

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



**MAPLE TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Learning. Equality. Achievement. Friendship.

Newsletter

Friday 7th March 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

We have had a fabulous week in school with so much fun and laughter from the children as they saw each other dressed as their favourite book characters yesterday - the variety was amazing and we are grateful to you all for the efforts that you put in to support these events. It is a great way to start the children talking about books and their reasons for enjoying certain genres and authors. The visual representation of these characters really brings the reading alive!

Year 5 pupils had a fantastic night on Tuesday evening at their stargazing event in school - the weather could not have been better and the night sky clearly showed them all it had to offer - to have seen this first in the STEM centre in the Autumn term and then in reality this week is quite awe inspiring and the children were certainly enthused by the experience.

And if that wasn't enough this week, yesterday morning Year 6 had a trip from Herrings Green Farm who bought a number of birds of prey in for the children to handle - very brave! I am not sure I would have had the same confidence at that age with a screeching owl or kestrel flying towards me! All great opportunities for writing though and I am looking forward to seeing what is produced on the back of this.

Next week is Science week and I am sure there will be plenty to share with you about that.

I hope you all have a good weekend.



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**SAVE THE
DATE
Monday 30th
June**



exhibition

This is your chance to buy an original framed piece of artwork!

Every pupil at Maple Tree will create a piece of artwork to be displayed in an exhibition.

All pieces of artwork be displayed together as a whole school art exhibition in the hall and will be available to buy.

ARTWORK IS AVAILABLE TO BUY FOR ETBC – CASH ONLY



Watching and Browsing Online

According to Ofcom, 90% of children are watching online videos and browsing the internet regularly. Children may love to stream videos and look up information, it's a fun way to learn and relax but they must be guided. The e-space is filled with inappropriate content and dangerous material. It is important that parents and even teachers, are able to steer their pupils and youngsters, towards the right places when online. Internet Matters has published a guide dedicated to supporting adults in setting digital boundaries for children, so that they can make smart choices and build healthy online habits. In the Internet Matters guide you'll find practical tips on managing content access, the use of safety controls, advice on setting boundaries and ways to educate children on how to stay secure online. If interested please follow the link below: <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/watching-and-browsing-online-a-parents-guide/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 10th Mar—Science week
Thur 20th Mar— Parent forum
Thur 27th Mar—Spelling Bee Final
Fri 28th Mar—FoMT Mother's and Other's shop (tea towels)
Tue 1st April – Rocksteady concert
Thur 3rd April – Easter assembly (R+KS1)
Fri 4th April – Last day of term
Tue 22nd April—INSET day
Wed 23rd April—First day of term

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



Our value this month is

HOPE

Hope is a motivating inner force that keeps us going.

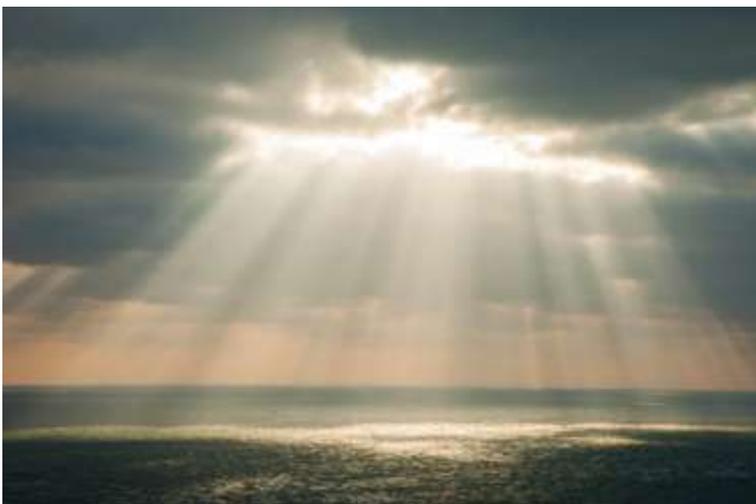
In school we talk about our hopes for the future, whether that be short term, such as hoping that it stays sunny today, or longer term, such as hoping that your favourite football team win the league!



We also think about hopes for ourselves, and the things that we want to achieve personally, such as pursuing a specific career.



