



## Calendar of Events for Autumn Term 2023





Themes







This Terms overarching Themes include: Celebration, Shape, Farm to fork;  
Followed by, in the second half of Autumn Term: Dwellings, Giving, Toys  
Our hidden themes include: PUPIL VOICE: 'having a say and a voice'; online safety, regulation  
Developing a love for Books & Reading, Solving Problems and Developing Our Own minds, making decisions.



Our books of interest include 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'










Date	Event	Location	Audience
Week 1 Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023	INSET  <u>Group 1</u> Team Teach  <u>Group 2</u> EHCP & Signposting linking one signpost to CAPS; KCSIE updates Advanced Safeguarding Phonics	School	Education Staff
Friday 1st September	INSET  <u>Group 2</u> Team Teach  <u>Group 1</u> EHCP & Signposting linking one signpost to CAPS KCSIE updates Advanced Safeguarding Phonics	School	Education Staff
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<div style="background-color: #d4edda; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>H.A.P.P.Y.</b></div> Welcome Back day <b>Enrichment Day</b> across all classes giving Learners the opportunity to settle back into school.  Launch this half term's <b>Creative Competition</b> Create a poster, make a model, or design a recipe or dance which shows your love for books. Show us what you like to read; What are you interested in? Entries will be judged on Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022 and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3 <sup>rd</sup> winners.	School  	Staff and Learners   All Learners to enter.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Maths Week</b>  <b>Geometry Day</b>	Extra special emphasis placed on Maths for the rest of the week. Pay special attention on Maths signposting. <b>Promoting the love for numbers and solving problems &amp;</b> Sharing ideas!  Take part in our Shape Treasure Hunt – Peter to lead.	Display to be organised by Peter with the support for all tutors.  	Whole school




















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Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September  <b>Learn more about India</b>	<b>Make a book day.</b> Promoting the love for books and reading about a special place – a place you would like to be when it is sunny. Tell everybody about your special place. Ensure there is understanding of ‘sunshine’ possibly using Attention Autism/ can and video clips, you may like to look at what the sunshine can bring about such as melting, evaporation, sun burn.  <u>Focus -</u> Each learner or group to make a book about a place they would like to spend some time in the sunshine. Whom may we see there? What may they dress like? What may you do in the sunshine? Would you take anything with you? What sort of food may they eat there? How might we travel to reach your special place?	Books to be displayed in library and book trolley to visit classes. (Acer Class to be responsible for)  Story Boards may support the development of the book.	All students to make a book with support and differentiated to match their reading/cognition ability.  Liz and Mandy to offer advice.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Making decisions, using money and interacting</b>	<b>Tuck shop – Ran by Acer Class 1.30pm – 2pm</b> Continue learning about India PE with a focus on dance (theme) – Shelly, Dee & Mandy to lead – Dress up and dance!	Main Hall	Everyone!
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Overley Hall’s Culture Week Dance Day – A Day</b> where we celebrate, and experience genres of dance enjoyed in India. Possibly experience Bhangra and/or Lollywood led by Dee, Molly, Mandy, Lucy. Dances to be repeated in Friday’s assembly for everyone to enjoy.	Grounds of Overley Hall or Main Hall	Everyone!
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September    	<b>Assembly</b> for those who can attend in Willow Class (9.30 – 10am) – Peter Smith to lead, others to have assembly in tutor rooms or possibly, reflective time. Theme – Welcome back assembly; sunshine and feelings. Performances – dance – led by Dee, recitals of poems and stories, sharing of artwork linked to International Week; Art Competition prizes awarded. Care welcome to join in  <b>SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS (Citizenship) – minutes to be displayed opposite therapy room &amp; in reception - Democracy, having your say:</b> Q What event should we plan as a group and host for our parents (hosting a hospitality event for family and friends, in line with our theme). Possible choices could include: A party, a coffee morning, a dinner party, a market etc. <b>Mandy to organise Willow, Oak and Acer; Christine and Adrian to organise Council Meeting for Ash and Rose.</b>  <b>Acer away day on Barge</b>	Willow Classroom   1.30pm Willow, Oak and Acer in Willow Classroom  Ash & Rose in Tutor rooms  Welshpool	Everyone able 😊            Acer

