



'Growing life-long learners.'

Avid, skilled readers.



Each week in our children enjoy a rich variety of stories in school. Sometimes they may be linked to their curriculum and current learning, other times this will be purely just to enjoy them.

One of the most powerful ways of supporting a child's development is to share the joy of reading. As parents/carers, you are a huge part of this and collectively we are ensuring our children have a foundation for lifelong learning. Reading is also a huge contributing factor to a child's emotional and academic success.

Here are some of the benefits of reading with your child:

Emotional bonding: shared reading can create a sense of security and trust between a child and their grown up(s)

Future life chances: children who are read to daily are significantly more likely to perform better at school and go on to achieve well later in life

Build empathy: stories allow children to experience different lives and emotions and can help them to understand other people's perspectives

Whatever you think about reading yourself, don't be put off making time to enjoy a story with your child. Little and often is better than not at all! You can talk through the pictures, follow their interests, or simply visit the library and see what you can borrow - free of charge!

Inspiring, invested staff.



Ambitious, aspirational curriculum.



Keen, motivated learners.



Pupil Safety

We are aware that some of our surrounding roads can be busy around the start and end of the school day. Please remember to:

- park considerately and safely (not blocking driveways or access routes)
- take extra care when crossing roads, making sure that younger children are kept close and hold hands where necessary
- be kind and courteous to each other – we are all trying to achieve the same thing in dropping off or picking up children safely and on time

Important Notes & Reminders

Punctuality

Pupils should arrive at school in time for the doors opening at 8:45am. Members of staff are there to welcome them and their learning is ready to start from the minute they get into class. Arriving even just 5 minutes late can have a huge impact on your child's day.

Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance & Punctuality

Excellent school attendance remains a priority and legal requirement for all children and families. Every minute of every day matters and research shows that pupils with excellent attendance go on to have excellent outcomes later in life.

Our whole school attendance is currently at **90.2%**. Class attendance data is currently as follows. You can also see where attendance has improved from the previous week:

Registration Form	Prev %	Curr %	Improved
Arc Willows	96.4%	98.2%	👍
Nursery Maple	99.4%	95.9%	
Reception Elder	95.6%	95.0%	
Reception Elm	91.7%	90.6%	
Year 1 Beech	92.8%	95.2%	👍
Year 1 Birch	96.6%	90.8%	
Year 2 Pine	89.5%	91.9%	👍
Year 2 Poplar	93.0%	79.6%	
Year 3 Hawthorn	99.2%	98.8%	
Year 3 Holly	94.2%	88.0%	
Year 4 Spruce	85.0%	90.3%	👍
Year 4 Sycamore	94.8%	96.6%	👍
Year 5 Larch	93.2%	85.7%	
Year 5 Lime	91.7%	91.0%	
Year 6 Ash	95.2%	95.9%	👍
Year 6 Aspen	94.7%	97.0%	👍

Well done to **Year 3 Hawthorn** who are leading the way with **98.8%**! Willows, Beech, Pine, Spruce, Sycamore, Ash and Aspen have all increased on last week and will be rewarded for this next week. Well done to them and thank you for making a continued effort with this aspect of school life!

Dates to note

2nd Feb Stay & Play for Nursery 2026
13th Feb School Closes for Half Term
23rd Feb INSET Day for Staff
24th Feb School Re-opens for children