Hope is a powerful human value. When talking to children about the importance of cultivating hope in our lives, we can encourage them to always look at the brighter side of things.



This positive attitude gives us a surge of good energy and can lift our spirits, and an optimistic perspective connects us to

infinite possibilities!

What are your hopes?

Elder Class

This week we have had the opportunity to take part in some exciting wider curriculum learning .

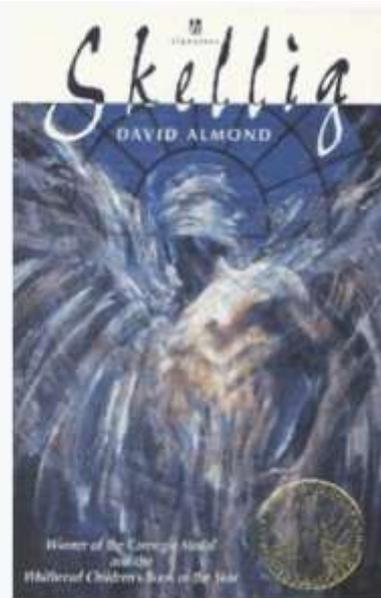


On Thursday, we enjoyed meeting some of the birds of prey from Herrings Green. We were able to hold and fly the birds. We started off with a barn owl, Midge. We also held a kestrel, a black and white owl from South America and a Harris Hawk from America. The barn owl and kestrel were the only natives to the UK. Lisa, the falconer, told us lots of amazing facts about the birds. Did you know, contrary to popular belief, owls only turn their head 270°! Some of us showed the value of courage as we were a little bit scared at first—we overcame this fear and did hold one of the birds.



We will use this visit as a stimulus for our writing over the next week where we will be writing a non-chronological report.

This visit tied in with our learning in English where we are reading the book *Skellig*, written by David Almond. The novel is about a boy, Michael, who moves into a new house. He finds a 'creature' in his dilapidated garage and tries to help him. *Skellig* also includes a character who is home-schooled, Mina, who has learnt about evolution.



In science we are learning about evolution and adaptation. We have developed our understanding of fossils and how their discovery has supported scientific understanding of evolution. This week we explored the evolution of man—homo-sapiens—and how the human species evolved from one ancestor.

Also on Thursday, we enjoyed dressing up in our favourite book character for World Book day. We had a variety of characters, including Mary Poppins, Matilda and Coraline. Mrs Walker dressed up as Cruella DaVille and Ms Cassidy was Mr Bump. As part of World Book Day we created a montage of books we have read—Number the Stars and Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. You will be able to see these in the library.



Headteacher Awards

This week the awards are for... ..being a calming influence!



Fir: Lily Bell	Yew: Isla	Aspen: Albert
Rowan: Fletcher	Poplar: Harper	Juniper: Reuben
Elder: Georgia	Well done to you all!	

This week's House Winners



Congratulations!

Weekly totals:

Buzzards 180	Robins 157
Doves 115	Ravens 177
Kingfishers 209	Swallows 143

Celebrations and Weekly Wins!

stars of the Week!

For amazing work in RE this week!

Yew: Florence
Aspen: Freddie
Rowan: Sam
Poplar: Ralph
Juniper: Leah
Elder: Ronny

Attendance Awards

Week beginning 3rd March 2025

The best attendance award is presented to:
Rowan class this week for most improved!

Mulberries 90%	Fir (YR) 95%
Yew (Y1) 96%	Aspen (Y2) 96%
Rowan (Y3) 96% 	Poplar (Y4) 96%
Juniper (Y5) 98%	Elder (Y6) 95%

COFFEE MORNING

WITH MRS ROY (SENDCO)

FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF
CHILDREN WITH SEND

An opportunity to get to
know each other and
have an informal chat.



Tuesday 25th March
9.00-9:30 am
School Hall

Please confirm your attendance by emailing
SEND@mapletreeprimaryschool.com
by Monday 17th March.

Followed by a workshop run by neurospecial:

Tuesday 25th March
9:30-11am
School Hall

UNDERSTANDING GIRLS
WITH ADHD & AUTISM
Workshop

