

NEWSLETTER

Believe to achieve!
'Roots will grow down into God's love to keep us strong.' – EPH 3:17



Message from Mrs Butt

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your understanding, kindness and adaptability when we had to make the difficult decision to close the school due to the severe hot weather last week. We are always guided by our responsibility to keep every child safe and well, and it was heartening to see such compassion and support from our school community during this time. We will continue to keep a close eye on the weather, alongside risk assessments and guidance, so that we can act thoughtfully and in the best interests of the children. We always endeavour to give as much warning as possible and with accuracy of prediction.

It was also lovely to see so many of you at the recent Parent Forum—your willingness to listen, ask questions and share your views reflects the strong partnership we value so deeply. I hope the conversations helped to bring clarity to the governors' proposals and I know that the governors are working hard to factor in your views to any decisions they make.

As always, the children remain at the heart of everything we do, and there has been so much to celebrate this week. I have been particularly touched by the way children have supported one another in the heat, showing real care and compassion for their friends. We continue to enjoy the talents of our wonderful young musicians, whose confidence is growing each week, and I have been so impressed by the creativity and pride shown in the beautiful artwork in Birch Class. In Beech Class, the children's writing continues to flourish, with growing independence and joy in their learning. It has also been a pleasure to welcome our new Reception children for their taster sessions—they have shown such courage and curiosity, and it has been lovely to see new friendships beginning to form, alongside our relaxed and welcoming parent coffee mornings to build new communities within our school family.

We are looking ahead to September with excitement and hope, and will be sharing further details on the coming pages, including our move to Class Dojo to strengthen communication between home and school. We also look forward to welcoming you to Beech Class's upcoming assembly on July 8th and to seeing many of you at Willow's parent coffee morning on the 9th July, where we can celebrate your children's progress together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school family.

Warmest regards,
Mrs Kelly Butt, Headteacher

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

The following children have been recognised for their achievements in celebration assembly in the last two weeks.

Well done everyone!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Zakhar, Hattie, Reuben, Ada H, Fifi,
Charlie,



ATTENDANCE

Elm Class - 98.35%
Rowan Class - 78.57%



GOOD MANNERS

Rue, Sidney, Cybele,



Elm Class - 95%
Rowan Class - 98.67%



GREAT READING

100 Reads - Jac
175 Reads - Zachar
250 Reads - Leo
300 Reads - Ada S

STAFFING STRUCTURE

We are pleased to confirm our staffing structure for the coming academic year.

As a school we have worked hard to deliver consistency and stability to the staffing for 2026-2027. Only the Year 4 pupils have a divided cohort and parents have been informed of their child's class after a consultation period.

Year group	Class	Class location	Staffing
Reception/Year 1	Beech	Current Beech classroom	Mrs West & Mrs Alia
Year 2	Elm	Current Oak classroom	Mrs Lambe & Mrs Jones
Year 3/4	Birch	Current Rowan classroom	Mrs Gaffney, Mrs Pocock & Mrs Durrans
Year 4/5	Rowan	Current Birch Classroom	Miss Murphy & Mrs James
Year 6	Willow	Current Willow Classroom	Mrs Fulluck & Mr Dicks

Support staff allocation will be more needs led in the coming year and some fluidity around support needs will be factored into the timetabling of support for classes, groups and individuals. This may result in different supporting adults being in different classes for periods of the day. This will remain consistent across sites.

PPA cover teachers will be confirmed in the coming weeks.



Spotlight on communications

Next week, your child will receive an invite for you to sign into Class Dojo. This log in will take you to their class page for 2026-2027.

ClassDojo is a free communication tool that helps strengthen the partnership between home and school. Through the app, you can:

- Receive instant messages and updates from your child's teacher
- See photos and highlights of learning taking place in the classroom
- Stay informed about events, reminders, and important announcements
- Communicate easily with staff in a safe and secure environment
- The platform is like an internal, school based social media app which teachers and school staff can publish onto for your information.

Using ClassDojo ensures that you don't miss important information and provides a quick, convenient way to stay involved in your child's school experience.

You can see your child's house point total, be notified of any negative incidents, receive class and whole school updates and receive portfolio updates where your child can showcase their learning from school and even complete fun tasks on Dojo Island.

There are paid versions of the platform but we will just be using the free elements and will never ask for parents to pay to use it either.

This will replace our current Seesaw app. This is to give parents a better experience of communications and school a better oversight of what is shared.

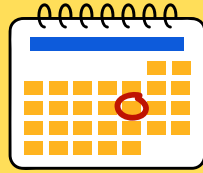


We will be sending out a permissions form in due course to ensure that any pictures shared on Class Dojo school page, class page or individual pages are with your permission.



USEFUL INFORMATION

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WEBSITE CALENDAR LETTERS FACEBOOK

DATES FOR THE YEAR

Updates in red

Mon 6 Jul	Y5/6 Cricket Festival	All day at Malmesbury Cricket Club - Selected team
Mon 6 Jul	Birch Class Dairy Visit	Walking to Brinkworth Dairy
Tue 7 Jul	LS Trip to Lower Moor	
Wed 8 Jul	Beech Class Assembly	9:10am at Lower Site
Wed 8 Jul	Author Visit - Chris Smith	At Upper Site - order books for signing via ParentPay
Thu 9 Jul	Shuffle Up/Transition Day	Y2 at Upper Site
thu 9 Jul	Willow Class Coffee & Chat	9:15-10:15am Upper Site Hall
Mon 13 Jul	School Reports Out	
Mon 13 Jul - Wed 15 Jul	Willow Class at Lower Site	Production rehearsals. Drop off and collection at Lower Site
Mon 13 Jul	Y2 Second Transfer Day	At Upper Site
Tue 14 Jul	LS Circus Skills Day	
Wed 15 Jul	Willow Production	1:15PM & 6PM performances at Lower Site
Thu 16 Jul	Rocksteady Concerts	For Rocksteady parents to attend 9:30 at Lower Site 14:45 at Upper Site
Fri 17 Jul	Y6 Leavers' Party	3:30-5:30 at Upper Site
Mon 20 Jul	Music Assemblies	For music lesson parents to attend 9:15 at Lower Site 3pm at Upper Site
Tue 21 Jul	Whole School Leavers' Service	AM church service, For Y6 Parents to attend. Pupils at Upper Site AM.
Wed 22 Jul	TD Day	No children in school