



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 4th October 2024

Message from the Headteacher

As we wrap up another eventful week, I've got my usual highlights to share. Despite my limited presence in school this week, I'm immensely proud of how our pupils and staff have continued to work with gusto to their usual high standards and the work I've seen around the school is its amazing (usual!) quality.

Our youngest learners in Hedgehog class, along with children and staff from St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Nursery, embarked on an exciting adventure to the church for a harvest themed visit. These outings are invaluable, offering our little ones a chance to explore their community and broaden their horizons beyond the classroom walls. They certainly returned with plenty of stories to share!

Meanwhile, our Badgers and Woodpeckers have been tackling their CAT tests. I'd like to extend a hearty well done to all involved. These assessments can be challenging, but they provide valuable insights into our pupils' abilities and help us tailor our teaching to their needs. Their perseverance and effort are truly commendable.

In our assembly this week, we focused on the importance of manners, particularly the simple yet powerful act of saying 'thank you'. This ties in beautifully with our school value of Respect. I set our pupils a little challenge: to count how many times they said 'thank you' on Monday evening. I'm curious to hear the results! How many times did your child say it? I suspect we'll see some impressively big numbers.

This exercise isn't just about tallying up polite phrases. It's about fostering a culture of respect and kindness that extends beyond our school gates. When we take the time to acknowledge others' kindness or efforts, we're building stronger, more positive relationships. It's a small gesture that can make a big difference in how we interact with one another and an important life lesson for our children.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with our school community. It's a pleasure to see our pupils thriving, both academically and as considerate young individuals. Here's to another week of learning, growth, and plenty of 'thank yous'!

Craig Ward – Interim Headteacher

Reception Class 2025

We are already starting to think about our next new Reception Class. Do you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021? If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2025.

We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.



'Celebration Assembly'

We are pleased to invite parent/carers to attend our Celebration Assembly.

Date: Friday, 11th October

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.



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Whole School Attendance

30/09/24 - 04/10/24

97%

2024/2025 academic year to date

97.5%



Star Awards

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Hedgehogs – Gabriel & Judith

Rabbits – Joseph

Squirrels – Adam

Badgers – Camille

Woodpeckers – Teddy

Owls – Daisy



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in October.

George	Rabbits
Gil	Owls
Jessica	Rabbits
Holly	Woodpeckers
Jolie	Squirrels
Sophie	Woodpeckers
Frederick	Squirrels
Monty	Rabbits
Harley	Owls
Oliver	Badgers
Ivy	Hedgehogs
Addison	Rabbits
Vinnie	Badgers
Gabriel	Hedgehogs
Francis	Squirrels
Millie	Woodpeckers
Isla	Rabbits
William	Badgers
Theodore	Woodpeckers
Logan	Rabbits
Dylan	Rabbits



Forest School Sessions

w/c Monday, 7th October 2024

Rabbits Class

Things to remember:

- Wellington boots/old trainers
- Water resistant/water proof
- Trousers/tights

PTFA Christmas Fundraising

Reminder: **Monday, 7th October** is the deadline to return the completed Christmas design forms to the school office.

This deadline **cannot be extended** due to the company's printing deadlines.

- Christmas Cards**
12x A6 Cards & Envelopes
- A3 Poster Calendars**
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- Tea Towels**
Soft, waffle textured tea towel
- Cards With No Message Inside**
12x A6 Cards & Envelopes
- Mugs**
1x Mug
- Gift Labels**
(Self Adhesive) 12x Labels





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The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 7th October 2024

Monday, 7th October

- Woodpeckers Class leave for residential trip
- Deadline to return PTFA Christmas Fundraiser
- Rabbits Class Forest School sessions this week

Tuesday, 8th October

- Badgers Class trip – see separate letter for details

Wednesday, 9th October

- Owls Class Bikeability – see individual letter

Thursday, 10th October

- Owls Class Bikeability – see individual letter

Friday, 11th October

- 'Celebration Assembly' – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm
- Woodpeckers Class return from residential trip approx. 3:30pm

PTFA Pre-Loved School Uniform Shop

Do your children outgrow or lose their uniform faster than you can say 'school run'?

PTFA to the rescue!

You will be pleased to hear that the PTFA's Pre-Loved Uniform Shop is up and running. All items are in as new condition, and are FREE of charge (although we will of course accept your money if you'd like to offer a donation!). The uniforms are washed and ready for collection - it's like a hand-me-down, but fancier!

Please feel free to call us on 07904 123 554, or email us on stmacptfa@gmail.com to arrange collection.



Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 7th October 2024

£2.45 per day

[Menu-September-October.pdf](#)
(wholeschoolmeals.co.uk)

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

<https://www.parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm>