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Fortnightly Newsletter 23rdOctober 2026

PE Days *Please bring PE kit to get changed into	
Willow	Maple
Monday	Monday
Wednesday*	Friday*

PE Kit:

- A white t-shirt
- Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- Black trainers/pumps
- Black hoody (or school jumper)
- Earrings must be removed on P.E days before they come to school if the child cannot take them out themselves.

Forest School!

We are delighted to say that Forest School will be starting in Autumn 2. **Both classes** will receive an hour on a Tuesday afternoon starting **Tuesday 3rd November.** Please ensure that your child has their forest school kit with them to get changed into on a Tuesday from after half term.

Attendance

WK: 12th October		WK: 19th October	
Willow Class:	100%	Willow Class:	86 %
Maple Class:	98.9 %	Maple Class	100 %
Whole School:	99.3 %	Whole School:	95.3%

96% or above is the percentage we need to reach.

Date:	Event:
26/10/26-30/10/26	**HALF TERM**
06/11/26	Bonfire DISCO 3.30pm-4.30pm
13/11/26	Children in Need (More information to follow)
13/11/26	TSA Richard Greenwood Photography
16/11/26	School Photos - Tempest
16/11/26	Anti Bullying Week – PSHE Focus
18/11/26	TFS Children to look around book fair
18/11/26	TFS Parents to come in and look at book fair 3:30-4pm
19/11/26	TFS Parents to come in and look at book fair 8:30-8:50am
19/11/26	TFS Reception Open Morning 9:30-10:30am
20/11/26	TSA Non Uniform Bring a bottle for TSA Christmas Fayre
24/11/26	Parliament Week – School Council Speeches
25/11/26	Parliament Week – School Council Vote
26/11/26	Parliament Week - School Council Election Release

Date:	Event:
27/11/26	TSA Christmas Fayre NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
2/12/26	Christingle @ Church (More information to follow)
3/12/26	Community Christmas Carols 9.30am-10:00am
4/12/26	TFS TSA Christmas Shop NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
10/12/26	Dress Rehearsal
10/12/26	Evening Nativity
11/12/26	Morning Nativity NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
15/12/26	Theatre Trip – The Borrowers (More information to come soon!)
16/12/26	**Christmas Fun Day** Christmas Jumpers Christmas Crafts Christmas Film Christmas Carols on the Playground (More information to follow)
21/12/26-1/1/27	**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
4/1/27	**INSET DAY**
15/2/27/19/2/27	**HALF TERM**
26/3/27	**BANK HOLIDAY (GOOD FRIDAY)**

Date:	Event:
29/3/27-9/4/27	**EASTER HOLIDAYS**
3/5/27	**BANK HOLIDAY (MAY DAY)**
12/5/27-14/5/27	Y4 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes
31/5/27-4/6/27	**HALF TERM**
19, 20, 21/7/27	**INSET DAYS**



Office Reminders



Tuesday 3rd November. Please ensure that your child has their forest school kit with them to get changed into.

It's back..
Bonfire School disco.
Friday 6th November is now on Arbor to pay.

There will be no star awards assembly on Friday 6th November.

Many thanks, Miss Tomkinson

Willow Class

We have really enjoyed the final two weeks of Autumn 1! The children have explored life on the farm, built different pens and enclosures and started looking at autumn. We have painted and decorated pumpkins with sequins. We are also enjoying our autumn café roleplay area. We have also loved our Spiral unit in Art, we displayed all of our artwork and said what we liked and enjoyed doing.







Maple Class

We've had a busy couple of weeks in Maple Class: writing stories; addition and subtraction in Maths; searching for minibeasts in Science; working on our handwriting; learning about AI in computing.

In PHSE this week, we have talked about rules and why they are important to keep us safe. We thought about the different rules we have for different ages and in different places.
We thought about the many different feelings there are and how these affect us. It's always best to talk to someone about the feelings that make us uncomfortable as this usually makes us feel better!





Well done to our Year 3 and 4 cyclists who had great fun taking part in the Bikeability Level 1 training. The trainers thanked the children for their excellent behaviour and super cycling skills.
Well done Maple Class!

Can you tell the difference between real photographs and fake images made by AI? It's very difficult to tell as Maple Class found out in their computing lessons this week!

Have a lovely half term!

BONFIRE

School Disco

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
3:30-4:30PM

£3:50

Price includes a drink, snack and temporary tattoo.
Please book your child's place on Arbor by Wednesday 4th November.

Children can bring their disco outfits to school to change into.



Money raised will go towards school resources.

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Wednesday 11th November 2026

LEST WE FORGET

Suggested Donation
(cash only)

POPPY - 50P

PENCILS - 50P

POPPY REFLECTOR KEYCHAIN - £1

FABRIC ADJUSTABLE BRACELETS - £1

SLAPBANDS - £1.50

Available in school from 2nd - 6th November

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Scholastic Book Fair Competition

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The Scholastic book fair is taking place between the 18th - 20th November. We are running a competition where your child could win a £5.00 voucher to spend at the book fair! If you would like your child to take part please see full details below:

Willow Class

Willow class children are invited to design a book cover! No bigger than A4 size paper.

Maple Class

Maple class children are invited to write a review on their favourite book! No longer than an A4 Page.







Entries to be completed at home should your child wish to take part. Please submit your entry by 13/11/26. Winners will be chosen on 16/11/26.

Rotary YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION 2026–27



Music is the international language. Great Britain and Ireland is home to some of the most talented young instrumentalists and vocalists in the world. Young people can share their gift of song or mastery of a musical instrument in Rotary's Young Musician competition. Our competition is open to all local young people **who are aged between 11 and 17 on 31st August 2026.**

AIMS

An opportunity for young people to showcase their musical talent and experience performing in front of a live audience.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Perform two pieces that contrast in genre and tempo (classical, jazz, folk, musicals, etc.), or two sections from a sonata or similar work.
- Your performance must last at least 8 minutes and no more than 13 minutes, giving the adjudicators time to assess different elements of your performance.
- You must provide your own accompanist or backing track.

ENTRY FORM

For Information Packs and Entry Forms Uttoxeter school students please ask your head of music or contact **kate.nash62@outlook.com**

ENTRY DEADLINE

All entry forms must be submitted by **5pm on Monday, 16 November 2026.**
Email: kate.nash62@outlook.com
Please ensure all contact details are correct. Entrants will be contacted by Kate before the competition with detailed information.

THE LOCAL HEAT

Organised by Uttoxeter Rotary
Wednesday, 2 December 2026 at 5pm
Thomas Alleynes High School

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Rotary YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION 2026 – 27





AIMS

This competition aims to encourage young people to:

- Experiment with digital or traditional methods of photography
- Show interpretation of their chosen topic through the medium of photography

WHO CAN TAKE PART?

The competition is open to ALL young people in our community. There are three age-groups:

- **Junior** – up to 10 years old*
- **Intermediate** – 11 to 13 years old*
- **Senior** – 14 to 17 years old*

Age on 31 August 2026

COMPETITION TASKS

- Each photograph should fit the competition theme ***"All Creatures Great and Small"***
- Entrants are asked to produce one photograph that they believe is their best work and this photograph should be submitted in digital format.
- **Each photograph MUST be accompanied with a brief sentence describing the relationship of the photograph to the theme.**
- A completed entry form is also needed.

Competition Launch date:
2nd November 2026

Competition Closing date:
5th March 2027

Uttoxeter Rotary will advise of the Presentation evening at the Town Hall (Summer 2027) to present photographs from this and other competitions for local young people.

Please submit your photograph and completed entry form to:
uttoxrotaryphotocomp@gmail.com