

Kindness and Co-operation	Thankfulness	Friendship and Sharing	Respect	Unity	Responsibility
Hope and Peace	Patience and Perseverance	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



## Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

I am delighted to be able to share with you that, following our inspection on the 13th and 14th September, our Ofsted report is now out and we continue to be a **Good school!** The full report has been sent out with this newsletter but there are many positives identified by the inspector over the two days that she was with us.

The new Ofsted Inspection framework was introduced since our last inspection back in 2018, when we were inspected as a lower school, and is a lot more focused on the ambition of the curriculum whilst ensuring that the needs of the whole child and their wider development are prioritised. This increase in expectation is particularly hard when subject leaders are not specialists in their subjects or when teachers have more than one subject to lead on, but our staff have worked extremely hard over the last few years. Despite the difficulties they have faced during the covid pandemic and our extended transition to a primary school, they have ensured that their skills and knowledge are up to date in order to review the curriculum to ensure it meets pupils' needs. The inspector recognised that **'The school has developed an ambitious curriculum. It starts in the early years and build pupils' learning over time.'**

As expected, the pupils did us proud and the inspector was quick to see that **'they value kindness and friendship highly, and demonstrate this in their welcome to visitors.'** She commended school on the relationships throughout school as being **'warm and positive'**; where **'adults have high expectations and pupils strive to meet these.'**

Reading is the most important skill that children should develop and we have worked hard across the school to identify this as a priority where **'Throughout the early years and key stage 1, pupils gradually acquire the knowledge and skills they need to become fluent readers...Adults ensure that any pupils who struggle with reading get effective extra help.'**

We also pride ourselves on the fact that Maple Tree is an inclusive school and all pupils, regardless of their particular needs, are offered teaching which will enable them to make the best possible progress in school. This was also recognised by the inspector: **'Pupils with SEND are quickly identified. Support is put in place so that they can access the same learning as their peers.'**

Safety and our values remain central to our vision and ethos: our **'safeguarding is effective'** and **'the school values underpin every aspect of school life.'** The inspector was quick to see that our **'pupils' understanding of difference is well developed'** and **'they know that everyone should be treated with tolerance and respect.'**

The inspector recognised all the good work that has gone on so far and agreed with our self-evaluation judgements, recognising, as we do that **'Maple Tree is a happy, inclusive school.'** Like all schools, we continue to focus on our curriculum and the report acknowledges that our next step is to further develop our approach to assessment so that all assessment opportunities are purposeful and consistent, which is already part of our school development plan for this year.

We are grateful to you for the positive parent responses you shared with the inspector during the time she was here and we are pleased to be able to share the report with you so quickly. I hope you all have a **GOOD** weekend!

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## British Values

One of the ways Maple Tree shows Democracy is by voting in our pupil parliament representatives. This year they are:

Yew: Emily and Freddie

Aspen: Ezra and Imogen

Rowan: James and Harper

Poplar: Mauro and Oliwia

Juniper: Georgia and Torben

Elder: Brooke and Charlie

Sycamore: Ennis and Lottie S



## Healthy Lunches

Our midday supervisors have reported that within packed lunch boxes they are seeing a rise in the more unhealthy items.

We would like to remind parents and carers that while we appreciate that the children can have a treat within their lunch boxes, the majority of the food should be healthy. Where there are repeated concerns, staff members will speak with parents and carers.



## Harvest Festival

Maple Tree will once again be collecting long-life food items to donate to The Need Project, our local food bank.

Please can all items be left in the box in the school office.

These will form part of our display for Harvest Assembly before being collected and distributed to those in need.

Please ensure all items donated are well in date. They are in need of most items but in particular: cereal, biscuits and soft drinks.



*'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25: 40*

## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillan coffee afternoon this week. We hope you enjoyed having a drink and a sweet treat while raising money for this excellent cause. There is still time to donate by following the link below:

<https://coffeefundraising.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm23059348>

Thank you to Mrs Pond and Mrs Longworth for organising and to staff and members of FoMT for helping to run the event.