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Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Willow Farm Shop Project 1.30 – 15.00</b>  <b>Yoga with Tima 1pm</b>	<b>Farm Shop</b>  <b>Willow Classroom</b>	Pupils, staff & family of Willow welcome
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Counter-bullying Day</b>  Our beautifully illustrated <a href="#">Random Acts of Kindness Booklet</a> contains inspiring acts of kindness for you to practice.  “I can wave at a friend” and “I can play with others nicely” are some of the instructions featured in this booklet to get your class interacting directly with the topic of kindness. Finding the time to intentionally promote kindness helps us to nurture empathy and understanding. This deepens our relationships with one another. Trust develops out of our relationships, and this blossoms into a learning environment where each person is valued as an individual for their contribution in line with our ‘kindness’ theme.	<b>Wherever learning may be taking place!</b>	<b>Whole school</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Communication Club Begins 4pm – 4:45pm  Kelsie and Abbie (the signers from Open Day) will be running a weekly drop in communication session for all young people and staff. There will be a 5 week programme taking us up to half term.  	Coach House	Wellingtonia
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Caribbean Culture Day – all family rooms will be decorated with Caribbean theme, face paint, costumes and themed buffet  	Hall	Wellingtonia











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<p>Wednesday 20th September</p> 	<p><b>Oak Farm Shop Project 1.30 – 15.00</b>  <b>Catherine McCarthy to support</b>  <b>Overley Hall Online Safety Awareness Day</b>            Make a poster to raise awareness to the potential dangers when online. For those working within White, Yellow, Blue or Purple should be encouraged to think about Stranger Danger or being able to ask for help when feeling worried or sad. You may even want to work on developing a greater awareness of feelings.            Talk Like a Pirate Day!</p> <p>Tuck Shop – Ran by Acer Class 1.30-2pm</p>	<p>Farm Shop  School     Main Hall</p>	<p>Pupils, staff &amp; <b>family of Oak welcome</b></p> <p>Whole school Display to be organised by <b>Peter</b> in library.</p> <p>Whole school</p> <p>Everyone 😊</p>
<p>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September</p>	<p>Care Team Building Day – an opportunity for building new relationships within the team and working with colleagues from other family rooms.</p> 	<p>Race for Home</p>	<p>Care Team Building / Education Team supporting the young people</p>
<p>Thursday 21st September</p>	<p>Willow &amp; Acer to host an Afternoon Tea for staff and Learners from Ash, Oak and Rose and their parents if they are able to attend between 2pm – 3pm</p> 	<p>Willow Classroom  Oak, Rose and Ash children to send out invites by post.</p>	<p>Internal only 😊 Overley Hall staff and students from Oak, Rose and Ash</p>
<p>Friday 22nd September</p>	<p>9.30am – 10am Assembly to be held in Willow Classroom for those who can attend others to have assembly in tutor rooms – Theme ‘helping each other is good a good thing to do’; celebrating progress made throughout the week</p>	<p>Willow Classroom</p>	<p>All students &amp; staff Whole School</p>
<p>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September</p>  	<p>1.30pm – 3.15 Theme - Plant a Vegetable Day - "Give a man some vegetables, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man how to grow a vegetable garden, and you feed his whole family for life!" <b>Jos to lead.</b></p> <p>1.30pm – 3pm Farm shop project – Acer and special guests. Learners to send out invites.</p> <p><b>YOGA with Tina 1pm in Willow Classroom</b></p>	<p>Whole school  Walled Garden and Farm Shop</p>	<p>All class groups</p> <p>Parents invited to help in the garden and have a brew in the Farm Shop 2pm – 3pm</p>



