



Fingringhoe

Church of England (VA) Primary School

Autumn Term 1

18th September 2026

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.' ~ Joshua 1:9

Dates for the diary

Clubs as follows:

KS1 Art club—Tuesdays until 4pm

KS2 art club—Tuesdays until 4:25pm

Choir club—Thursdays until 4pm

Netball club—Fridays until 4:25pm

Please note the clubs are for people who have signed up.



- Piano lessons—every Tuesday (for those registered for them)
Guitar lessons—Every Thursday (for those registered for them)
- Celebration assembly in church—
Friday 25th September at 2:45
- Harvest Festival in church—
Thursday 1st October at 2:30pm
(parents / carers welcome)
- No Celebration assembly - Friday
2nd October due to the Harvest
Festival

Reminders

- Please ensure that all items of your child's clothing, including book bags, are labelled with their first name and surname. This helps us to return misplaced items more efficiently. Any unlabelled items will be placed in the lost property bag and periodically displayed for parents and carers to browse.

Dear parents,

A very warm welcome back to the new school year. It has been wonderful to see the children return after the summer holidays so positively. They have settled quickly into school life and have approached the start of term with enthusiasm, confidence and a real eagerness to learn.

Thank you for your support in ensuring children have returned in the correct school uniform. The children look incredibly smart in their PE kits and our new navy sweaters, helping to create a strong sense of pride across the school. A gentle reminder that hooded sweaters are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn in place of the school jumper.

We are delighted to have started several extra-curricular clubs this term, including Choir, Art and Netball. Our much-loved Gardening Club has also returned at lunchtimes. The children have been enjoying sampling some of the produce grown in our school garden, including tomatoes, beetroot and chard, and many have been keen to try these healthy treats at break times. We are also looking forward to gathering together in church this afternoon. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Coyle

Headteacher Awards	Week commencing 07/09/2026	Week commencing 14/09/2026
Willow Class	N/A	N/A
Beech Class	Zack, Felicity & Olive	James & Grace
Maple Class	Alfie, Teddy & Lexi	Eden, Rosie & Shylah
Elm Class	Cian, Kenlie & Max	Lily-Sophia, Hannah & Dylan

Willow

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year in Willow Class! We are incredibly proud of how well our Reception children are settling into their new class and routine. Starting school is a major milestone, and they have taken every new experience in their stride.

Over the past few weeks, our classroom and outdoor area have been filled with excitement and curiosity. The children have been enthusiastically exploring all the different learning zones - from the 'Creation Station' to construction. Alongside discovering their new surroundings, they are doing a fantastic job of making new friends! We are already seeing wonderful examples of sharing, taking turns, and cooperative play.

Well done, Reception! We can't wait for a fantastic year ahead.



Beech

This week, we have been studying our new class text 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' as part of our learning on traditional tales. We designed our own bridges to protect the billy goats from the mean troll and built them using recyclable materials (science link). We tested our bridges to ensure they were sturdy enough for our goats to walk over to get them safely to the other side where some lovely green grass was waiting for them!



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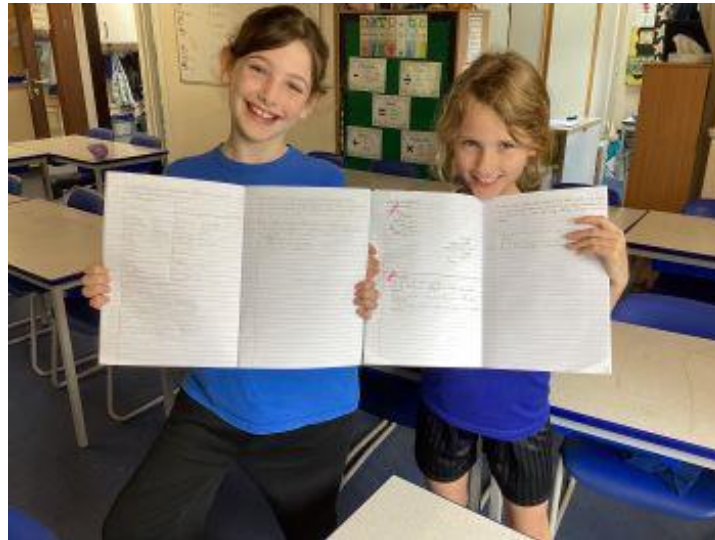
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Maple

In Maple class, we have started the school year with some fantastic writing in English based around the Disney short film, 'Feast'. The children have been very creative when using techniques such as similes, expanded noun phrases and alliteration to describe the life of Winston, a puppy who just loves food! We have been very impressed with the children's focus in this subject and can't wait to see their ideas when writing their own versions of this story independently.



Elm

Now we are a couple of weeks into the term, Elm have started all their topics for each subject. In English, we have been focusing on vocabulary to write a description using the text, Beowulf. We have been learning about place value in maths, learning the value of digits up to ten million. In Art, the children have been focusing on typography and creating their own style of font. The children have been learning about pets in French, gravity, as part of our learning on Forces in Science, Viking gods and longships in History, programming soundtracks in Computing, and fitness and netball in P.E.

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