# Headteacher Awards

This week the  
awards are  
for...

...being a quick  
thinker



<b>Fir:</b> ★ Arthur W	<b>Yew:</b> ★ Arthur T	<b>Aspen:</b> Reggie ★
<b>Rowan:</b> ★ Ralph	<b>Poplar:</b> ★ Ellis	<b>Juniper:</b> ★ Evan
<b>Sycamore:</b> Remi ★	<b>Elder:</b> Luca ★	<b>WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!</b>

This week's House Winners



**Congratulations!**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Friday 6th October 9am** Parent Forum  
**Tuesday 17th October** Parents' Evening  
**Thursday 19th October** Parents' Evening  
**Friday 20th October 9:10am** KS2 Harvest Assembly  
 (KS1 will do the Easter assembly in the Spring Term)  
**Monday 23rd October** Half Term week  
**13th-17th November** Anti-Bullying Week  
**Friday 17th November** Anti-Bullying Open After-noon  
**29th November - 6th December** Book Fair  
**Thursday 30th November** Grandparent's Breakfast  
**Friday 8th December** Parent Forum  
**Wednesday 13th December** Christmas Dinner  
**Tuesday 19th December** Term Ends

Term dates for **2024-2025** can be found [here](#).

## Attendance Awards

**Our target is 97%**

Week beginning 25th September 2023

The best attendance award is presented  
to: Poplar class!

<b>Blossom (Mulberries)</b> Not yet available	<b>Berries (Mulberries)</b> Not yet available
<b>Fir (YR)</b> 94%	<b>Yew (Y1)</b> 97%
<b>Aspen (Y2)</b> 95%	<b>Rowan (Y3)</b> 94%
<b>Poplar (Y4)</b> ★ 98%	<b>Juniper (Y5)</b> 92%
<b>Sycamore (Y6)</b> 92%	<b>Elder (Y6)</b> 95%





# FRIENDS OF MAPLE TREE AGM

## What's involved?

Come along & meet the team, plus others who are interested in joining the committee. Ask questions to find out how you can help. No commitment necessary.

- ☒ Become part of a team & make friends
- ☒ Help organise events like fetes & discos
- ☒ Raise money to help support the school

Would you like to nominate someone? Or yourself?

Please email [fomtprimary@gmail.com](mailto:fomtprimary@gmail.com)



2nd October 2023

6pm onwards



Meet at the school or join virtually





**MAPLE TREE  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL &  
MULBERRIES  
PRE-SCHOOL**

# LOOKING FOR A NEW SCHOOL PLACE?

## WHY CHOOSE US?

We have experienced and friendly staff who consider the needs of the whole child.

Great learning environment with big outdoor spaces.

Flexible care - a fabulous before and after school club.

High standards and expectations for all.

Engaging themes and opportunities for curriculum discovery.

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**VISIT US TO SEE  
US IN ACTION!**



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**BOOKING ESSENTIAL. PLEASE  
EMAIL, OR CALL, THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE WITH YOUR  
PREFERRED TIME:**

**THURS 21ST SEPTEMBER 10AM  
MON 25TH SEPTEMBER 1.30PM  
TUES 10TH OCTOBER 10AM  
WEDS 18TH OCTOBER 2PM  
FRI 3RD NOVEMBER 9.30AM  
MON 13TH NOVEMBER 10AM  
FRI 1ST DECEMBER 11AM  
TUES 5TH DECEMBER 9.30AM  
THURS 14TH DECEMBER 2PM**

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"I believe that you  
have an ethos of  
Values-based  
education that needs  
to be shared with other  
schools".  
*Values Assessor June  
2019*

'I REALLY LIKE THE FACT  
THAT THE SCHOOL IS FRIENDLY  
AND HAS A WELCOMING  
ENVIRONMENT WITH A GOOD  
FOCUS ON LEARNING.'  
*PARENT JULY 2021*

**96% parents would  
recommend Maple  
Tree to another  
parent.**

*Parent Survey Autumn 23*



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Learning. Equality. Achievement. Friendship.