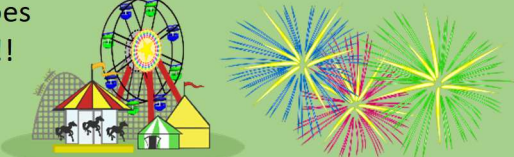

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Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September <i>RSE Day</i> <i>Citizenship</i> <i>British values</i>	Theme Day - <b>RSHE Day</b> – Lorna & Mandy to co-ordinate - Display to be established opposite therapy  <b>SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS (Citizenship)</b> – minutes from each class to be displayed opposite therapy room & in reception 2.30pm – 3pm/ Willow classroom.  <b>Problem to solve – Choose your favourite? Choose the best artwork to decide who wins the Creative Art Competition (learning how to vote and accept majority decisions)</b>	Whole school	All staff and pupils  Tutor Groups
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Communication Club 4pm – 4:45pm  	Coach House	Wellingtonia
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 	World's Biggest <b>Coffee Morning Event</b> – Coach House 2pm – 3pm Oak, Willow and Acer to take orders and serve. Followed by <b>Harvest Festival Assembly</b> - Celebrations 3pm – 3.30pm – Peter to lead. Each group to bring produce picked from the allotments.	Coach House  	<b>Parents</b> , all learners and staff.  All children to send invitations home using via post card.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October <b>Reading Week</b>	<b>Reading Week</b> – Led by Mandy & Liz, but delivered by tutors We're Going on a Bear Hunt or The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe   Enjoy <b>sensory readings</b> of The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe throughout the week in the library – presented by Mandy  <b>YOGA</b> with Tina at 1pm in Willow	Mandy and Liz to Coordinate    Willow Classroom	Whole School
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Communication Club 4pm – 4:45pm  	Coach House	Wellingtonia
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Reading Week</b> – Led by Mandy & Liz  	Wherever learning is taking place	All students

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Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Tuck shop</b> – Run by Acer Class <b>1.30pm – 2pm</b> Posters made to advertise tuck shop – healthy options to be made available	Main Hall	Whole School
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Assembly in Main Hall – working together to make beautiful music – Peter to lead.	Main Hall	Whole School
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Wellbeing Week</b> and <b>World Mental Health Day</b> (Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> ) And  <b>WEAR YELLOW</b> in support	<b>Theme Week</b> – Mental Health and Wellbeing Be kind and understanding when others are struggling, British Values <b>Make Gratitude Jars</b> - Something as simple as putting a glass jar in your classroom can have such a huge impact! Ask the children to write down things that they are grateful for and place them in the jar throughout the week. This small, but powerful activity helps children to think positively, which is great for developing their wellbeing. For an added twist, why not make it a competition; with the first class to fill their jar winning! – Differentiate accordingly <b>YOGA with Tina at 1pm in Willow</b>	Mental Health First Aider to (Pam) to Coordinate  Willow Classroom	All learners
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October Wellbeing Week 	<b>Under cover kindness</b> - Give each young person the name of another young person in their class or from another class. Offer as much support as is needed for this or a closely differentiated task to be successful. Make sure that they don't tell each other who they have been given! The aim of this activity is to encourage our learners to be kind to the person whose name they have been given before the end of the week without being found out. At the end of the week, ask every child who they think had been kind to them. Not only will this reveal if they had been found out, but it will also show the children just how many others have been kind to them not as part of the activity. Doing this activity will help to build positive relationships between peers as well as develop positive thinking. You may like to let each young person decorate a pebble to put in Martins Garden.	Dee to Coordinate 	All staff and students Possibly the staff could also do this task!
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October Wellbeing Week	<b>Savour the Moment Challenge</b> - children to think of one or more extremely positive moments from their distant or more recent past. Once they have done this, depending on their ability you can ask them to draw the moment or find a picture that reminds them of it. Support to be provided using pupil voice to guide. This activity helps to reduce negativity bias and develops their ability to find the positives in situations.  Tuck Shop in Acer class 1.30pm – 2pm	Mandy to Coordinate  Main Hall	Staff and students











