



# MAPLE CLASS NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2026



Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas holiday with your family and friends and we hope that 2026 is a cheerful and healthy year for you. We didn't have a snowy Christmas this year but just recently we have had some fresh, frosty and beautiful mornings with the sun shining down on us - let's hope this weather continues for our adventures this term. We are excited to be back at school and have enjoyed hearing all about your Christmas holiday. We hope that Father Christmas brought you and your family some lovely treats. We would like to say a massive thank you for all of your Christmas wishes, cards and gifts that we received at the end of last term.

There are a few things regarding the end of last term that we just want to mention below, before talking about the term ahead. The end of term was quite a busy one with several highlights, including the wonderful Nativity, Father Christmas visiting us in his helicopter, the Christingle Service in Church, the trip to see 'The Beauty and The Beast' Pantomime and singing Christmas carols whilst together on the playground to mark the end of the Autumn Term and the start of the Christmas holiday. We also really enjoyed our Maple Class Christmas Party so thank you very much for bringing in treats for your children to share.

Now to the term ahead! We've tried to just note a few key reminders below that we hope will be useful over the coming weeks but please do catch us if you have any questions or concerns or if you would like any more information. Please remember to keep an eye on Parent Mail as well as on the School Website and Facebook Page as reminders and other key dates will be shared here. We have also attached a copy of the Curriculum Overview for Maple Class so hopefully this will provide you with all the information you need to give you an understanding of life in Maple Class over the term ahead.

We know you have received communication regarding the staffing for Maple Class but just as a reminder, Mrs Alexa Richardson will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays and Miss Lisa Creek will be teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We are very lucky as Maple Class will be supported during the mornings by Miss Charlotte Trowbridge. Other adults will be working within Maple Class at various points throughout the week, including Mrs Serena Webb, Ms Diane Stacey and Mrs Victoria Walsh.

Many thanks in advance for your help and support and we look forward to the term ahead.

Best wishes,

Miss Creek and Mrs Richardson



## Homework

**Reading:** Please do continue to listen to your child read at home, ideally five times per week. We will place a book box outside the classroom so that if your child needs to change their book, they can pop it in the box and we will ensure it is changed that day. The reason we ask for it to go in the box is so they are able to put it in as soon as they arrive so it doesn't get forgotten about and also so we can keep track of how they are getting on at home as well as the books they are reading. This will allow us to provide more support where needed, for example if they are a 'Free Reader' then supporting them in selecting a suitable new book as well as ensuring a variety of books are being chosen which incorporate a degree of challenge for them. For those children who are continuing on the Phonics Scheme books, these do follow a carefully sequenced order to ensure the children have adequate opportunities to use and apply their Phonic learning.

**Doodle Maths:** Children should be aiming to practise their basic number skills using the Doodle Maths account for at least 30 minutes per week. This can be across several sessions – we recommend little and often.

## General Reminder

**Sharing Achievements:** We just wanted to remind you that we don't host regular 'Show and Tell' sessions in class but we do welcome children to share out of school achievements or special events/experiences. We just ask that children check with us before bringing any items into school so that we can ensure they are stored safely. If they would like to share a special achievement with the whole school, then we will ensure it gets to Mrs Chesterton before Friday so they can share it in Celebration Assembly.

**Toys and Fidgets:** Please can we ask that all toys, including fidget toys, stationary and pencil cases are not brought into school. Thank you.

## P.E. and Wellies

Our P.E. days will be on a **Tuesday** (Dance) and **Friday** (Forest School). Please make sure your child has the correct P.E kit and that they come to school wearing this on both a Tuesday and a Friday, ready for these sessions. Please make sure they bring appropriate clothing on a Friday in preparation for Forest School, including a warm coat, hat, gloves and named wellies. This will enable them to stay as warm and dry as possible at Forest School, even if it is wet weather. They can keep their wellies in school throughout the term to save them being transported and they will be able to use them both during playtimes on the field and for Forest School. Please ensure their wellies are named. Thank you.

## Items From Home

Your children should come to school with the following items:

A Pre-Filled Water Bottle	Reading Record
Reading Book	Packed Lunch (If Applicable)
Weather Dependent Items (Raincoat, Hat, Gloves, Sunscreen, Sun Hat)	A Healthy Snack for Break Time (Year 2 will be provided with a piece of fruit or they can bring their own healthy snack)

## Contact Us

As always, our door is always open so please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any concerns, questions or news. Mornings can be very busy so afternoons tend to be a better time to speak with us. However, if you would prefer to e-mail then please do so via the office: [office@cdcs.uk](mailto:office@cdcs.uk).