

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well. This week there was a dinosaur walking down our corridor! I believe it came from the egg that hatched in nursery last week! Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were very excited to spot it.

Year 2 had a great time on their visit to St Andrew's Church this week. They were excited to tell me all about the bells!

Strike Action: As advised in our previous email, the following classes will be **closed** next week **Wednesday, 1st February:**

**Oak
Cedar
Willow**

There are a further 3 dates when NEU members have voted in favour of strike action. They are:

Thursday 2nd March
Wednesday 15th March
Thursday 16th March

We will let you know as soon as possible how this will affect our classes.

NSPCC Number Day: Next Friday, 3rd February, is 'NSPCC Number Day' and we will be taking part in fundraising for the NSPCC. There will be many Maths activities and games that the children can take part in and they can come to school in non-uniform dressed in a number-related outfit! There will be a donation box at the entrance to the school or you can give money to your child's class teacher.

Attendance: As you know, children can be dropped off at school between 8:35-8:45am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and at 8.30am for Nursery. The gate is closed at 8:45am and anyone coming in after that time is late. Late comers cause a lot of disruption for office and classroom staff as well as the children. If you are late, you may have to wait as our staff are extremely busy at this time and are not always able to answer the intercom immediately.

Parking: A reminder to all parents and carers: To ensure the safety of all of our children, please adhere to parking rules on our school road. Please refrain from parking on or across the driveways of the residents on Westland Avenue. We have regular complaints from the residents who are not able to access their own driveways.

Volunteers: We are still looking for volunteers to come into school to support children with their reading. This could be for as little as one hour per week. If you are interested and are available on a regular basis, please contact the school office.

Safer Internet Workshop for Parents: Mrs Holmes is running a workshop for parents. Please do come along. Miss Peters will also share some information about phonics. We intend to do a parent workshop for phonics separately and this date will be on our dates for your diary next week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,
Miss Page

Star Writers of the Week	
Ash	Henry
Oak	Alije
Cedar	Louis
Elm	Patrick
Maple	Evin
Willow	Tobey



Maths Champions of the Week	
Ash	Derin
Oak	Oliver
Cedar	Emilia
Elm	Amelia
Maple	Aimee
Willow	Marcus

Nursery Star of the Week

Oscar

For being brave and trying new things.

Reception Star of the Week

Ash Class

Sophia Webster

For settling in well during her first full week at school.

Oak Class

Kyan

For always trying his best to complete the activities set up in class.

Year 1 Star of the Week

Cedar Class

Max

For working hard in phonics.

Elm Class

Jarush

For working hard in all areas of his learning.

Year 2 Star of the Week

Maple Class

Farris

For improving his writing skills.

Willow Class

Ahmed

For trying hard in phonics.

Dojo Points - Headteacher Stickers – Postcard Home



The following children have achieved their Dojo points target and will be getting a postcard home:

Aimee L, Alfie P, Bejna G, Dolcie N, Ema N, Emily G, Farris I, Grace O, Heja G, Henry H, Honey B, Isobel B, Mason D, Miqdad A, Mollie W, Patrick D, Rokas T, Rory R, Serena C, Sienna S, Thayla S, Zara I

ATTENDANCE

Please remember, you **must** inform the school by telephone or email on the first day of your child's absence. For safeguarding we require, in addition to your own contact details, at least two additional emergency contacts.



Our attendance target is 96%. The attendance for this year so far is: 91.31 %. This has stayed the same as last week.

Yr R Ash	87.73%	Yr 1 Cedar	94.33%	Yr 2 Maple	90.69%
Yr R Oak	86.09%	Yr 1 Elm	87.93%	Yr 2 Willow	97.97%

Well done Willow Class!

Friends of Langtons Infant School

The Friends of Langtons Infant School, FOLIS for short, are a group of parents and teachers who organise and run fundraising and other events for Langtons Infant School.

You can never have enough volunteers and we are always looking and grateful for any new members. If you are interested in helping, be it a one off or on a more ongoing basis, please contact us on office@langtons-inf.havering.sch.uk or 01708 447 866. We'd love to hear from you!

