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NEWSLETTER 1 - 3rd September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see so many smiling faces today. All the children were having a great time when I went outside at playtime.

A special welcome to all the new children who have joined our school. Your families are all very welcome. If you have any questions please ask at the office or come and chat to me on the playground.

CONTACT E-MAILS

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, e-mails are as follows:-

- Acorns/Nursery/Mrs Babenko nursery@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk
- Oak/Mrs Davy oak@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk
- Willow/Mrs Allen willow@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk
- Rowan/Miss Fisher rowan@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk
- Office office@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club runs every morning from 8am and is £3 a day for pupils in Nursery. **Once children are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 they are able to come to a Government funded free Breakfast Club session from 8:20-8:50 am.** This is not available to Nursery children but nursery pupils are still welcome to come along anytime from 8am for £3 per day. Nursery children who have older siblings and are entitled to Free School Meals are welcome to attend the free Breakfast Club at no charge. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can come, at 8am before the free session starts for £2 a day. Please pay in advance on ParentPay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After School Club runs until 5pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please pay in advance on ParentPay so we know your child is staying.

WATER BOTTLES & PE KITS

All children in Oak, Willow and Rowan need to bring a water bottle (**tap water only**) every day. They also need a PE kit at school every day (white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls/trainers). **Please, please, please make sure they have these things in school every day and that all your child's possessions are named. Thank you.**

SCHOOL DINNERS

We have now moved to our new provider for our school meals. The children that had a school meal today all enjoyed it and the meals looked very appetising. If your child is in Oak, Willow or Rowan Class, please encourage them to give school meals a try.

Please see menu below for the first couple of weeks back.

Date	Main	Pudding
Thursday 3 rd September	Puff pastry sausage roll with mashed potato and baked beans	Jam swirl cake and custard
Friday 4 th September	Ham and cheese pizza with diced roast potatoes and peas	Chocolate cracknel and fruit platter
Monday 7 th September	Quorn sausage, baked bean and cheesy mash pie with mixed vegetables	Ice cream sponge roll
Tuesday 8 th September	Mild and creamy coconut chicken curry and rice with mixed vegetables	Oat cookie
Wednesday 9 th September	MSC battered fish fillet with mashed potato and baked beans	Toffee apple sponge cake and custard
Thursday 10 th September	Roast chicken with diced roast potatoes and mixed vegetables	Strawberry jelly and mandarins
Friday 11 th September	Spaghetti Bolognese with crunchy salad	Chocolate cupcake

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

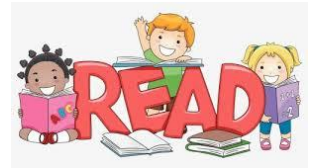
Although children in Oak, Willow and Rowan are entitled to a free school dinner every day (Universal Infant Free School Meal), if you are in receipt of certain benefits you may actually qualify for "Free School Meals". **The school gets an extra amount of money for each child who qualifies for Free School Meals, which means we can pay for your child's milk, trips and an initial set of school uniform.** To check your eligibility or to apply, please log on to <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk> or phone 0300 500 8080.

SCHOOL MILK

Children receive free milk until they turn 5. We register them with Cool Milk when they start school and Cool Milk will email you before your child turns 5 to ask you if you wish to pay for their milk after that. School cannot take payment for milk or resolve problems but their website address is: www.coolmilk.com and phone number 0844 854 2913. When you've paid for milk it usually takes at least a week for school to be advised, as the milk lists are issued weekly. Children who are registered for Free School Meals will still receive free milk once they've turned 5.

READING INFORMATION SESSION/BOOKS AND BISCUITS

Oak, Willow and Rowan Class parents/carers are invited to a reading information/Books and Biscuits session on Friday 11th September at 2.30pm. This will be a chance to read with your child but also to hear all about how we teach phonics and reading in school.



If your child is full time our expectation is that you will read with them each weekday. There are rewards for children who read at home, ranging from a gold box treat for 30 recorded (parent/carer needs to write in Reading Diary) reads to a trip to the park for 260 recorded reads. Please, please, please read with your children regularly at home - it really will make a lot of difference.

AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

Please contact the office if you would like your child to take part in either of the clubs below. All clubs will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Club	Day	Cost	Times	Open to:	Availability
Sports Club	Wednesday (starting 9 th Sept)	£3 (Please pay cash to Michelle) Or free for children eligible for FSM.	3.20 - 4.30pm	All year groups (Oak, Willow and Rowan)	30 spaces
PE Club	Thursday (starting 10 th Sept)	Free	3.20 - 4.30pm	Year 1 & 2 (Willow & Rowan)	15 spaces



For Sports Club & PE Club - you must send your child with a separate sports kit and trainers.

MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENTS

You are invited to come and join your child on Friday 25th September at the times below:

Class	Time
Acorns (Nursery)	11am
Oak	2.30pm
Willow & Rowan	9am

The children will start by singing songs and will then be allowed to join you to eat cake! It will take approximately 20 minutes. We will provide drinks but would be grateful for donations of cakes and biscuits please. **Please bring cake donations to the school office on the Friday morning.**

ATTENDANCE

The Government do not allow me to authorise holidays in term time so these will be recorded as unauthorised. Please complete a holiday form if you do plan to go on holiday, it helps with safeguarding if we know where you are! If your child is going to be absent from school or due to arrive later than 9am please let us know, preferably before the start of the school day by the Arbor app, a phone call to the office or an answerphone message. You can use the app or leave a message early in the morning if that helps. If we don't hear from you we will ring/text you before 9.15am. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Polite reminder, if you take your child out of school for 5 days absence or more, you will be referred to the Local Authority for a possible Penalty Notice (fine). I am expected to do this by the Government and feel it is important that I make it clear so that families are not surprised when they receive a letter from me explaining that they have been referred to the Local Authority.

If anyone would like a copy of the Attendance Policy or toolkit from the Local Authority please let me know.

APPOINTMENTS



If you need to make doctors/dentist appointments, please do this at certain times, ie. not at register times, then your child's attendance will remain high. If children miss the register am or pm they are counted as absent for the whole session, however if they register and go at 9.20am, for example, they are counted as attending the whole session. The system is strange, I know, but we don't choose it.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is vital that you ensure school has up to date contact details for parents/carers, in particular if you change your mobile phone number, please let the office know straight away.



ASTHMA/MEDICINES



In line with Government regulations we are not allowed to administer prescription medicines in school, unless it is prescribed as 4 times a day. This is the case for all children unless your child's significant medical needs require an Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP) that is written in partnership with Health professionals. As per our Medicines Policy (see website), we are able to administer non-prescription medicines when required. If your child is a little "under the weather" please feel free to bring in non-prescription medicine e.g. Calpol. For us to do this you will need to complete an orange slip (available from the office) where you can add details of any previous doses, confirm this medicine has been given previously (so we know there will not be an adverse reaction), amount/time of dose etc.

If your child has Asthma and needs an inhaler in school, please collect a Parent Consent Form from the office and return it to school as soon as possible.

ANNUAL GOVERNORS STATEMENT

The Annual Governors' Budget Statement relating to the financial year 2025-2026 is available to view in the school office on request.

DIARY DATES

Sports Club starts	Wednesday 9 th September 3:20-4:30pm
Premier PE Club starts	Thursday 10 th September 3:20-4:30pm
Oak, Willow & Rowan reading info session/ Books & Biscuits	Friday 11 th September 2.30pm
iRock Music Assembly	Tuesday 22 nd September
Rowan Class visit to St Michael's Church	Wednesday 23 rd September
Macmillan Coffee Events	Friday 25 th September
Multi Skills Festival at Elizabethan	Monday 28 th September
Sign up for Parents Evening	Monday 28 th September
Parents Evening	Tuesday 6 th October
Parents Evening	Wednesday 7 th October
Harvest Festival (Nursery & Rowan parents)	Tuesday 13 th October 9am
Harvest Festival (Oak & Willow parents)	Thursday 15 th October 9am
Disco	Thursday 15 th October
Half Term Holiday	Monday 19 th October - Friday 30 th October
Children return to school	Monday 2 nd November
Elizabethan Dance & Gymnastics	Wednesday 4 th November
Children in Need	Friday 13 th November
Books & Biscuits	Friday 13 th November 2:45pm
Indian Dance workshop	Friday 20 th November
Willow Class visit to Leverton Windmill	Thursday 26 th November

Christmas Fair	Wednesday 2 nd December 2:00-4:00pm
Nursery Christmas Play	Thursday 10 th December 9:15am
Oak Christmas Play	Friday 11 th December 9:00am
Willow Christmas Play	Monday 14 th December 2:30pm
Rowan Christmas Play	Tuesday 15 th December 9:00am
Christmas Party Nursery, Oak & Willow	Wednesday 16 th December
Christmas Party Rowan	Thursday 17 th December
Oak, Willow & Rowan visit to St Michael's Church	Thursday 17 th December (parents welcome)
Christmas Dinner Oak, Willow & Rowan	Thursday 17 th December
Rhubarb Theatre visit school (Oak, Willow & Rowan)	Friday 18 th December

We like to give dates in advance but please be mindful that they may need to be changed.
 We are looking forward to another busy year and please rest assured that we will continue to do our very best for your children.

Jo Cook

Mrs Cook
 Head Teacher