

10th February 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

We started this week with a very lively dodge ball tournament! This half term, Cherry have won the intra-house competition where children gain family group points for sticker books, merit cards and reading regularly. They have earned themselves some extra playtime!

I hope that you have a restful half term with your families and look forward to seeing you all back for the second half of the school year.

World Book Day

Time over half term to plan your outfit for World Book Day! Please don't spend lots of money...there are always good bargains in charity shops and you are donating to a good cause at the same time. I remember well my 'old Mother Hubbard' outfit!

World Book Day Book Tokens

We are sending home World Book Day Tokens early this year to give parents an opportunity to check out the free books available online and to exchange the tokens over half term for a free book for each child. The tokens are valid from next Thursday until 26th March. If you use the tokens early during this period, you can make sure that your chosen book is still available. If you prefer, the tokens can be used for £1 off the price of other books. World Book Day Tokens are given to every child each year so this is a wonderful opportunity to acquire a free mini-library for your child. Happy Reading!

Swimming

As I am sure Key Stage 2 parents are aware, we have struggled since the pandemic to provide swimming lessons. This has been because of lack of teachers at Northbrook Pool, lack of sessions and reduced opening at Northbrook Pool. We have tried other pools and searched for teachers but there is a chronic local shortage.

Well, some good news! We have managed to secure a session with a teacher at Northbrook starting after half term and we are offering this to Year 5 in the first instance. We will then change this for the last half term to Year 6. All year 5 children should have had a letter home about this.

Friends of Willowbrook

The Valentine's draw will take place today and winners will be notified by the school.

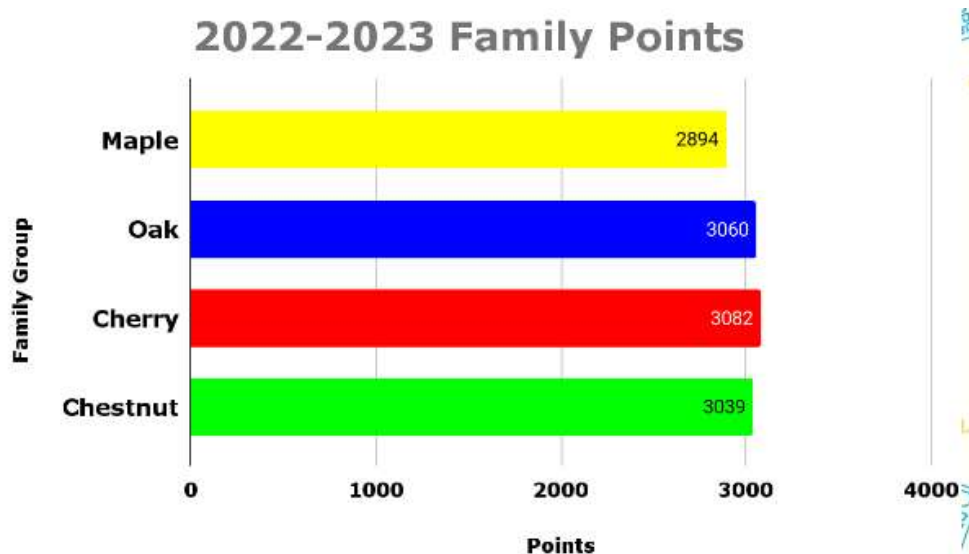
Year Six

Please could parents of children in Year 6 ensure they come to school in uniform every day. We have seen an increase in children wearing a range of clothing that is not part of their school uniform. They also need their PE kit in school. If you have any questions about uniform or kit, the list is on the school website and staff will be happy to discuss this with you. Thank you.

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Family Group Competition:

Cherry are our family group champions this half-term!



Thank you to all of the children who have been completing their homework each week and who have been reading 5x a week. Below is a list of children who have consistently read at home this half-term. Thank you for helping us support your child's learning.

Oak

Wassifa (RS)
Ella (RS)
Oliver (1P)
Aria (2S)
Maisie (2S)
Maryam (2S)
Kubra (2T)
Leon (2T)

Maple

Casper (RS)
Erin (RG)
Amelia (1P)
Zach (2T)
Ava (2T)
Chloe (2T)
Jessica (2T)

Chestnut

Barney (RS)
David (RS)
Esme W (RG)
Filip (RG)
Ruben B (RG)
Delilah (1P)
Miraj (1P)
Loki (1P)
Mia (1P)
Esra (2S)
Anya (2T)

Cherry

Jago (RS)
Leo (RG)
Lily (RG)
Leyland (1P)
Tomas (1P)
Cacius (2T)
Filip (2T)
Kacper (2T)
Phoebe (2T)

