



11th September 2026

Dear Parents,

As we draw to the end of the first full week of the school year, it has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life. They have returned with enthusiasm, positivity and a real eagerness to learn. I have thoroughly enjoyed popping into lessons throughout the week, where I have seen children fully engaged in their learning and taking pride in their work. It has been delightful to hear how much they are enjoying their new classrooms and getting to know their teachers. The positive atmosphere around the school has been a joy to see.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time each day. A prompt start to the school day has a significant impact on children, helping them to settle quickly, engage positively with their learning and make the most of every learning opportunity. Being on time also ensures that children do not miss important instructions, morning routines and key teaching at the start of lessons.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of regular attendance. Every day in school counts. Research shows that pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve well academically and develop positive relationships with their peers. A child with 95% attendance misses approximately 10 school days across the year, which equates to around two weeks of learning, while 90% attendance means almost four weeks of learning are missed. Consistent attendance, alongside punctuality, gives children the very best chance to succeed and reach their full potential. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us ensure every child is in school, on time and ready to learn each day.

Following on from the election of our School Council representatives last week, we have now elected our House Captains for the year ahead. We were incredibly proud of all the children who put themselves forward, as each one did an amazing job presenting to their fellow house members and sharing their ideas with confidence and enthusiasm. The quality of the presentations was outstanding and demonstrated the leadership potential within our school. Congratulations to our successful House Captains, and thank you to everyone who took part. I am very much looking forward to working with our Pupil Leadership Team this year as they help to shape and enhance school life for all children.

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Red house

House captain: Eric Vice Captain: Bruno

Yellow House

House Captain: Matilda

Green House

House captain: Phoebe Vice Captain: Violet

Blue House

House Captain: Amelia Vice Captain: Sasha

A polite reminder regarding parking at drop-off and pick-up times. To help keep everyone safe, we operate an unofficial one-way system around the village at these busy times. We would be very grateful if all parents and carers could adhere to this arrangement, as it helps improve safety for our children and shows consideration for our local residents. We would also like to remind everyone to park thoughtfully and considerately, avoiding driveways, junctions and areas that may obstruct visibility or access. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for our school community.

Our Open Classroom event will take place on Monday 14th September from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom, see the learning environment and meet with their teacher. We hope this will provide an opportunity to share in your child's start to the new school year and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming many of you and hope to see you there.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best Wishes

Mrs Hale

Photos of the Week



Funghi identification at Forest School Club



Keyring making at Craft Club



Reception children settling in so well



Sycamore Class at Woodlands Alive

Oak



It has been a lovely first full week and we are once again incredibly proud of how well our new Reception children have settled into life in Oak Class. In writing lessons, the Reception children have begun exploring the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. They have created some wonderful drawings of the bear and its cave, and it has been fantastic to hear so much descriptive language being used as they shared their ideas and talked about different parts of the story.

Year 1 and Year 2 children have been focusing on the story *Toys in Space* by Mini Grey. They have been identifying the key features of the story and are retelling it with increasing confidence, using the language and events from the text to support their storytelling.

In Geography, all year groups have been developing their map skills. Reception children have begun creating their own maps of the school, thinking carefully about the different areas they use each day. Meanwhile, Year 1 and Year 2 have been exploring maps of our local area and learning about some of its key features.

Sycamore

Sycamore have had a fantastic start to the new school year. They have been enthusiastic and engaged across the whole curriculum. On our school trip to Woodlands Alive, the children immersed themselves in the diverse activities and behaved impeccably. I am a proud teacher!!

We have begun to read *Song of the Dolphin Boy* which has captured their interest and is already providing cliffhangers to keep them wanting more. Sycamore pupils have already been sharing creative language ideas in our writing lessons to gather storm vocabulary. In maths, children have been working at a good pace to consolidate their understanding of place value. They have enjoyed opportunities to extend their learning with stretch and challenge questions and to play maths games. We have embarked on our science topic of Movement and Nutrition within the Animals including humans unit. In geography, we have already begun to discuss different sized settlements and what services they offer. Sycamore showed their open-minded attitudes and maturity joining Elm Class for PE and music. I look forward to seeing you at the open classroom event on Monday to share even more and discuss routines and expectations moving forwards.

Elm



This week in Elm Class, we began our exciting new History topic on the Maya civilisation. The children learned about the Maya ball game, Pok-ta-Pok, and enjoyed discovering more about life during this fascinating period.

In Reading, we started *The Curse of the Maya: A Truth Seekers Story*, which has linked brilliantly with our History learning. In Science, we continued exploring the work of Carl Linnaeus and the Linnaean classification system, learning how living things can be organised into different groups. All of the children have started the new school year with fantastic attitudes

towards their learning, and it has been wonderful to see them settle back into Elm Class so positively.

Special mentions

Reception - Reception have approached new routines, activities and friendships with enthusiasm, demonstrating many of our Words of Power, including resilience, kindness and friendship.

Finley - Love

Finley bubbles with enthusiasm and is a key contributor in class. He has put himself forward for quick quizzes to check understanding and been a good sport in role plays. Well done.

Charlie – Kindness

Charlie is always willing to help. His strength and height come in very handy! He often offers to give out books, clean the board and even carried my bag around the woods. Thank you.

Heidi Gray - Resilience

For showing fantastic resilience when tackling challenging Maths and maintaining a high standard of work across all subjects throughout the week.



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Phoebe Long – Kindness

For showing wonderful kindness by helping our new Reception children feel welcome and settle into school.



Congratulations to those who joined me on the top table this week – Teddy R, Robin, Eric, Rowan, Phoebe, Violet, Alex and Charlie.

These children have been shining their lights all week and have been demonstrating our words of power.

Key Dates

Monday 14th September – Open Classrooms 3pm – 4pm

Friday 25th September – Macmillan coffee and tea event – 2.30 pm

Wednesday 14th October – Full Governors Meeting 5.30pm

Half Term – 26th - 30th October

Tuesday 17th November – Flu immunisation

Tuesday 1st December – Whole school trip to pantomime at Salisbury Playhouse

Friday 18th December – Break up for Christmas Holidays

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Monday 4th January – INSET day

Tuesday 5th January – Back to School

Half Term – 15th – 19th February

Thursday 25th March – Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 12th April – Back to School

Half Term – 31st May – 4th June

Friday 16th July – Break up for summer holidays (INSET days – 19th, 20th & 21st July)

SAFEGUARDING - We take the safeguarding of our children very seriously. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Hale and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Murphy. Our safeguarding governor is Caroline Marking. If you have any concerns about a child, please speak directly to either Mrs Hale or Miss Murphy email – safeguarding@chilmarkfonthillbishop.wilts.sch.uk . Or you can ring MASH on 0300 456 010

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PAYG - BOOKING IS REQUIRED

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AS PART OF TISBURY CARNIVAL WEEK

TISBURY FIRE STATION

IS HOLDING AN OPEN EVENING

DATE:
14TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TIME:
18:30-20:30

MEET THE CREW

MEET SOME OF FIRE CONTROL

FIREFIGHTERS CHARITY SHOP

ALL WELCOME – COME AND SEE BEHIND THE SCENES!

