

Friday, 05 June 2026

Dear Parent / Carer / Guardian

What a great first week back at The Maple School. I hope you have all had a good week.

### **Marvellous Maple Moments**

- Well done to Mr. Page who has passed the training for the period that all new teachers must do when they first start teaching. Well done Mr. Page.
- We have commenced our new curriculum this week, all our classes have been learning through a theme. We have seen some excellent work across all areas of the school.
- A wonderful week of kindness and friendship, particularly in *Ash class*, where Leah showed exceptional care in helping a new pupil feel welcome and valued.
- Fantastic progress in English, with pupils such as Cameron and Antonyia in *Ash* producing thoughtful contributions on World War 1, including emotive writing and use of ambitious vocabulary.
- Pupils demonstrated confidence in speaking and listening, with Cameron showing improved active listening and Josh impressing with his vocabulary skills and explanations.
- In *Pine class*, pupils including Nathan and Oliver impressed with their “Caring for our Planet” projects, creating eye-catching posters and using powerful environmental statistics.
- A real highlight in reading and writing in *Pine*, where Nathan wrote a gripping blurb for *The Wild Robot*, and Oliver showed excellent engagement during reading sessions.
- In *Cedar class*, Bailey and Darin demonstrated resilience and determination, engaging fully in their new topic and approaching challenges with a positive attitude.
- Across *Bay class*, pupils enjoyed a range of enrichment opportunities, from baking brownies and learning sign language to creative arts, alongside impressive learning about animals and their habitats—particularly strong maths from Lacey.
- In *Willow class*, pupils such as Thaddeus, Jase and Mason showed teamwork, kindness and dedication, supporting one another and making excellent progress in English and across the curriculum.
- In *Oak class*, we celebrate achievement and perseverance, with Bella completing a fantastic textiles project, Tyler completing his GCSE, and strong effort shown in maths and English by Kenny and Dalton.

### **Bags and Equipment**

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As you are aware all students' bags are checked on entry to school, we have seen an increasing number of children coming into school with fizzy drinks, sweets, energy drinks etc. These will be taken from the children and held safely until the end of the day.

**Initial Teacher Training Students**

We have welcomed 12 teachers who are coming towards the end of their year of teacher training into school over the past two days to enable them to experience a specialist setting. The trainees have been very positive about their time in school and your children. We believe strongly that for teachers to be the best they can be, they should be able to see more specialist education alongside mainstream education. Thank you to the parents who have joined them for discussions during the day.

**Water Safety**

As we approach the Summer season, sadly there are increasing numbers of reports about tragedies linked to water safety. We have attached to this letter a document to explain water safety to students. We discussed water safety in assembly today but you may wish to discuss this with your children over the weekend.

**Diary Dates**

We will share more details regarding events nearer to the time but for your information, our sports day will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Our Summer Fair will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Have a great weekend



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Head of School