit!



On Tuesday afternoon, it was time to pit our wits in the much-anticipated Big Quiz of 2024! Our Key Stage 2 Humanities Quiz saw mixed year group teams answering a range of History and Geography questions. There was also a general knowledge round that kept us on our toes. We amazed with how much we have remembered from lessons this term and even from last year! It's safe to say, we are a quiz force to be reckoned with, so if you have a quiz planned over the holidays, watch out – we are ready to take on the challenge!



The festive cheer continued on Wednesday as we got creative, making our own Christmas party hats. Once we were all looking suitably festive, we tucked into a delicious Christmas dinner – and what a treat it was! A big thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff for making the lunch so memorable. The jokes were flowing, and laughter filled the room as we enjoyed each other's company.



After lunch, it was time for the eagerly awaited *Little Hadham's Got Talent* show, where we were treated to a variety of acts, including dancing, singing, music, jokes and even gymnastic displays! The talent at Little Hadham Primary is truly special, and those taking part certainly gave it their all on stage. Congratulations to all who took part.



Thursday brought us Golden Morning, a morning filled with enrichment activities and lots of fun. We had the opportunity to try our hand at one of the following: drama, cooking, sport, sewing, crafting, circus skills, and even forest fun! It was a fantastic morning, and we are grateful to all the volunteers who helped make it so special for us. We finished the morning full of new experiences, big smiles, and fond memories.

And just like that, we wrapped up the term with a fabulous party on Friday morning. We danced, laughed, and enjoyed every moment, with plenty of dazzling dance moves on display. It was the perfect way to end what has been an exciting and fun-filled term.

As we head into the holiday season, we want to send our warmest wishes to you all. We hope you enjoy a relaxing and festive break with your loved ones, and we look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year, ready for more adventures and learning together. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from Willow Class!

What a joy it was to welcome you to the EYFS Winter Wonderland concert and Beech Class's delightful performance of *Busy Busy Bethlehem*! From the heartfelt singing to the confident acting and lively dancing, the children truly shone on stage. Their teamwork, enthusiasm, and sheer delight in performing for you were a sight to behold.

A special thank you goes to you, our supportive families, for helping at home with learning lines, rehearsing songs, and, of course, for laughing (loudly!) in all the right places. These moments of shared joy make the hard work behind the scenes so worthwhile.

Performances like these are a cornerstone of the curriculum, where speaking, listening, and performing take centre stage—and we can all agree, they absolutely nailed it!

Finally, a huge shoutout to our dedicated staff, who poured so much time, effort, and creativity into making these magical moments happen. Your support is invaluable, and it's what makes our school community so special.



Year 6 Ice Skating Trip to Alexandra Palace

On Monday, Willow Class children embarked on a much-anticipated ice-skating adventure at Alexandra Palace—a venue as majestic as its name suggests. Excitement buzzed in the air as skates were laced up and brave souls took to the ice—adults included!

What followed was a delightful symphony of giggles, glides, and (yes!) tumbles. Whether they were twirling like pros or clinging to the side for dear life, every child gave it their all. Of course, what's an ice-skating trip without a few dramatic spills? Even I couldn't resist joining in the fun—though my unintended let's say, 'pirouette' ended with an unceremonious "ouch!" (A reminder that ice is, indeed, very hard and I bruise like a peach!)

Another highlight of the day, aside from the laughter and rosy cheeks, was warming up with some delicious hot chocolate. As we sipped and shared tales of daring moves and close calls, the smiles on everyone's faces said it all—this was a day to remember.



Food Glorious Food!

What a joyous occasion it was to see the whole school community gathered in the hall for our much-anticipated Christmas lunch! The air was filled with the happy hum of chatting and laughter, as children, staff, and governors came together to celebrate the festive season.

The tables were adorned with cheerful decorations, and the delicious aroma of a traditional Christmas feast wafted through the room. A *huge* thank you to our amazing chefs, who worked their magic to serve up a meal that was as tasty as it was heart-warming.

Moments like these remind us of the beauty of togetherness – seeing everyone sharing stories and enjoying each other's company was simply wonderful. Thank you to all who helped make this festive lunch such a memorable event. Here's to the magic of Christmas and the joy it brings to our Little Hadham family!



KS2 Humanities Quiz – A Battle of Brains!

On Tuesday, our Willow, Maple and Lime took part in our infamous Humanities Table Quiz, and we couldn't be more impressed with their enthusiasm and dedication! The children's brains were working overtime as they tackled a range of questions on topics they've been learning in class. The quiz featured a mix of questions, from capital cities to famous landmarks, with plenty of picture rounds to challenge their memory and recognition skills.

The teamwork displayed was outstanding, with every student contributing their knowledge and working together to solve the questions. The high level of engagement and impressive scores really showcased the power of learning and the incredible memory of our students.

After a nail-biting finish, the winning team triumphed with an impressive 5-point lead! Mrs. Tweedale was especially pleased with the excellent scores across the board and the spirit of the event.



And now, the moment you've all been waiting for... the winners are Jacques, Charlie W, Joshua, Libby, Oscar M and Molly

A huge well done to all the teams – you were amazing! Keep up the great work!

What an Amazing Talent Contest!

On Wednesday afternoon, we were treated to another unforgettable talent show that included sensational electric guitar playing, fabulous dancing, impressive piano performances, hilarious comedy, and gymnastics acts that wowed both the judges and the audience! We know that so much effort goes into creating the perfect performances, and it's clear how hard all our participants worked to deliver such fantastic acts.

A huge well done to everyone who took part—you were all super brave and performed brilliantly! It's a love seeing our pupils writing their own scripts, creating their own routines, and choreographing their dances. What clever and creative children we have here at Little Hadham!

It was certainly a tough decision to choose the finalists! A massive THANK YOU to our judges, Mrs. Erswell and Mrs. Claremont, who were thrilled to join forces with two of our former students, past winners of the contest, Reuben and Red, to help select our winners. The added excitement of seeing the return of the boys to the school was felt by all!

One of our School Captains also took great delight in announcing the winners of the 2024 Talent Contest. I'm sure you could hear the squeals of delight from home! The competition was fierce, with so much talent on display, and it was a tough decision for our judges.

Congratulations to all our winners Bella in 1st place, Belle and Wesley joint 2nd and the comic duo Billy and Jules in 3rd place—you truly earned your place in the spotlight!



Golden Morning: Where Learning Shines Bright

What an absolutely wonderful Golden Morning we had! The children had a blast trying their hands at circus skills, exploring their creativity in drama, learning with the Woodland Rangers, and even getting their hands covered in all sorts while baking with our talented staff and Mrs. Akester, our dedicated Governor.

There was so much laughter as the children threw themselves into sports, crafts, and sewing activities, all while mixing with different classes and, most importantly, looking out for each other. It's heartwarming to see our older pupils helping and guiding the younger ones – the true spirit of community!

A huge thank you to our brilliant staff and Mr Potter, Mr Hewitt and Mrs Battle and Mrs Ellicot who supported us to make this Golden Morning another memorable experience for the children. These enrichment activities are such an important part of school life, and the joy on the children's faces says it all.

We are truly lucky to be part of such a wonderful community! If any parents would like to join us for future enrichment activities, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We'd love to have you involved!

