



Work Hard - Be Kind - Achieve

The Magnificent Build and The Secret Pipe

Unfortunately, this is not the title of an upcoming bestseller but an update on our building works!

Things had been going really well...

- the mobile has been munched
- the wooden fort has been removed
- an old wall has been taken down

...until an unexpected water pipe was located! Because of this, work has had to pause while a solution is found. We hope this will be a short-term issue and work will be underway again very soon.

I'll let you know more in the next newsletter.

Willow Staffing Update

Unfortunately, we are no closer to expecting Miss Bates back as she is still very poorly. There is currently no projected return date for her, but I am hopeful to give you an update soon. Thank you for your continued patience.

We have been so fortunate to have Mrs Gorges working with us for most of the year and her, Miss Stringer and the whole Willow team have done an excellent job in supporting the children in Willow up to this point. Mrs Gorges has been offered a new opportunity in a nursery chain where she will be taking the lead on the curriculum (as well as other areas). We knew this would be happening at some stage - we just hoped it wouldn't happen any time soon! This opportunity has now become available and Mrs Gorges's last day will be on March 6th. I am really thankful to Mrs Gorges for supporting us all and doing her very best for our children. I am also over the moon that she is able to work for two weeks after half term even though she could have left at half term. This is so kind and so good for our children! I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Gorges lots of luck and happiness in her new role. I know that she is so excited to start but so sad to leave us. I have no doubt that she will have a huge positive impact on so many children and staff in the future just like she has done in her time with us.

So, back to Willow. It is really important that we continue to do an excellent job for the children in Willow even though we are forced to make another change. Miss Stinger and TA team will continue as they currently are, which will give important stability to the class. For Wednesday to Friday, I really want to avoid having a new member of staff come in who would have to learn about our children and school as this would affect the children's learning. With this in mind, and ensuring the children's education can continue to improve, I have decided to become the class teacher in Willow every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday starting on March 11th. This will be until we have a clearer idea about Miss Bates's return.

I will do everything I can to ensure that the smooth running of the school continues during this time and it is important that things stay the same as much as possible for everyone else.

I will be continuing with Y5 maths every morning and so the TA team in Willow will be covering for an hour every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It is right and fair that the Y5s are not affected by this change.

The Y6 maths booster will also not be affected.

I will still be available for meetings with parents on Mondays, Tuesday and after school on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

I'm really looking forward to getting back into class and learning how to support our youngest children alongside the experts.

If you have any questions or need anything clarifying, do not hesitate to catch me on the door or book an appointment.

Now on to the achievements.

Congratulations to the Stars of the Week for 23/01/2026:



Willow

For her super effort and progress in phonics.



Maple

for her improvement in her arithmetic skills.



Oak

for her outstanding efforts in all subjects and going the extra-mile outside of school.

Congratulations to the Golden Surfs for 23/01/2026:



For using different pencil techniques to replicate the flower perfectly.



for his amazing detail in his sketching of a buttercup flower.



for her outstanding improvement in Maths.

Congratulations to the Stars of the Week for 30/01/2026:



Willow

for always being kind and thoughtful and being especially caring when looking after the younger children in Willow class.



Maple

for incredible improvement in her arithmetic test.



Oak

for her outstanding efforts when writing a scientific journal.

Congratulations to the Golden Surfs for 30/01/2026:



Amazing writing about David Attenborough. Accurate spelling and perfect handwriting.



Accurate and neat method use in 2d multiplication. What an expert!



for doing extra maths subtraction practice at home.



for requesting an extra phonics session to practise writing more words.



for completing all his tasks last week.

Congratulations to the Stars of the Week for 06/02/2026:



Willow

for really applying herself in phonics and spelling and being very engaged in learning discussions.



Maple

for her consistent effort in all lessons.



Oak

for always being a kind and polite member of our school.

Congratulations to the Golden Surfs for 06/02/2026:



for continuing our assembly story at home through writing and illustrations.

Upcoming Events



- **Friday 13th February** – Last day of Spring Term 3
- **Friday 13th February** – PTFA Valentines Disco 4.30pm until 6pm
- **Monday 23rd February** – First day of Spring Term 4

School Policies

All policies relevant to parents are available to view on the school's website.