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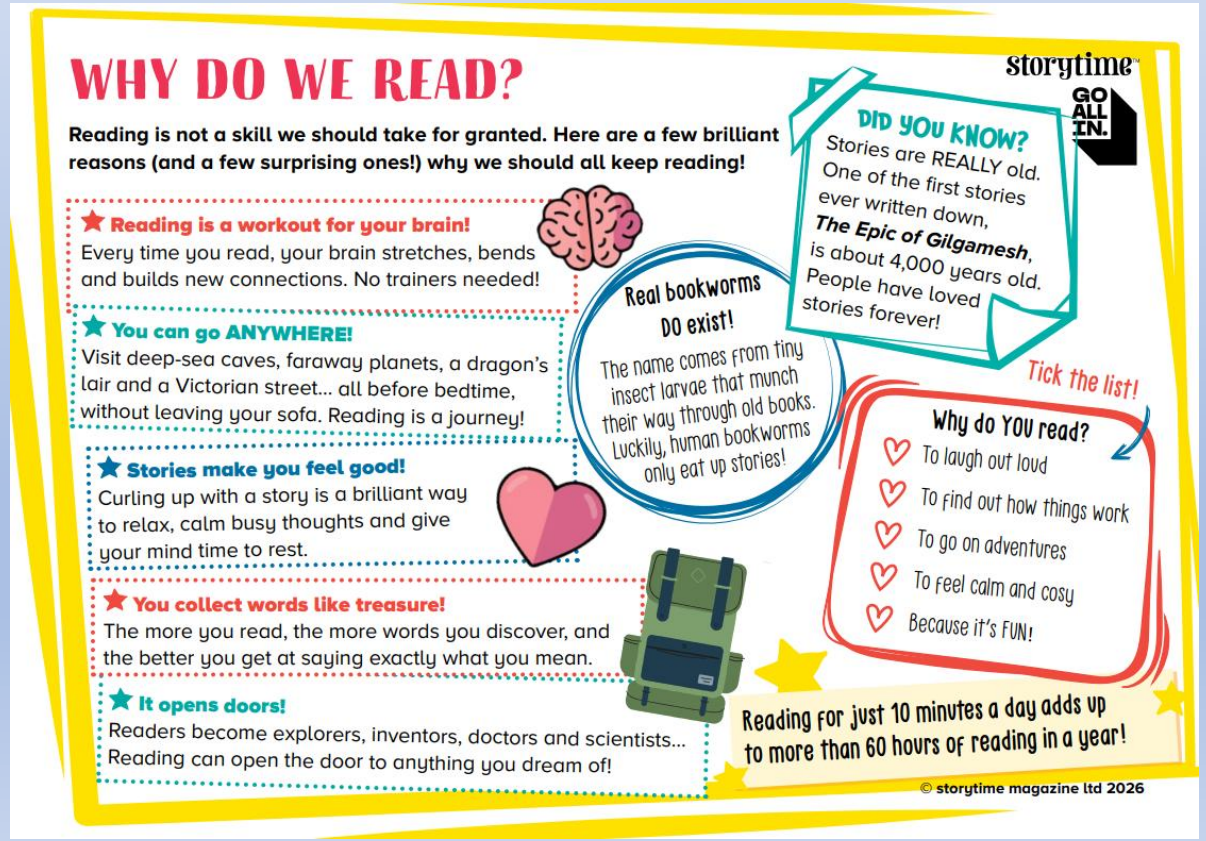

NEWS FROM SCHOOL



Poetry & Performance Week

This week, we celebrated all things poetry and had a great link with Remembrance Day - well done Mrs Jackson for the super idea! Each class performed a poem linked to Remembrance and poppies to the whole school. Some of you will have already received your poetry postcards – maybe you even got a performance at home too!
On Thursday we all took part in a Michael Rosen poetry party which we found very funny; we listened to different poems and stories from Michael Rosen's childhood and laughed along!

Mrs Dobson



Shoebox Appeal 2026

What an excellent community effort for the Shoebox Appeal this year, thank you! We sent off 26 shoeboxes this year to Children in Distress, and each one will make a difference to a child this Christmas.

Miss Williams



Magazine Subscriptions – Thank you!

We were so excited to receive our first two magazines into school this week! Eco Kids Planet was delivered to Beech Class and Nat Geo Little Kids went to Apple Class.

We are so grateful to Martha and Maisie K's families who kindly sponsored these subscriptions for us. Thank you!





Beech Class,
Autumn 2

Spellings tested on a Friday

Half Termly Spelling list

All the graphemes have been taught during the first autumn half-term.



Test:	13/11	20/11	27/11	04/12	11/12D
Spelling Focus:	A review of phase 5 graphemes and tricky words.	A review of phase 5 graphemes and tricky words.	A review of phase 5 graphemes and tricky words.	A review of phase 5 graphemes and tricky words.	A review of phase 5 graphemes and tricky words.
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2	show	share	chance	listen	sorry
3	straight	world	station	castle	reply
4	alone	mouth	usual	instead	please
5	please	circle	explosion	colour	water
6	great	true	talk	young	bread
7	family	about	pitch	charge	basic
8	time	where	delicious	mother	action
9	people	their	thought	once	friend
10	eye	through	sure	because	whole

Score: /10

UPCOMING EVENTS



Reminders for next week (from Diary Dates)

Day	Date	Event	Who	Where
Tuesday	17 November	Crucial Crew	Oak	Carlton Lodge
Thursday	19 November 9:10am	CHASA Meeting	Parents/Carers	School
Friday	20 November	Open Morning for September 2027 (2 of 2)	Prospective families	School

YEAR OF READING



HOW TO READ MORE!

storytime™ GO ALL IN.

