

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you once again to those of you that completed the questionnaire about strengths and areas to develop in school.

Common strengths identified were:

- The curriculum
- Range of activities
- Excellent communication via Dojo
- Fantastic staff
- Parental involvement in worships and class activities

Below are the common areas to develop. In red, I have written a response.

- Behaviour/Bullying policy I am currently looking at creating a new behaviour policy that will include more rewards and make consequences much clearer.
- Being more lenient with holidays in term time This is something that we are not allowed to do. The government and Enhance Academy Trust are very clear about this.
- Wraparound care after school I will look into this. Due to school budgets being tight, the income we received would have to match how much it would cost to run.
- Praising those children who behave well see Behaviour Policy Comment
- Equipment for the children to play with I have just ordered £1,000 worth of equipment for children to play with at break and lunch times.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Lee Swift

STAR OF THE WEEK WINNERS

Class	Child
Acorn (F2)	Arthur
Ash (Year 1)	Noel
Maple (Year 2)	Harmony
Beech (Year 3)	Harper
Chestnut (Year 4)	Harry
Sycamore (Year 5)	Тот
Oak (Year 6)	Ryan



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Attendance Update				Attendance Indicato
CLASS	THIS WEEK	YEAR TO DATE	LATES THIS WEEK	97% + WELL ABOVE THE SCHOOL TARGET
Nursery	88.3%	85.0%	3	96% - 96.9% IN LINE WITH T SCHOOL TARGET
Reception	86.2%	91.3%	4	94% - 95.9% - CLOSE TO TH SCHOOL TARGET
Year 1	92.9%	91.9%	3	90.1% - 93.9% - WELL BELC THE SCHOOL AVERAGE
Year 2	96.6%	94.4%	9	90% & BELOW – EXTREME WELL BELOW THE SCHOO
Year 3	97.6%	93.9%	2	AVERAGE
Year 4	90.7%	93.1%	0	WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET - 96
Year 5	93.9%	93.1%	5	This Week 93,2%
Year 6	95.0%	94.5%	0	Year to Date 93.0%

	Great	attendance	e means bei	ing in scho	ol at least 9	97% of the t	ime or 184 to 190 days	
ſ	190	184	171	161			Well done! Good attendance gives you the	
	School days	School days	School	School	152	143	best chance of success.	
	each year	each year	days each year	days each year	School days each year	School days each year	We're concerned. Poor attendance gives you less chance of success.	
	0 days absence	6 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence	Seriously worried! Very poor attendance has a	
	100%	97%	90%	85%	80%	75%	serious impact on learning.	

COMING TO SCHOOL ON TIME MATTERS!		
Minutes Late Per Day	Days Lost Per Year	
5 mins	3 days	
10 mins	6 days	
20 mins	12 days	
30 mins	18 days	

ATTENDANCE REWARDS

WEEKLY

- Children with 100% attendance to be awarded a sticker.
- Any class with 96% or above in their attendance get to 'Spin the Wheel' to win a reward for Friday afternoon that have been chosen by the children.
- Class with the highest attendance receive the attendance rock to take back to their class.
- Shopping voucher raffle for parents of children with 100% attendance.

HALF TERMLY

- Certificates for children who have achieved 97% attendance
- Special certificates for children who have achieved 100% attendance
- All children who have 97% of above receive an entry into draw to win a prize.

YEARLY

- All children who have attendance of 97% or over will get a certificate.
- Children with 100% attendance will be awarded a special certificate at the end of the year.
- Brand new school jumper to those children with 100% attendance.
- End of year raffle from each half term to win a special price e.g., bike/trampoline for children with 97% and above.

SPECIAL WEEKS

At different weeks across the year, we run special 100% attendance weeks. You will be notified of these on Class Dojo

- £50 Shopping voucher raffle for parents of children with 100% attendance (whole school) (Targeted 4-week block)
- Bonus 100% week £20 voucher

SAFEGUARDING PAGE

As a school, we take safeguarding very seriously. If you feel you have any concerns regarding a child then please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.



Mr L Swift

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs D Day

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr A Preston

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs C Saxon

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



TERM DATES

5	Spring Term 2024		
Monday 8th January	School Opens to Pupils		
Thursday 1 st February	Beech/Year 3 Curriculum Showcase @ 9am		
Thursday 8 th February	Last Day before February Half Term		
Friday 9th February	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)		
	Half Term Holiday		
Monday 19th February	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)		
Tuesday 20 th February	School Opens to Pupils		
Thursday 29th February	Maple/Year 2 Curriculum Showcase @ 9am		
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day (details to follow)		
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief (details to follow)		
Thursday 21 st March	Ash/Year 1 Curriculum Showcase @ 9am		
Thursday 21 st March	PTA Easter Bingo @ 4pm (details to follow)		
Friday 22 nd March	Last Day before Easter Holidays		
	Easter Holiday		

Summer Term 2024		
Monday 8 th April	School Opens to Pupils	
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday	
Week Commencing 13th May	Year 6 SATs (Pupils MUST be in school)	
Friday 24 th May	Last Day before Spring Bank Holidays	
	Spring Bank Holiday	
Monday 3 rd June	School Opens to Pupils	
Monday 17 th June	KS1 – Ash/Year 1 & Maple/Year 2 Sports Day @ 1:30pm	
Tuesday 18 th June	EYFS – Seedlings/F1 & Acorn/F2 Sports Day @ 10:30am	
Wednesday 19th June	LKS2 – Beech/Year 3 & Chestnut/Year 4 Sports Day @ 1:30pm	
Thursday 20th June	Acorn/F2 Curriculum Showcase @ 9am	
Friday 21st June	UKS2 – Sycamore/Year 5 & Oak/Year 6 Sports Day @ 1:30pt	
Thursday 27 th June Seedlings/F1 Curriculum Showcase @ 9am		
Monday 8 th July	PTA Summer Fair	
Friday 19 th July	Last Day before Summer Holidays	
Monday 22 nd July	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)	
	Summer Holiday	

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