Oak

Ahmad (3P)
Zahra (3P)
Lilliana (3P)
Setayesh (3DM)
Erica (3DM)
Anabel (3DM)
Aram (3DM)
James (4H)
Daniel Wr (5W)
Daniel (6BM)

Maple

Amelia (3P)
Maddie (3DM)
Acey May (3DM)
Maks (4F)
Lily (4H)
Attal (5W)
Lola (6BM)
Jack (6P)
Rosie (6P)

Chestnut

Harriet (3P)
Olivia (3P)
George (3P)
Jessica (3DM)
Flo (3DM)
Gabriel (3DM)
Ava (4F)
Luke (4F)
Arthur (4H)
Elias (4H)
Leo (4H)
Artin (5C)
Frankie (5C)
Naomi (5W)
Bella (5W)

Cherry

Elliot M (3DM)
Logan (3DM)
Miya (3DM)
Barney (4H)
Emily (4H)
Amelia (5C)
Bene (5W)
Lewis (5W)
Ava (6BM)
Adam (6BM)
Holly (6P)
Merve (6P)

Reception

In Outdoor Learning we have been continuing to think about fire safety and how fire can be both good and bad. This week we enjoyed using the fire to toast marshmallows!



In PE we have been focusing on balancing and using our bodies to make different shapes both by ourselves and with a partner.



RS Friday Flyer: **Amelia (Chestnut)**

RG Friday Flyer: **Rahela (Oak)**



Year 1

In DT this half term we designed puppets and this week we created them. Today will be our final lesson where we will evaluate our final product against our design.



1C Friday Flyer: **Amelia (Chestnut)**



In tennis, we practised bouncing the ball and catching it as well as trying to catch bean bags on our tennis rackets to build up our ball control.

1P Friday Flyer: **Max (Maple)**



Year 2

In DT, we finished making our aeroplanes, inspired by our learning about Amelia Earhart.



In Science, we carried out an experiment to test the absorbency of different materials.



2T Friday Flyer: **Charlie (Cherry)**

2S Friday Flyer: **Riezmai (Cherry)**



Year 3



Year 3 have been learning about Ode Poems. It is a celebration of something; we celebrated umbrellas! The children made umbrellas come alive using personification and a technique called assonance. They have also made Roman mosaics. The children had to thinking carefully about their designs and patterns.



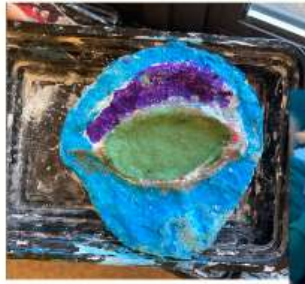
3P Friday Flyer: **Holly - Cherry**

3DM Friday Flyer: **Maddie**



Year 4

This week in Year 4, we had our final session of tag rugby with the Exeter Chiefs. We played a tournament, practising attacking and defending. This week we also finished our Egyptian amulets and drew some scarab beetles. Finally, we practised our balancing skills in PE, working in teams to support each other.



4H Friday Flyer: **Oscar**

4F Friday Flyer: **Luke (Chestnut)**

Year 5



We designed, made and evaluated our Brazilian brigadeiros & packaging. We especially loved the taste-testing!



5C Friday Flyer: **Amelia (Cherry)**

5W Friday Flyer: **Poppy (Chestnut)**



Year 6



6P Friday Flyer: Riley (Cherry)



6BM Friday Flyer: Max (Oak)



This week, Year 6 invited the children in Year 2 to watch their ukulele performance. The children played four songs on their ukuleles and managed to sing the lyrics at the same time! The Year Sixes also faced their final survival challenge, in which they were required to use their compass skills, build a shelter and light a fire!

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Macaroni Cheese, Focaccia Bread and Peas	Butchers Sausages, Mash Potato and Sweetcorn	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, 2 Fresh Vegetables and Gravy	Margarita Pizza, Wedges, Carrots and Sweetcorn	Salmon Fingers, Chips and Baked Beans
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Sweet Potato Korma, Rice and Peas	Cheese and Tomato Gnocchi, Focaccia Bread and Sweetcorn	Cheese and Leek Potato Gratin, Roast Potatoes, 2 Fresh Vegetables and Gravy	Baked Bean Chilli, Wedges, Carrots and Sweetcorn	Crispy Pepper Halloumi, Chips and Baked Beans
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
Fruit Muffin Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Oat Cookie Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Ice Cream Pot Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Carrot Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Chocolate Flapjack Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt



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