

Newsletter

11th September 2026

A message from Mrs Brown

Well, we've certainly hit the ground running and had a packed week in school this week! Our new Acorn pupils are now up to fulltime and are really settling into their new routines and environments well. I was in there today and it was lovely to see the new friendships forming as they played in the provision.

Pupils and staff enjoyed a visit from Bury Music Service on Tuesday where the children were able to a variety of different pieces of music played on a range of instruments. A huge thank you to the team for coming to visit us.

We have had an exciting afternoon filming a short promotional clip of our school where a drone flew round our classes and captured what we were doing before flying above us as we played outside. We cannot wait to see it and share it with you once it is ready. Please do share the dates of our open events with your family and friends who may be looking for school places September 2027.

We are really seeking to further build parental and school partnerships. Our 'Meet the Teacher' event will be held on 14th September at 4.45pm. This is the best way to find out what the curriculum will look like for your child this year and how you can best support them at home. It would be wonderful to see you join us for this. Please see below for how we will be scheduling homework this year. Parent forum is another wonderful way for school and home to work together. The first meeting will be held on Monday 5th October at 5.30pm and again, it would be great to see as many parents as can make it there.

A gentle reminder the school car park is for staff only, additional parking is available at the cricket club. We understand there have been some challenges on Bass Lane, traffic flows when 2 cars go at a time, any more and this leads to hold ups.. And finally, you will have seen the community police this week, this is part of ongoing work to ensure children and families are safe when they arrive or are collected from school. As always, please do drive slowly and carefully through the village. Please park responsibly not blocking residents drives or double parking. Please be respectful to residents and other parents. Your support with this is appreciated. A gentle reminder the school car park is for staff only, additional parking is available at the cricket club. We understand there have been some challenges on Bass Lane, traffic flows when 2 cars go at a time any more and this leads to hold ups.

Have a wonderful weekend. Mrs Brown x



Shine awards

For pupils that have 'shone' and excelled in some way this week.

Oak	Halle
Beech	Beech Class
Ash	Finlay



Attendance Matters



Rogerson	98.6%
Hamer	96.9%
Hoyle	92.3%



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Please always be in touch with any questions or concerns.

Worship Centre

Education Sunday

11th October

10.30am

Rowlands Methodist Church

Mrs Brown will be leading the service hopefully with the support of the worship council and other pupils. This will further the learning we have done about the history of the school and church.

Please do come along to support us – you would be very welcome.



"I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."
John 10:10

Summerseat Values Award

This award goes to pupils who have demonstrated one of our Summerseat values in a noticeable way this week.

Oak	Archie RP
Beech	Jessie
Ash	Aimee



Diary Dates

14 th September	Meet the Teacher 4.45 pm
18 th September	Beech Class - Forest School
24 th September	Cricket Workshop
25 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning after SHine
30 th September	Beech Class Worship

Head of School Award
Aria

House Captain Awards



Rogerson - Jacob



Hoyle - Freddie



Hamer - Finley



Reading and Homework

We want to develop positive routines around reading and home learning while ensuring that homework is manageable for children and families.

Reading

Children will bring home a Reading for Success book and a Reading for Pleasure book each week until they are fluent readers. Once children become fluent readers, they will move on to our Summerseat Super Stories, which provide opportunities to develop their reading fluency, comprehension and enjoyment of reading. We encourage children to read regularly at home and talk about what they have read with an adult. Our Strive for Five challenge encourages children to read five times each week, with those who achieve this being entered into our Friday draw for the chance to win a book.

Please remember that reading books should be brought back to school every day so that children can read with school staff whenever there is an opportunity.

App Logins

Children will have their log-in details for all of our online learning apps recorded in the front of their reading diaries. These can be used to access resources such as Spelling Frame, Maths Frame and Times Table Rock Stars to support regular practice at home.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned to school by Wednesday. This may be sent home in a homework book or shared through SeeSaw. Individual class expectations and any additional information will be shared with parents via SeeSaw, so please check regularly for updates.

Acorn - EYFS

Children are encouraged to share books, rhymes and stories, practise phonics and key words, and develop early number skills through fun games and activities. Each week, children will receive a short homework activity of approximately 15 minutes.

Oak - Key Stage 1

Children should read for 10–15 minutes each day, practise phonics, spellings and key number facts, and enjoy their Reading for Pleasure book. Weekly homework will include one curriculum or topic-based activity of approximately 25 minutes.

Beech - Lower Key Stage 2

Children should read regularly, including their Summerseat Super Stories, practise spellings and key mathematical knowledge, and use our online learning platforms to support their learning. Each week, children will receive one longer activity, usually focused on English or mathematics.

Ash - Upper Key Stage 2

Children should read regularly and discuss their books, practise spellings and consolidate their mathematics using our online learning platforms. Each week, children will receive one Literacy and one Mathematics activity, with occasional tasks linked to wider curriculum learning.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop strong learning habits at home.

Spelling

From Year 1 to Year 6, children will be given a set of weekly spellings linked to their current phonics, spelling patterns and year-group expectations. Children are encouraged to practise these spellings regularly at home using Spelling Frame, where they can play games and activities to help develop their spelling skills. Regular practice will help children build confidence, improve their accuracy and develop secure spelling knowledge.

