



### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break. We extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and families joining our Reception and Nursery classes this academic year.

This week we have held Meet the Teacher sessions for Years 1 to 6 to share the learning that will be taking place across this half term. If you missed this, please take a moment to read the year group curriculum newsletter which includes what children will be learning, homework expectations and what day PE will be taking place.

Within this newsletter, you will also find details of who is who on our whole school staffing structure for this academic year. Don't forget, lots of other useful information including diary dates and news can be found on our school website and social media accounts so don't forget to check and follow us. The details can be found on the overleaf of this newsletter.

Children have been talking about and celebrating their holiday homework projects which are being proudly displayed in classrooms and shared in assemblies. Thank you for taking the time to discuss and research new learning topics, this helps children to make links, ask questions and practise vocabulary with ease.

Children have been given new home reading diaries and reading books this week. Reading is an important part of wider learning. Daily practice supports fluency and understanding. Please help us to support children in developing this most important of skills by ensuring they read to, or with you each day.

All primary school children in Reception to Year 6 in state-funded schools in London will get free school meals for the 2023/24 school year. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan is providing the funding as an emergency cost of living support measure. The meals will help families with the spiralling cost of living. In addition, our school is also funding free school meals for all full time Nursery children.

At the end of last term, we were pleased to receive our Key Stage 2 results which again places the achievements of pupils at Orchard, Southwold and Hoxton Garden schools well above national averages. This is down to the hard work of pupils and teachers, but also very much due to the support that you give from home in ensuring that children read every night, learn times tables, complete homework tasks and come to school ready to learn.

Thank you for your support.

**Mr Stephen O'Brien - Headteacher | Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher**

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Please make sure that your child looks smart in our uniform for school everyday.

Our school uniform is available from the MAPAC website, [please scan the QR code below to access this.](#)

If you struggling to access this online please ask for help at our school office.



<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/orchardprimarye9>

### Awards and Achievements

Last term, our subject leaders had worked extremely hard in ensuring our school strives for excellence in everything we do. We are proud to announce that we have successfully been awarded the Association for Physical Education (afPE) Quality Mark.



### Settling in

Year 2 have been working really hard in maths this week. The children have been focusing on partitioning two digit numbers into tens and ones. The dienes have been really useful in helping their understanding of how to split the tens from the ones. They have also even begun to write matching equations.



### Viking Boats

Year 5 began their Autumn art pieces this week, starting off with making Viking Boats. They have been creating the background for the boats; using a range of tools and techniques to create different styles of backgrounds, exploring shades, tones, and textures.



## Staffing Profile 2023 - 2024

Children have now settled into their new classes and are back into a routine. A big welcome to the new members of the teaching team who joined us this September!

<b>Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher</b> <b>Mr Stephen O'Brien - Headteacher</b>			
<b>Ms Felicity Headen</b> <b>EYFS &amp; KS1 Deputy Headteacher</b>		<b>Ms Maxine Stafford</b> <b>KS2 Deputy Headteacher</b>	
<b>Ms Ivita Grodze</b> <b>EYFS</b> <b>Assistant Headteacher</b>	<b>Mr Zammedin Siddique</b> <b>Years 1, 2 &amp; 3</b> <b>Assistant Headteacher</b>	<b>Ms Lorna Ward</b> <b>Years 4, 5 &amp; 6</b> <b>Assistant Headteacher</b>	
<b>Ms Bethany Buttery</b> <b>Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)</b>			
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Maple Class</b> James Hepburn	<b>Redwood Class</b> Lenna Marson	<b>Chestnut Class</b> Zammedin Siddique / Lorna Ward
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Poplar Class</b> Nuressa Khatun Ahmed	<b>Holly Class</b> Ina Davidson	<b>Elder Class</b> Marishae Sotiri
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Hawthorn Class</b> Malgorzata Stevens	<b>Laurel Class</b> Natasha Tannis	<b>Hazel Class</b> Nathania DaCosta-Hyman
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Cedar Class</b> Meg Lovett	<b>Sycamore Class</b> Meski Abdi	<b>Walnut Class</b> Myles Hoary
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Willow Class</b> Rahima Islam	<b>Olive Class</b> Yeliz Siddique	<b>Rowan Class</b> Catherine Nawrat
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Ash Class</b> Faisa Nuur	<b>Pine Class</b> Jessica Brown	<b>Oak Class</b> Sophie Blakesley
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Cherry Class</b> Apia Ankar-Holly	<b>Elm Class</b> Zaida Islam	<b>Apple Class</b> Nowshin Sweety
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Sapling Class</b> Jessica Mendoza		

## Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexi Space at 9:15am on a Friday morning. These parents and carers the opportunity to meet with one another to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 22nd September	<u>Homework Support</u> : What strategies can I use at home to help my child with their homework?
Friday 29th September	<u>Communication</u> : How can I access information about the school, events and my child's learning?
Friday 6th October	<u>World Week</u> : How do we celebrate diversity and inclusivity within our school?
Friday 13th October	<u>Online Safety</u> : What does our curriculum teach about being safe online?
Friday 20th October	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home? (Children can attend this coffee morning)
<b>EYFS Coffee Morning</b>	
Thursday 12th October	<u>Language Walks</u> : How can I develop my child's listening and vocabulary skills whilst exploring the outdoors?

## Cycling Events

Orchard's fun 'bike bus' returns for September and October. Join the bike bus group for an enjoyable 20 minute group cycle ride to school, every Tuesday morning until half-term. Meet outside Frampton Park Estate baptist church at 8:30am or join along the route. Use the QR code to view the route map.



### Sunday 24th September 2023 - Kidical Mass

The family-friendly cycle ride starts at 10:00am from Stonebridge Gardens (Snake Park), Haggerston E9. Join the group ride from Hackney into Central London.

### Monday 25th - 29th September 2023 - Cycle to School Week

Orchard supports Cycle to School Week. Why not jump on your bike and ride to school? Look out for posters announcing a special one-off group cycle ride that week. For further information, visit [www.bikeability.org.uk/cycleto-school-week](http://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycleto-school-week).

## Key Dates

### AUTUMN TERM (1) 2023

Bring a Significant Male to School Day  
Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 9:00am - 9:45am

Year 4 Laurel Class Assembly  
Thursday 28th September 2023 at 9:05am

Year 2 Olive Class Assembly  
Thursday 28th September 2023 at 10:30am

Year 6 Redwood Class Assembly  
Thursday 28th September 2023 at 11:00am

Black History Month  
Whole month of October

Year 4 Hawthorn Class Assembly  
Thursday 5th October 2023 at 9:05am

Year 2 Willow Class Assembly  
Thursday 5th October 2023 at 10:30am

Year 6 Maple Class Assembly  
Thursday 5th October 2023 at 11:00am

Year 4 Hazel Class Assembly  
Thursday 12th October 2023 at 9:05am

Year 2 Rowan Class Assembly  
Thursday 12th October 2023 at 10:30am

Year 6 Chestnut Class Assembly  
Thursday 12th October 2023 at 11:00am

World Week  
Monday 16th - Friday 20th October 2023


International / Traditional / Cultural Dress Day  
All day on Thursday 19th October 2023

International Evening  
3:45pm - 5:00pm on Thursday 19th October 2023

Last Day of Autumn Term 1  
School closes at 3:30pm on Friday 20th October 2023

Half Term Holiday  
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

Children Return to School  
Monday 30th October 2023

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