

6th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Harvest Service at St Augustine's Church

Thank you to all of our families for sending in your generous donations for the Foodbank. The children all carefully carried their items down to the church and placed them at the collection point by the altar. It is lovely to see the our pupils engaging in charitable actions.



It was wonderful to once again take the whole school community to St Augustine's for our Harvest Festival service. It is always lovely to see the children walking across the fields with their friends, carrying their donations and all gathering together in the church for a celebration!



Thank you to Mr Semple for leading our service in place of Father Andrew. A special thank you goes to our Yr 6 pupils for buddying up with our youngest pupils in Willow class to walk there and back. This was a great way to show our Christian values of kindness and love.

Wizard Stories

This week the children in Beech, Maple, Hazel and Oak class had a special writing workshop with Wizard Stories. The children loved taking part in the fun and engaging sessions; each class got to create their very own stories using a mixture of improv and music to develop their stories from scratch. We even had a story where Mr Reynolds turned into a rhino and rampaged around the school!

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and we hope that this experience will help inspire the children to create even more fantastical stories! Thank you to Gary and Phil from Wizard Stories for visiting Northbourne.



Kent Music Roadshow

On Monday, we welcomed the Kent Music Roadshow to school! They gave the whole school a performance to remember, playing music the pupils recognised from films and TV programmes - such as the Simpsons, Pirates of the Caribbean and Harry Potter. We all learnt more about brass, woodwind and stringed instruments and we even learnt how to make instruments from everyday objects - such as a hose pipe, funnel and mouthpiece! The



musicians played a piece of music on their home made instruments - using straws, string and an upside down bucket! It was an inspirational afternoon for all of us - here is what some of the children said after the performance:

"I liked the electric violin - I didn't even know such a thing existed!" Eve.
"It was funny listening to them play a piece that we knew on the homemade instruments, it was very clever!" Eleanor and Matilda.
"We should never give up with music!" Oliver.



Oak Class Visit to Dover Castle

On Thursday, Oak Class visited Dover Castle as part of their World War Two topic. They learnt more about Operation Dynamo and the rescue of allied troops from Dunkirk, finding out about the command centre in the tunnels below Dover Castle. Following that, they became secret agents, working in an office in the tunnels, completing a secret mission by breaking codes and



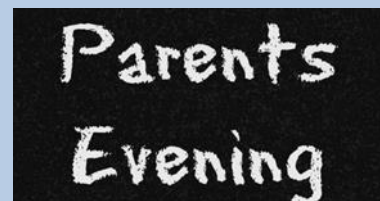
ciphers. All the children managed to break the code - with special mention to Elsie who was the first visitor they have had to break the most difficult code without any guidance or support from the Naval Officers leading the mission! They were very impressed and worried she might be chosen to take their jobs!



The children represented our school proudly and incredibly well. They were congratulated by English Heritage staff on their willingness to support each other when working together, clearly demonstrating our school and Christian values, particularly of collaboration, resilience, respect and kindness. We are very proud of our Year 5/6 children for being such strong ambassadors of our school!

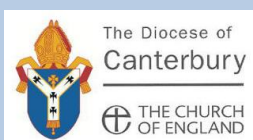
Parents Evening – Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October

Our first Parents Evenings of the year will take place after school on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October. Please make a note of these dates. These are valuable opportunities for you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss learning and progress. We hope you will all be able to attend. The online booking system for these dates is now open via the school website.



[Northbourne CE Primary School - Home \(northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk\)](http://northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk)

Click on the "Parent News" tab and then the Parent Consultations option.



Friends of Northbourne (FON)

Our school PTA group, the Friends of Northbourne, will be holding their annual general meeting on **Thursday 12th October** at 2.15pm at the school.

We would like to encourage anyone to come along to the meeting and to get involved with supporting the fundraising and events that the FON organise throughout the year.

With the Christmas Fair a little over two months away, now is a great time for new volunteers to join! Even if you only have a small amount of free time to commit, we would love to see you at the meeting.

If you would like further information, or would like to get in touch with the FON, please contact Mrs Berridge in the school office.

