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Head Teacher's Message

Many of you will be pleased to hear that, after many years of campaigning and false starts, the speed limit outside the school is finally set to be reduced. These works will also impact surrounding areas. Below is a summary of key information received from Hertfordshire County Council regarding the planned changes, which are scheduled to begin on 1st December:

- Installation of new village gateway signs between The Avenue and Oaklea junctions in Oaklands, highlighting the new 30 mph speed limit.
- The new 30 mph speed limit will connect with the existing 30 mph limit in Woolmer Green, introduced in September.
- 20 mph zone entry signs and repeater signs will be installed on side roads in Woolmer Green and Oaklands. (Please note, some private roads are excluded from the speed limit change.)
- Speed humps will be installed on Canonsfield Road. Properties affected by this will be contacted separately.
- A raised junction table will be installed at the junction between Mardleybury Road and Carvers Croft later in 2026. Affected properties will be contacted separately.
- Speed limits on some approach roads to the 20 mph zone will be reduced to 30 mph or 40 mph.
- Hertfordshire County Council is investigating a speed limit change on the B197 between Oaklands and Clock Roundabout, continuing along the A1000 Welwyn Bypass to the roundabouts at Bessemer Road/Hertford Road and Digswell Hill. This would reduce the speed limit from the National Speed Limit to 40 mph, with the ambition to implement during 2026.
- Further enhancements are planned to make everyday journeys to schools, shops, and services easier for residents along the B197, improving sustainable travel connections in line with strategic objectives, including improvements in Oaklands and Woolmer Green.

How You Can Help

Speed limit changes are most effective with community support. Here's how you can contribute:

- Drive to the speed limit in the village, even before signs are installed.
- Encourage others to do the same and discuss the benefits of safer speeds.
- Look out for one another, regardless of your mode of travel.

Thank you to all the parents, past and present, who have put time and effort into making this happen. There will be inevitable disruption during the works, however the environmental and safety issues linked to the speed limit will be greatly alleviated when complete.



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Class News – follow the links below to find out what has been happening in your children’s classes. For Hazel class see Tapestry updates.

[Willow](#) [Pine](#) [Birch](#) [Sycamore](#) [Hawthorne](#) [Oak](#) [Maple](#)

Note from the office

If your child has any medical conditions, please check these are listed on our Arbor portal.

Note from the Eco Committee

Eco Note

Cut Your Carbon month is coming to an end, but there is still time to squeeze in some last-minute carbon savings by simply trying to have a device-free day, an extra plant-based meal, and/or making an active alternative journey this weekend. I will be popping into classes next week to see how much carbon we have saved as a school this month.

The battery count is nicely rising, with 170 batteries collected this month alone, making our total since the start of term 460.

As we approach December, we would like to share with you the top 10 tips for a more sustainable holiday season from Hertfordshire County Council. In them, you will find hints and tips to reduce costs and waste, from making your own decorations to choosing greener options for gift wrap. Click [here](#) to access.

Travel Plan

We have started balance bike training with Willow class with great success. The children have really engaged with the sessions and are getting more confident each time — from starting off a little wobbly to gliding across the playground under control. I look forward to helping the rest of Willow over the next few weeks and seeing how everyone gets on.

Reminders

- Children must not play on the steps, railings or grass bank at drop off and pick up time.
- Wellies and a change of socks in school are a must! It is also a good idea to have a spare pair of joggers or trousers.
- Please park considerately at drop off and pick up time. We have received several complaints from local residents, including photographic evidence of illegal parking. I have recommended they forward these photos to the council for appropriate action to be taken.



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Upcoming diary dates

Half term: 27th - 31st October	
Monday 1st December	Flu vaccinations for children
Friday 5th December	Year 4 class assembly
Saturday 6th December	PTA Parent's Christmas Quiz
Thursday 11th December	Whole school Panto trip - Gordon Craig Theatre
Wednesday 17th December	Whole school Christmas lunch day and Christmas jumper day
Thursday 18th December	Reception nativity 9:00 - 10:00 PTA Christmas event - after school
Friday 19th December	Whole school Christmas sing-a-long @ 13:30 End of term 14:00