

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Head lice**

We currently have a number of head lice cases in school. This is perfectly normal and something that happens regularly in school, as I'm sure you can imagine. Please do check your child's hair for any signs of head lice, and treat appropriately.

Please see below the current NHS guidance on head lice:



**Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.**

Head lice can make your head feel:

- itchy
- like something is moving in your hair

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice.

You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

**How to get rid of head lice**

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

**Wet combing**

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing.

**Medicated lotions and sprays**

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.

**You cannot prevent head lice**

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice.

You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early.

There's no need for children to stay off school.

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### **Ascension Service – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May**



On Thursday, Maple Class (Year 3), Hazel Class and Oak Class walked down to St Augustine's Church in Northbourne for a service for Ascension Day.

Father Andrew led the service and the children were reminded about the events of Easter, which led to Jesus ascending to Heaven 40 days later.

The pupils enjoyed performing actions to the Bible story and joined in brilliantly! Father Andrew demonstrated that Jesus did not return to earth with a ball and cup game and then talked about looking forward to Pentecost next week.

Zach and Lyra led the prayers very well and all the children behaved beautifully in church. Well done KS2 pupils!



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### **Food Bank – access support via Northbourne**



Northbourne have now established a link with the local Food Bank, meaning that any families or individuals who need to access the support of the Food Bank can do so by speaking confidentially to either Mr Reynolds, Mrs Morrison or Mrs Berridge. Please do arrange to speak to us, we are very happy to help.

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### **End of term – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

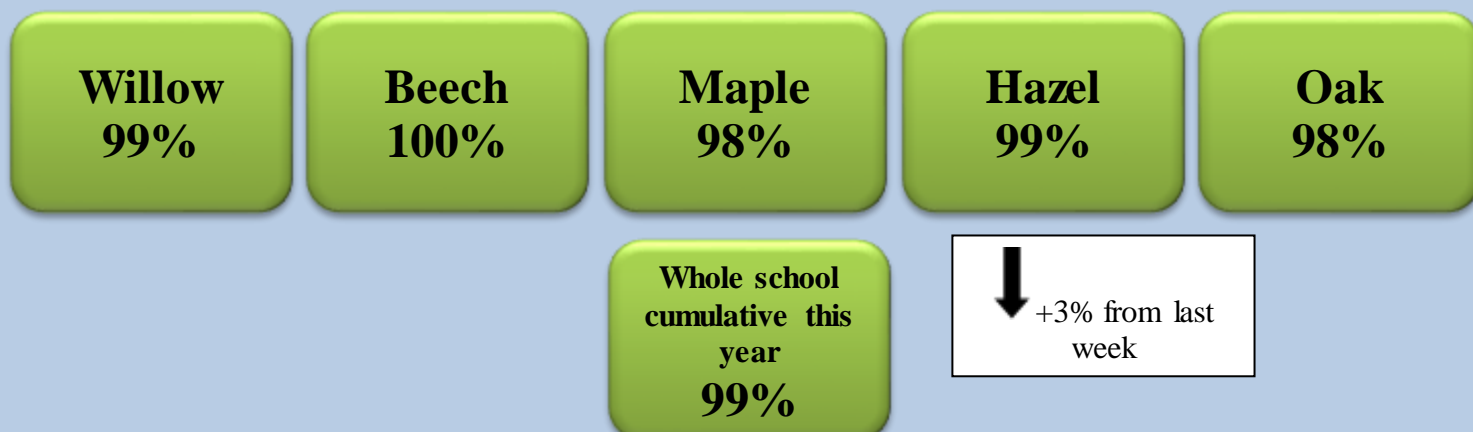
This coming Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May is the last day of term 5. School will finish at normal time, there is no early collection at Half Term holidays.

Term 6 begins on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

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### Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week beginning 01.05.23



**Please make a note of this year's INSET days, where school is closed to pupils**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June

### **INSET DAYS 2023 – 2024**

Friday 1st September 2023  
Monday 30th October 2023  
3 further inset days - dates to be announced



### **Learning Warrior** **19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Willow – Hugo  
Beech – Leo  
Maple – Jasper  
Hazel – Tom W  
Oak – Tabitha  
Head Boy Award – Delilah  
Head Girl Award – Harvey  
Attendance Ted – Beech  
Punctuality Pup – Willow & Oak