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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome Back

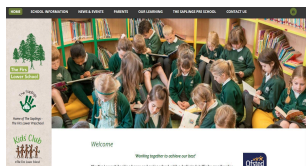
Happy New year! I hope you all had a really enjoyable break over the Christmas period. The children have all made a really good start to the new term and got stuck into their learning routines once more.

Mrs Rogers and Teaching in Willow and Hazel

I wanted to take this opportunity to mention to you all that Mrs Rogers is not now in school, as she begins her leave for medical treatment. I know you would join us all in wishing her the very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Thank you to Mrs Cameli who has kindly offered to teach in Willow Tuesday - Friday; the school is very grateful to her for making this commitment. I would also like to welcome Mrs Sandra Herrick back to The Firs, who is joining us to teach 1 day a week in Hazel class.

Website Update – School Photoshoot



On Wednesday 21st January, a professional photoshoot will take place in school to update the images on our website.

If consent was given on your child's admission paperwork, your child may be included. We kindly ask that all pupils (except Holly Class) attend school in full school uniform on this day.

Boys

- White or green polo shirt
- Bottle-green sweatshirt with school logo
- Long grey trousers
- Grey socks
- Sensible black school shoes or flat-heeled boots (no trainers)

Girls

- White or green polo shirt
- Grey school-style trousers, skirt, or pinafore
- Bottle-green sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- White knee socks or green/grey tights
- Sensible black school shoes or flat-heeled boots (no trainers)
- Hair accessories must be green or black only





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Holly Class: Pupils should attend school in their PE kits:

- Green T-shirt with logo
- Black shorts (boys and girls)
- Black tracksuit bottoms (winter)
- Black gym shoes or black trainers

Thank you for your continued support.

New Governors Wanted

We have some vacancies on our board of Trustees. If you would like to know more about the role and are wondering whether you would like to get involved, there is a very useful guide attached with this newsletter that has been written by our Chair of Governors Sarah Walker. This is also available on our [website](#).

Spring 25 Date Sheet

The Spring date sheet will be sent out with next week's newsletter and will also be made available on our website.

Starting School and Transfer to Middle School in Autumn 26 - Message from CBC:

The Closing date for school admissions to receive applications for Starting School and Transfer to Middle 2026 is fast approaching.

We still have a lot of parents that have not applied for a school place for September 2026, for their nursery child to start Reception or for their Year 4 child attending a lower school, to transfer to middle school. Therefore, please can schools remind parents to submit their application for Starting School and Transfer to Middle 2026 by the deadline of Midnight 15 January 2026.

We strongly recommend that parents name their nearest school as one of the preferences.

It's important to use all three preferences and to name three different schools. If their preferences are full and they haven't listed their local school, their child may be allocated a place much further away. By law, we must allocate places to pupils whose parents / carers have expressed a written preference for that school ahead of those who have not.

We recommend that parents apply before the closing date and not leave it until the closing date in case there are any issues with technology as any applications received after 15 January 2026 will be considered LATE, there are no exceptions.

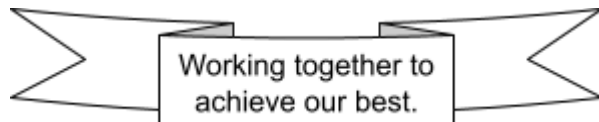
Parents can apply online at

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/5/school_admissions.

Please can you also advise parents to consider the home to school transport policy for September 2026 when they make their application. The policy can be accessed via www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/schooltransport.



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Staff Car Park

Please take care when driving in and out of the staff car park. Due to the driving conditions this morning, a member of our staff was very shaken up when a car was being driven at speed out of our car park.

Yours sincerely,

Adam J G Campbell
Headteacher