Northbourne Tea Towel



This year the school PTA has again organised for a Northbourne Tea Towel to be produced. Each child in the school has drawn a picture of themselves and the staff and these will be printed on the Tea Towel.

The pupils have been busy this week producing their wonderful self-portraits, ready for the tea towel.

Orders can be made via the Teachers2Parents App. The Tea Towels are £5 each or 3 for £12.

Orders close on Friday 3rd November and will be delivered in time for Christmas!



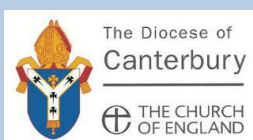
Whole School Meals – New menu

Please note that the new menu from Whole School Meals starts after Half Term. You can see the new menu by following the link below, which will take you to the "School Dinners" page of our school website:

[Northbourne CE Primary School - School Dinners \(northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk\)](http://northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk)

School photos – Monday 9th October

Please note, individual and sibling school photographs are taking place this Monday 9th October. Everybody in smart school uniform please.



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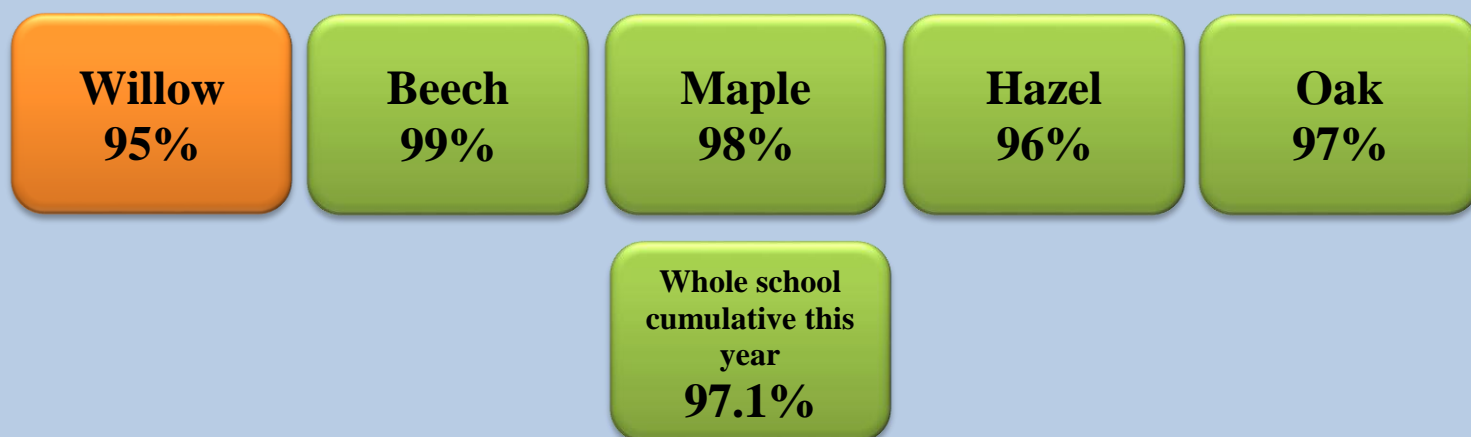
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Most brands pay a % of what you spend with them as a donation, for example if you spend £150 on a hotel via booking.com, they will donate 3% which is £4.50. Some retailers pay a flat amount, for example if you buy car insurance with confused.com via easyfundraising, they will donate a flat £15 regardless of the cost of the policy.

If we can get 10 or more supporters signed up in the next two weeks, we will get a £1 free bonus donation for each person, without them having to spend a penny. Families can either use the QR code in the poster or this unique registration link to shop and raise free donations for us: <http://efraising.org/WUiPq60Pmo>

Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week beginning 02.10.23.



Learning Warrior
6th October 2023

Beech – Isla
Maple – Rex
Hazel – Sophie W
Oak – Kitty
Head girl award - Maisie
Head boy award – Thomas
Attendance Ted – Beech class
Punctuality Pup – Willow class
and Beech class



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

Friday 1st September
Monday 30th October
Tuesday 2nd January
Monday 22nd July
Tuesday 23rd July