

This Week's News

7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see all the children back at school and hear about their half term adventures. It has been another exciting week with workshops and visitors. On Wednesday Liz Stringer from the Luton Food Bank came into school to talk to the children about where their donations from Harvest go to and why it is important to help other people.

This week in Cherry class, the children have been busy building houses and towers in the sand, comparing their heights and testing how stable they were. They've also been Puzzle Extraordinaires, completing tricky puzzles and using 'post-it' notes to fill in any missing pieces. In literacy, Cherry Class have started their new story 'Owl Babies'. The children sequenced the story, and wrote captions for the different parts.

Maple Class became poets this week, writing poetry all about their favourite colours in English. In Maths they've been learning about commutativity and how the order that we add and subtract numbers can really matter. Year 1 and 2 also created a giant pictogram in D&T showing their favourite fruits and vegetables. In Science they have exploring and identifying the different materials that things in our classroom are made out of. They really enjoyed labelling the tables, desks, clothes and equipment .

Chestnut Class have made a fantastic start to the new term. They enjoyed taking part in a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop where they explored how early humans lived, hunted, and built their homes. The hands-on activities helped history come to life and gave everyone a real sense of what life was like thousands of years ago.

In English, they begun exploring fables, reading 'The Koala Who Could', 'The Squirrels Who Squabbled', and 'The Lion Inside'. The children have enjoyed discussing the lessons these stories teach and have worked hard to retell the tales in their own words. They have also been busy writing character and setting descriptions, using ambitious vocabulary and creative ideas to bring the stories to life. In Maths, the focus has been on developing mental subtraction strategies. The children are practising how to think flexibly and use different methods to solve problems quickly and accurately. In Geography, they started a new topic on 'The Rainforest'. The class have located the Equator on a world map and identified some of the countries that lie along it. They also talked about what makes the rainforest such a unique and important part of our planet. It's been a busy and exciting start to the second half of the Autumn Term.

Bonsai Class have also enjoyed their first week back after half term exploring their new topics. In English they finished their additional scenes for 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' before starting their poetry unit. The children worked hard to gather poetry before writing a poppy themed cinquain poem. In Maths they've been refreshing and extending their knowledge of mental strategies before problem solving column addition and subtraction questions. In Art they spent time appreciating the Chinese Art on display before exploring the different themes, styles and colours within the piece of art. We have been encouraging the children to complete their learning on TTRS. Miss Pike would like to congratulate Lottie and Theo for being the third most valuable players, Ava and William for being the second most valuable players and Louis and Darcy for being the Most Valuable Players during Bonsai's Battle of the Bands. Year 5 proudly won the battle with 4,607 correct answers and an average of 329 correct answers over the 13 Year Five children who logged on.

I wish you all a lovely weekend. I hope to see lots of you on Saturday night at the Fireworks here at school.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Autumn Term Dates 2025

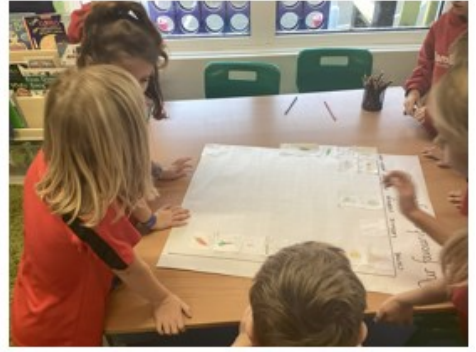
- 10th Nov—Anti-Bullying - Wear Odd Socks Day
- 11th—Armistice Day
- 13th—Kindness Day
- 14th Nov—Children in Need—Wear Pudsey / Non uniform
- 20th Nov—Bonsai Trip to Science Museum
- 20th Nov—Governing Board Meeting
- 21st Nov—Parent Council Meeting 9am
- 21st Nov—Governors to visit school PM
- 24th Nov—UK Parliament Week
- 28th Nov—Occasional Day (school closed)
- 1st Dec—Assessment Week for all
- 2nd Nov—Gift donations in for the North Pole Shop
- 5th -Dec—Bonsai Class Assembly for parents / carers
- 6th Dec—Christmas Tree Festival at Methodist Church
- 8th Dec—Panto in school for all children
- 8th Dec—Last week of Teacher Clubs this week
- 9th Dec—Christingle assembly & workshops -children only
- 10th Dec - North Pole Shop Opens—One day only!
- 11th Dec —Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
- 12th Dec—Service at St Leonards 2.30pm—Parents welcome
- 12th—Christmas Discos at 4.15 and 6pm
- 16th Dec—EYFS and KS1 Nativity at 9.30 - Parents / Carers
- 17th Dec—EYFS and KS1 Nativity at 3.30 - Parents / Carers
- 18th—Party Day—wear party clothes
- 19th Dec—Term finishes at 1.30pm



Photo's from this week



Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class



Bright Stars - Friday 7th November 2025

Nursery	Maverick	For settling back into school so well this week, joining in with all learning and being a polite member of the class.
Reception	Max	For his wonderful attitude to learning this week during lessons and independent learning. Max has been practising his writing and reading.
Year 1	Edie	For sharing her brilliant ideas confidently and respectfully with the class.
Year 2	Tami	For challenging herself with her independent writing, creating some wonderful lists, tickets and stories.
Year 3	Otto	For showing really good listening to adults and peers. Well done, Otto!
Year 4	Nicole	For trying hard in maths this week. Even when it got tough, you didn't give up!
Year 5	Andre	For his remembrance themed cinquain poem.
Year 6	Louis	For his constant enthusiasm to learning and willingness to contribute to all classroom discussions.

Attendance

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	w/b 3rd November
Nursery	80%
Reception	96.08%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	95.56%
Year 3	99.15%
Year 4	97.78%
Year 5	90.48%
Year 6	98.15%

AmelYear Group	Who impressed us the most this week?
Nursery	-
Reception	Amelia and Delilah
Year 1	Reggie
Year 2	-
Year 3	Elsie and Alfie
Year 4	Henry
Year 5	-
Year 6	-

Please remember not to take holidays in school term time.

Well done to the children below for a fantastic effort with thier online maths learning this week.

Remember to log on every week!

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CHRISTMAS MARKET

6TH DECEMBER

ROSE AND CROWN
TROWLEY BOTTOM

10AM TILL 1PM

VARIOUS
STALLS

SANTA'S
GROTTO

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