ABACUS

Abacus Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am Monday to Friday, during term time. There is no need to book, just turn up after your initial registration. The children have a healthy breakfast such as toast, cereal, crumpets or bagels. There is also a special of the day which could be yoghurt, fruit and honey. Abacus provide a selection of table top games, such as air hockey or pool. Alongside this are board games and craft activities. Children can attend for one or five mornings a week, or just when required. The cost is £6.50 from 7.45am and £6.00 from 8.00am. The children are taken into school for the start of the school day. For more information please call Kayley on 07903 708 764 or go to their website www.abacusafterschoolclubs.com where you can also download their registration forms.

Key Messages

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium – Although all children in Reception through to Year 2 do not have to pay for school dinners, if you are in receipt of benefits, you may be entitled to free school meals once your child goes into Year 3. By registering your entitlement now, you ensure that your child will receive free meals later on, even if your circumstances have changed by then. It also means that this school will receive extra funding called Pupil Premium which we can then use to support your child. So the sooner you apply, the better.

For further details or to apply please go to: <https://www.haverling.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

On School Grounds - Please do not use your mobile phone. Children are not permitted to ride their bikes or scooters once they have entered site. Please ensure your child walks into school and pushes their scooter/bike.

Labelling of Items – Please remember to put your child's name on all items they bring in to school. This includes hats, scarves, gloves, water bottles, book bags, etc.

Absences – please remember to always contact the office either by email (office@langtons-inf.haverling.sch.uk) or by leaving a message on our absence line (telephone 01708 447 866) by 9am on the first day of your child's absence. When leaving a message on the answerphone please clearly state your child's name, class and the specific reason for their absence. If your child is unwell, please specify whether this is because they have a cold, a temperature or are feeling sick, etc.

It is our duty to make contact with every parent whose child is absent to check that everything is ok and the family are not in an emergency situation needing assistance.

If we cannot make contact, we may make a home visit to make sure everyone is ok.

Emails – when emailing the office, please always include your child's full name and class. This will help our office staff by cutting down on the time they have to spend looking up details.

We greatly appreciate your support as this helps us to free up time for other tasks.



Respect



Kindness



Determination



Tolerance



Resilience

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
31.01.23	Safer Internet Workshop for Parents 8:45am	Parents in School 8:45am
01.02.23	Strike Day – Classes not in will be: Oak Cedar Willow	Children in these classes please do not to come to school on 01.02. All other classes should be operating as usual.
03.02.23	Number Day – Dress up Day	Non-uniform Day - dress in something number related. Email has been sent – see page 1 for more details
06.02.23	Around the World Week	Events to be confirmed
07.02.23	Safer Internet Day	----
09.02.23	Last Day for children	----
10.02.23	INSET Day – no children in school	No children in school
13.-19.02.23	Half Term	----
20.02.23	1 st Day back – start of Spring 2 nd Half Term	----
21.02.23	Reception & Nursery Writing Workshop for Parents	Letter to follow
22.02.23	Year 1 & 2 Writing Workshop for Parents	Letter to follow
27.02.23	Easter T-Shirt Competition Start	Design an Easter T-Shirt. Winner receives printed T-Shirt. Letter to follow
27.02.23	Bedtime Stories after school 4-5pm TBC	Letter to follow
02.03.23	World Book Day – Dress Up Year 1 PE day to change for this week	Dress up as your favourite book character. Letter to follow
08.03.23	International Women's Day	----
10.03.23	Year 1 Concert – AM & PM sessions (AM session no siblings)	Letter to follow
10.03.23	Deadline for Easter T-Shirt Competition Entries	Last Day for entering your child's design
14.03.23	International Maths Day – Fundraising Active Maths Challenge TBC	To be confirmed
17.03.23	Comic Relief Dress Up Day	Letter to follow
17.03.23	Mother's Day Stall	Letter to follow
24.03.23	Earth Hour	----
27.03.23	Parents' Evening until 5.30pm	Letter to follow
29.03.23	Parents' Evening until 6.45pm	Letter to follow
31.03.23	Last Day of Term	----
3.-16.04.23	Easter Holiday	----
17.04.23	First Day Back – Start of Summer 1 st Half Term	----