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Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Communication Club 4pm – 4:45pm 	Coach House	Wellingtonia
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October  Wellbeing Week 	Pamper & Sensory Morning – to be organised by Pam, Jess, Rebecca, Connor & Kiely  Afternoon Tea to be served by Acer & Oak in Acer Classroom to be enjoyed by all. Use as an opportunity to make and express choices and practice money skills.	School Coach House  Acer Classroom 	Whole school  Whole school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October  Wellbeing Week  <i>RSE DAY</i>	Hang our hopes and dreams onto Martins Hope Tree. Assembly for all classes (9.30 – 10am) – A healthy mind – Mandy, Dee, Pam and Lorna to lead.  Wellbeing Walk - It might sound simple, but going outside is good for your wellbeing. Regardless of the weather! Why not use part of the school day to take the children for a wellbeing walk and talk. Being in nature and noticing the seasons helps individuals to focus on the present, which can reduce anxiety and develop wellbeing in the process.	Whole school  Willow Class for those able to attend. 	Pupils and Staff  <b>Martin's Hope Tree</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>YOGA with Tina 1pm in Willow Classroom</b>		
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Communication Club 4pm – 4:45pm 	Coach House	Wellingtonia
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Overlay Tuck shop Acer Classroom 1.30 – 1pm  <b>School CPD twilight session 2pm – 6.30pm</b>	Main Hall  School	All welcome  All Education staff
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October FOREST SCHOOL FUN	Enrichment in the forest – A whole school Activity Coordinated and led by Forest School Leader Elaine & Outdoor Instructor – Jos 10.30am – 12pm – Ash, Rose 1.30pm – 15.40pm – Acer, Willow, Oak	Overlay Grounds 	Whole School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Assembly – What makes us special? – Dee and Christine to lead 3pm	Whole school Willow Classroom	Whole School














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Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Ash to host a Creative Class 2pm – 3pm followed by a picnic 2.30 – 3pm for Key stage 2 & 3 learners	Ash Classroom Terrace	Key stage 2 & 3
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Willow hosts ' <b>Brunch Bar</b> ' from our Independent Living Suite – Between 10am and 11.15am Ensure break interest toys are taken to ensure enjoyable experience and counterbalance possible impact linked to change (jigsaws/colouring/reading books/Bee-Bots/iPad etc.)	All groups welcome - scheduled	The Brunch Bar
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Welsh Culture Day – all family rooms will be decorated with Welsh theme, face paint, costumes and themed buffet 	Hall	Wellingtonia
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Communication Club 4pm – 4:45pm 	Coach House	Wellingtonia
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	A fun fancy dress day to celebrate Halloween 2023 – any costume will be appreciated, theme linked or not! A celebration and musical assembly – Peter to lead at 3pm	Main Hall	Parents also welcome
School breaks up for half term. Return 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023			
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Pumpkin Picking and Carving Competition – pumpkins to be used at buffet  	Family Rooms 	Wellingtonia
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Pumpkin Picking and Carving Competition – pumpkins to be used at buffet  	Family Rooms 	Wellingtonia

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Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Barge Trip – much like Frodo, there and back again from Welshpool. 	Welshpool	Wellingtonia
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween Party – face painting, costumes and themed buffet 	Main Hall	Wellingtonia
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Fireworks with buffet and toffee apples. Glen and Rich working their magic illuminating our evening. 	Garden	Wellingtonia
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Firework display – fair and fireworks. Let’s hope this night goes with a bang!! 	West Mid Showground	Wellingtonia
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Barge Trip 	Welshpool	Wellingtonia
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Blackpool Trip – one of those opportunities for us all to be together, enjoying each other’s company and the Christmas twinkle of Blackpool Illuminations. 	Blackpool	Wellingtonia
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS</b> <b>Mandy to set agenda – Possibly how can we celebrate for Christmas (disco, walk, swim, party) – Minutes to Mandy</b>  <b>YOGA with Tina 1pm in Willow Classroom</b>	School	Whole School

