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NEWSLETTER 1 - 9th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

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. 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/navy 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

Children in Oak, Willow and Rowan are entitled to a school dinner which is paid for by the Government (Universal Infant Free School Meal). Our Head Chef is lovely and she's really keen to support children to try school dinners. We will let you know if your child is not eating enough and we will support them to choose food they like - please give dinners a go, after all it saves you making and paying for a packed lunch!

It's really helpful if children can cut up their own dinners - we will help when necessary but please practise using a knife and fork at home.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

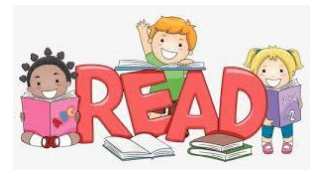
Although children in Oak, Willow and Rowan are entitled to a free school dinner every day (Universal Infant Free School Meal), if you are in receipt of certain benefits you may actually qualify for "Free School Meals". **The school gets an extra amount of money for each child who qualifies for Free School 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 Monday 15th September at 2.45pm. 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/carers 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 3 rd 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
Premier PE Club	Thursday (starting 4 th Sept)	Free	3.20 - 4.30pm	Year 2 (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 26th 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 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.

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 2024-2025 is available to view in the school office on request.

DIARY DATES

Oak, Willow & Rowan reading info

session/ Books & Biscuits

Sign up for Parents Evening

Macmillan Coffee Events

Parents Evening

INSET DAY (school closed)

Multi Skills Festival at Elizabethan

Monday 15th September 2.45pm

Monday 22nd September - sheets with class teachers

Friday 26th September

Monday 29th September & Wednesday 1st October

Tuesday 30th September

Thursday 2nd October (Willow & Rowan)

Harvest Festival	Tuesday 14 th October 9am (Nursery & Willow parents)
Harvest Festival	Wednesday 15 th October 9am (Oak & Rowan parents)
Disco	Thursday 16 th October - information to follow
Half Term Holiday	Monday 20 th October - Friday 31 st October
INSET DAY (school closed)	Monday 3 rd November
Children return to school	Tuesday 4 th November

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