

**Headteacher Message**

What a beautifully sunny week we've had! The children have thoroughly enjoyed spending time outside for both play and learning, and the sunshine has put everyone in a fantastic mood. A special thank you to the Willows class for their wonderful assembly. It was a joy to see you all sharing your learning and speaking with such confidence. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch; it's always wonderful to have you in school to see what we're up to. We're making great progress on our outdoor area project. Thank you to everyone who has stepped forward with ideas and to those who are signing up for fundraising events. A special shout-out to those hard at work organising these events. We will soon have more details and mood board ideas to share with you. Our School Improvement Advisor visited this week and observed good teaching and learning throughout the school. It was a fantastic opportunity to share our journey and future plans for the school. Also, it was lovely to see everyone's masked reader photos to celebrate World Book Day, and the children enjoyed this activity along with the other story raids and activities that took place. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to another busy week next week, including the STEM events at Sevenoaks School and our visits to Knole Park.

**Saplings Story Telling Event**

Saplings took part in a Scholastic World Book Day storytelling event on Tuesday. We tuned into the meet the author and illustrator of the book "When Fishfinger froze". We listened to the author tell the story



and then we joined in a draw-a-long with the illustrator. He helped us have a go at drawing the fishfinger character from the story. Everyone concentrated hard to follow his instructions! We were very proud of our drawings!

**World Book Day 2025**

Thank you for all the wonderful "masked reader" photos that you sent in. The children have loved working out who is who! Some were VERY tricky! I hope they enjoyed taking part. The staff also did a "masked reader". I wonder how many children worked us out! We also had a "Story Raid" at 11:00, when teachers interrupted lessons in other classes to read a story and then leave as quickly as they arrived! It was great fun!










**Ide Hill Pupil interviews the Prime Minister!**

\*\*\*\*\*Press Release\*\*\*\*\*

On February 18, 2025, Freya L went to 10 Downing Street to question Prime Minister Keir Starmer on issues that mattered. Before sitting down with the Prime Minister, the children were given a tour of No.10, saw historic parts of the building, like the Cabinet Room, and even met another famous resident, Larry the Cat. Freya told the press conference that her father serves as a police officer and her mother works as a doctor, and asked what the government is doing to help working parents. The Prime Minister began by asking Freya to "say thank you" to her parents. He went on to say, "my job is to make sure that they have more money in their pocket, to make sure they can do the things they want to do with you," and pointed to the rollout of breakfast clubs for children across the country. Thank you to Mrs. Rusling's daughter Milly for making this happen.





<p><b>Saplings</b></p> 	<p><b>Maxine</b> - For you amazing reading and writing! Well done and keep it up! <b>Freddie</b> - For working really hard on your listening skills this week. Keep it up!</p>
<p><b>Elms</b></p> 	<p><b>Viaan</b> - For sharing your knowledge and passion for chess with the other children and for being great teacher! <b>Annie</b> - For always trying so hard in phonics, for presenting your work so neatly and remembering to punctuate your sentences correctly.</p>
<p><b>Beech</b></p> 	<p><b>Cora H</b> - For an amazing drawing and description of her favourite character for World Book Day. <b>Ruan</b> - For always giving his best in whatever he does and for being a kind and thoughtful friend.</p>
<p><b>Willows</b></p> 	<p><b>William C</b> - For his excellent solving of crosswords, using his problem solving skills and knowledge very well. <b>Alice H</b> - For creating and imaginative book front cover and blurb.</p>
<p><b>Hazel</b></p> 	<p><b>Annie</b> - For her fantastic work in Maths calculating the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. Your ability to reason mathematically is commendable! <b>Imogen</b> - For her growth mind set across the curriculum and her excellent work in PSHE when considering children's rights and responsibilities.</p>
<p><b>Ash</b></p> 	<p><b>Halle</b> - For your amazing work in PE. Positioning yourself really well and anticipating play to make sure you were ready for the ball to come your way. <b>Jackson</b> - You are always ready to learn. Showing a great attitude to challenges and being a considerate group member when working on shared projects.</p>
<p><b>Oaks</b></p> 	<p><b>Toby</b> - For his excellent descriptive writing in the first person <b>Ferin</b> - For always asking inquisitive and thoughtful questions in discussions</p>

**The Big Walk and Wheel**

This year we will be taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel which commences on the 24<sup>th</sup> March to the 4<sup>th</sup> April. Parents could consider parking a little bit further away, walking round the park or doing something after school that involves movement. We are very aware that there are parking challenges in the village and walking to school isn't always easy but any small change can help!



**PTA Meeting Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> March**

The next PTA meeting is on Monday, the 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm, at the Cock Inn pub.