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Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Communication Club 4pm – 4:45pm 	Coach House	Wellingtonia
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	1pm - 2pm – <b>Christmas Performance</b> Rehearsals – Penny to coordinate. No tuck shop	To be established	Wholes School
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Assembly led by Penny and Peter	To be established	Wholes School
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Healthy Schools Week</b> Focus on healthy eating, physical fitness, mental health and wellbeing, celebrating our strengths and our uniqueness – Dee, Mandy & Rachel to coordinate  <b>YOGA with Tina, 1pm in Willow Classroom</b>	School	Whole School
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Overley Tuck shop (1pm – 1.30pm) – Acer  <b>Christmas Performance Rehearsal</b> – Penny to lead. 1pm to 2pm  <b>Parents Evening 2pm – 5.30pm</b>	Main Hall  To be arranged  Coach House	Whole School  <b>Parents &amp; Carers</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Mexican Culture Day – all family rooms will be decorated with Mexican theme, face paint, costumes and themed buffet  	Hall	Wellingtonia
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Communication Club 4pm – 4:45pm 	Coach House	Wellingtonia
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Building and Dwellings Theme Day – design and build my perfect home – Christine to coordinate, craft to be displayed in the library.  Oak, Elaine and Jos to lead a ‘build a dwelling’ in the woods afternoon – 13.30 – 3.30pm	Whole School 	Everyone!

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Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Communication Club 4pm – 4:45pm 	Coach House	Wellingtonia
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Tina and Lucy to organise and lead an attention autism afternoon leading into a yoga session. 1pm – 2pm  Penny to lead a <b>Christmas Performance rehearsal</b> . 1pm to 2pm	Coach House  Coach House	To be arranged
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	The <b>two Z's</b> presents the <b>Brunch Bar</b> – all welcome	Independent Living Suite	Whole School scheduled
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christingle Assembly – Peter to lead. 3pm – 3.40pm	Main Hall	Internal Learners and staff
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Light Switch on (twilight)</b> 	By Santa's Grotto on Tweet Street 	<b>Parents, Staff for School and Care all young people</b> <b>5.15pm – 6.30pm</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Communication Club 4pm – 4:45pm 	Coach House	Wellingtonia
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>School Christmas Jumper Day</b> 	School 	Everyone!
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa Train Experience 	Telford Steam Railway	Wellingtonia
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa Train Experience 	Telford Steam Railway	Wellingtonia

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Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Communication Club 4pm – 4:45pm  	Coach House	Wellingtonia
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	German Culture Day – all family rooms will be decorated with German theme, face paint, costumes and themed buffet  	Hall	Wellingtonia
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Performance Rehearsals 1pm – 2pm</b> Penny to coordinate  No tuck shop.	To be arranged	Staff and Students
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Performance Rehearsals 11am – 12pm</b> Assembly – The Christmas Story followed by singing – Penny & Peter to lead.	Main Hall	Staff and Students
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Houghton Christmas Lights – what a lovely way to spend an evening   	Houghton Village	Wellingtonia
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Houghton Christmas Lights   	Houghton Village	Wellingtonia

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Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	YOGA with Tina, 1pm in Willow classroom	Willow	Everyone!
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Service at Wrockwardine Church</b> <b>back to school for a festive mince pie</b> 	Wrockwardine 	Parents, families, staff and students
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas School Performance</b> 	Coach House <b>1.30 – 2.30pm</b> 	<b>Parents, families,</b> <b>care staff</b> <b>welcome</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Communication Club 4pm – 4:45pm 	Coach House	Wellingtonia
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christine & Adrian to coordinate a table decoration creative art experience	Whole School	Staff and learners
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>School Christmas Lunch</b> 12.30 – 13.30 – tutor rooms  <b>Festive Disco</b> 2pm – 3pm – Willow classroom	12.30 – 1.30 	Staff and learners
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 	Christmas Film Night – bean bags and popcorn in the main hall. 	Hall	Wellingtonia
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	New Years Party – thank you 2023, here's to 2024! 	Hall	Wellingtonia
<p><i>Break up for Festive Break</i></p> <p><i>Return back to school 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</i></p>			
Dates for Diary for 2024: Parents Evening – 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024; Summer Performance 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2024; Break up for Easter 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024; Open Day 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2024; Break up for Summer Holiday 2 <sup>nd</sup> of August 2024. Please see term dates on the website <a href="http://www.overleyhall.com">www.overleyhall.com</a>			