Nursery News

Our dinosaur adventure continued this week. The children spotted the dinosaur walking across our playground! The children were amazed and kept super quiet so they didn't scare him. The children then went on to make posters inviting the dinosaur to come back to visit us. The children have created some wonderful dinosaur artwork this week. They have enjoyed painting and collaging to create their masterpieces.



In maths this week we have been exploring size and measurement. We have been using language such as long/short, full/empty, heavy/light to compare weights and sizes.

Our artist of the half term is Piet Mondrian. We have been looking at a piece of art called 'Composition with Red, Blue and Yellow'. The children have enjoyed recreating this piece of art.



In Nursery we are exploring Phase One phonics. The aim of Phase One is to develop the awareness of the sounds around them and to support their listening skills.

This week in phonics some of the children have been listening to sounds they may hear in their environment. Try having a listening moment at home or on your way to/from nursery and talk about the sounds you can hear.

Other children have continued to explore sound talk. The children have been using sound talk to choose items from the magic box. They have also been orally blending the sounds to identify the hidden objects.

Reception News

This week:

It has been another cold and wet week but this has not stopped the children from exploring and learning in the outdoor area. This week the children have enjoyed creating moving vehicles using the large waffle blocks and pushing them along in the playground. They have also enjoyed making desserts to sell at the sweet shop using a range of materials. They used their imagination and talked about the ingredients and toppings they added to the sweet treats.

In literacy we have been drawing and writing about the story of the 'Naughty Bus' and his many adventures. We created story maps to help us remember and re-tell the story. We wrote words and sentences to help us remember the key parts of the story.

In our number learning this week we have been continuing our work finding different compositions for numbers to 10. This week we have also been learning to use 2D shapes to create pictures by rotating and manipulating them. We had lots of fun creating our pictures and learnt the names of the shapes we used.

This week in phonics we learnt the sounds sh, th, ng and nk.

For next week we are going to be starting a new book focus in our learning. We would like to ask if your child could bring in a picture of someone they love who does not live with them. They could live in a different country or far away. We will be using the pictures for a circle time discussion and for an art focus. You can send in the pictures to the office or give them to your class teacher. We recommend a photocopy as pictures are very precious.

Reminders:

Please ensure your child has their book bag and reading books with them every day so that they can practise and have them changed when needed.



The Reception Team ☺

Year 1 News

This week:

In maths we have been exploring money. We have recognised 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, and 50p coins. We have also used some of these coins to make an amount.

In English this week, we have been exploring different settings. We started our new story 'Meerkat Mail' in which Sunny explores different places to live. We have been using noun phrases (like 'soft sand') to describe where Sunny could go.



To celebrate Chinese New Year, we made Chinese dragons and danced with them to some traditional music.



In phonics we have been learning the new sounds 'ay' (as in tray) 'ea' (as in beach) 'ou' (as in proud) and 'ie' (as in tie). To continue practising some of these sounds please read 'Butterfly Pie' on Bug Club! 😊

Year 2 News

Topic: We have continued to learn about Hornchurch. This week we went to St. Andrew's Church. We had lots of fun, as well as learning a lot. We spotted some carved heads in the rafters! We also looked at the 400-year-old Bible, the pulpit, lectern and stained glass windows. We were really lucky to have a turn ringing the bells. Perhaps some of the parents heard them on Tuesday and Wednesday morning!



Maths: We have been adding two 2 digit numbers using a number line and jumping on in tens. We have been revising how to count in tens from any number such as 2, 12, 22, 32, 42, 52, etc.

SPAG: We have been looking at alternative j sounds such as 'dge', 'ge', 'gy' and 'gi'. Our 'Bug Club' book is *'Fossils'*.