Top tips, clever hacks and sneaky ways to squeeze stories into your day. Which ones will you try?



☐ Join a breakfast book club!

Prop a comic or a joke book up next to your cereal bowl and start your day with a smile.

☐ Keep a book in every bag!

School bag, PE bag, holiday bag... if there's a book inside, you're never bored!

☐ From screen to page!

Loved a film or TV show? Check whether it started life as a book. The book version often has even MORE cool things in it!

☐ Listen to a story!

Audiobooks count! Listen in the car, on a walk or while you play with your toys!

☐ The five-minute break!

Waiting for tea to be ready? Brushing your hair? That's five minutes of adventure waiting to happen. Little moments add up to *BIG* reading!

☐ Bedtime bonus!

Ask for 'just one more chapter' at bedtime. (***Top tip:*** it works best if you ask nicely!)

☐ Swap with a friend!

Finished a book you loved? Trade it with a friend and chat about it once you've both read it.

☐ Try something new!

Comics, poems, joke books, recipes, magazines, maps, fact files... it ALL counts. Mix it up!

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OTHER NEWS



Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Bella	Albie	Ben	Sophy
		Nancy	Lyuba	Arianna
Gold Awards for Sport	Noah	George	Holly Class	Tabi
Headteacher Awards - Reading focus	Jacob		Arianna	
Cloakroom Ninja Award	Holly			

PE Kits w/c 16 November 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple			Bring Forest School Kit		Bring PE Kit
Beech				X	X
Holly		X			X
Oak		X			X

Please ensure that on PE days, the children come to school wearing their hoodies, school jumpers or cardigans alongside white or blue t-shirts and black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms.

On all other days, full uniform should be worn. Hoodies should only be worn on PE days.

Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance figures (w/c 2 November2026): **96.3%** School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	91.7%	0 lates
Beech	98.5%	0 lates
Holly	95.2%	0 lates
Oak	98.1%	0 lates

If you are unsure whether or not to send your child to school, have a look at this website: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Please note we are now reporting attendance data one week behind



Parking Reminder

Please help keep everyone safe at drop-off and pick-up times:

- Please park at the sports hall and avoid parking on or near the junctions by the school. Vehicles parked at the junctions make crossing the road much more difficult and create a dangerous pinch point during busy times.
- The layby must not be used for dropping off or collecting children unless you have a prior arrangement with the headteacher. If you need an exception, contact the school office so we can plan it safely.
- Please be considerate and respectful to our neighbours and other local road users. Your cooperation shows our school values of respect and care in action – thank you for your support.


Every day in school counts...
95% attendance
9 schools days missed
1 week & 4 days
90% attendance
24 schools days missed
4 weeks & 4 days
85% attendance
28 schools days missed
5 weeks and 3 days
80% attendance
38 schools days missed
7 weeks & 3 days HALF A TERM MISSED
70% attendance
57 schools days missed
11 weeks & 2 days 1 WHOLE TERM MISSED
and every minute counts...
5 minutes late per day
3 school days lost per year
10 minutes late per day
6.5 school days lost per year
15 minutes late per day
10 school days lost per year
20 minutes late per day
13 school days lost per year
25 minutes late per day
19 school days lost per year

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in

A cough, cold or sore throat

Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

Threadworms

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Should go in (let the school know)

Cold sores

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice & nits

You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Hand, foot & mouth disease

If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Slapped cheek syndrome

Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Seek treatment before returning to school

Impetigo

They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Chickenpox

Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Keep them off (at first)

Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Measles

They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Vomiting & diarrhoea

Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

After school chaos?



Difficulties coping after school are becoming common

Find out the secrets to supporting your child...

Dr Hannah Rowark (Educational Psychologist)

In-person presentation: **26th November, 2.45-3.15pm**
Easingwold Community Primary School
Limited places – Please book via your school admin

On-line presentation: **28th January, 5.30-6pm**
Please book via your school admin to receive the access link

Sessions are free to access

Please contact Mrs Bacon should you require booking information for this event.

Community Pharmacies and Winter Health – Information shared by Public Health

As we move into the winter months, community pharmacies can provide fast and convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment, helping children get the support they need quickly and reducing time away from school.

Many parents are unaware of the range of NHS services available from their local pharmacy, including **NHS Pharmacy First**

Parents can take children aged at least **1 year and over** directly to a participating pharmacy for assessment and treatment of common conditions without needing a GP appointment. This includes:

- **Earache (ages 1-17)**
- **Sore throat (ages 5 years and over)**
- **Sinusitis (ages 12 years and over)**
- Impetigo
- Infected insect bites
- Shingles
- Uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women aged 16-64

Pharmacists can provide advice and, where appropriate, supply NHS-funded prescription medicines.

Minor Illness Advice Pharmacists can offer expert advice on managing:

- Coughs and colds
- Fever
- Chickenpox
- Hay fever and allergies
- Sickness and diarrhoea
- Head lice
- Mild skin conditions

Childhood Vaccinations While routine childhood vaccinations are delivered through GP practices, pharmacies can help families access information about seasonal vaccinations and signpost to local services.

Preventing Illness Over Winter Community pharmacy teams can provide advice on:

- Managing winter viruses
- Healthy eating and hydration
- Supporting children with asthma and other long-term conditions
- Appropriate use of medicines

Advice for the Whole Family Many pharmacies also provide services for adults, including flu vaccinations, blood pressure checks, contraception services, and NHS advice on staying well during winter. **Most pharmacies offer walk-in consultations with no appointment required, making them an accessible first point of contact when a child becomes unwell.**

Parents can find their nearest pharmacy and available services by visiting the NHS website at: www.nhs.uk/service-search/pharmacy