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## Worship Theme

Over the past two weeks, we have been thinking about Epiphany and Jesus's childhood in our worships together. We have been reflecting on how important families and communities are and thinking about what we are thankful for in relation to our own families.



## Forest School

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Elm Class (Year 1/2 Mrs Salmon) will be taking part in Forest School.

Please send your children into school wearing suitable clothing (a warm coat / waterproof and wellies) so they enjoy their time in the forest!



## A message from Miss Harris

Well, we had issues with snow and ice last week and water this week... I am wondering what might be coming our way next week! Hopefully, it will be a calmer one. 😊 I am very aware that, while the water at school has been fairly stable for the last couple of days, it is still a challenge for some of our families. If you continue to struggle with the water situation, we hope it improves soon and if there is anything we can help with, please let us know.

Our children have been brilliant this week – when the water went off earlier this week, they just got into the new routines of which toilets to use (so they could be flushed) and how to wash their hands; they laughed at using paper plates and cups for bowls at lunchtime (as we couldn't wash up the normal ones) and just got on! They were a real credit and took it all in their stride! A big well done to them all!



Thank you, also, to yourselves – I know the uncertainty of the water situation has been challenging and I would like to thank you for your positivity and understanding in the way you have worked with the school with the evening and early morning messages regarding the school being able to open. A strong community approach – and thankfully, not too bad for the school at all this week (particularly in comparison with some other areas).

I would like to end this message with a note about parking at the beginning and end of the school day. I really do appreciate that parking is challenging, but it has been noticed by several different people this week – parents and neighbours – who have contacted us about parking of cars at drop-off and pick-up times.

Can I please urge you to park safely and ensure the car is not on the pavement or on yellow lines. This will keep the paths and area as safe as possible for our children. Thank you for your support.



## New resources and provision for our children

We have been continuing to develop the resources and provision for our children to support them to develop in their learning. This week, we would like to share with you the scooters, bikes and protective clothing (helmets, knee and elbow pads) we have purchased for Willow Class. They are loving riding on the bikes and scooters and learning about keeping themselves safe too!



## Attendance and Attendance Certificates

Last Friday, we were able to award an amazing 156 pupils, well over half of the school, with Attendance certificates for Terms 1 and 2. These were for those children who had attendance of 96% or over. Of the 156 pupils, 53 achieved 100%!

Well done to everyone – we know your learning will have benefitted hugely from you being in school each day!



Here's this week's attendance data:

<b>Year R Willow 91%</b>	<b>Year 1/2 Ash 90%</b>	<b>Year 1/2 Birch 96%</b>	<b>Year 1/2 Elm 95%</b>			
<b>Year 3/4 Chestnut 91%</b>	<b>Year 3/4 Hazel 96%</b>	<b>Year 3/4 Pine 93%</b>	<b>Year 5 Maple 90%</b>	<b>Year 5 Sycamore 94%</b>	<b>Year 6 Oak 93%</b>	<b>Year 6 Yew 92%</b>

## Dates for your Diary

Below are key dates for your diary (new events are coloured green):

### Term 3:

- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Swimming begins for Year 4 (let's hope it does this week!)**
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Pine Class trip to a farm
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Hazel Class trip to a farm
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January – PTA Event – Bake Sale
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Chestnut Class trip to a farm
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Choir attending Singing Festival
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – End of Term 3

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February: Spring Break – School closed for children

### Term 4:

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Term 4 begins and school reopens to children
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day**
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – End of Term 4

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April: Easter break – School closed for children