

Term 1 Week 1 – 6th September 2021

Quote of the week:

“A journey of thousand steps begins with a single step.” -Chinese proverb

Dear all,

We are delighted with the excellent start that we have made to this academic year. The children have settled into the routine with their new classmates and teachers, incredibly well contributing to a very settled and focused learning environment which is essential in order for them to flourish.

Together with the children, we have created a new behaviour code for us all to follow. Essentially, at Southminster Church of England Primary School, we are all **GREAT!**

Grow and learn together as children of God

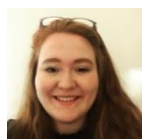
Respect ourselves, others and our environment

Encourage others and lead by example

Always use a gentle voice and kind words and we keep our hands and feet to ourselves

Try our best, even when things become challenging

Welcome to Southminster!



We would like to formally welcome Miss Mason to our teaching team. Miss Mason is teaching Cherry Class (Year 3&4). Today we also welcome Ms. Campbell to our staff team. Ms. Campbell is our new catering assistant. Finally, a huge welcome to all our new pupils and their wonderful families! We now have an amazing 231 children in our school; thank you for choosing

Southminster a place where [Together We Achieve More](#).

School Structure

Please be reminded that we operate an open door policy and now that many of the restrictions have been lifted, we can welcome you back into school in order to share in your children's school experiences.

For more information, please look at the Government and NHS information leaflet, [Taking your child to Primary School: What you need to know](#).

Class	Year Group	Class	Teacher
1	Reception	Elm	Miss Flint
2	Reception/Year 1	Hazel	Mrs Weller
3	Year 1&2	Maple	Mrs Cuthbert
4	Year 1&2	Willow	Mrs Gentry
5	Year 3&4	Cherry	Miss Mason
6	Year 3&4	Ash	Mrs Griffiths
7	Year 5&6	Elder	Miss Rogers
8	Year 5&6	Oak	Mrs Mahoney

PE The children will continue to have PE each week. We are encouraging the children to come to school in their PE kit until further notice, although we will be reviewing this in October. Please try your best to keep to our uniform policy for PE. Weather permitting, PE lessons will be outside so you may want your children to wear a track suit or sweat shirt etc. Please ensure that any warmer clothing is sportswear



Schedule for Term 1

Class	PE	Forest Schools
Elm	Fridays	Mondays
Hazel	Fridays	
Maple	Wednesdays	Next term January
Willow	Tuesdays	Next term January
Cherry	Thursdays	After half term
Ash	Tuesdays	After half term
Elder	Thursdays	Tuesdays
Oak	Mondays	Wednesdays

Swimming

All children in this school will be offered swimming

Children in EYFS and KS1 will have swimming for one half term in the summer term

Children in KS2 will have swimming for half term in both the autumn and spring terms

Ash and Cherry will be the first classes to swim this year, starting next week Mondays – Ash and Wednesdays - Cherry

Class	Year Group	New Class Name	Swimming 1	Swimming 2
1	Reception	Elm	Wednesdays 15/06 to 13/07 (5 sessions)	No swimming
2	Reception/Year 1	Hazel	Mondays 13/06 to 11/07 (5 sessions)	
3	Year 1&2	Maple	Fridays 29/04 to 27/05 (5 sessions)	
4	Year 1&2	Willow	Wednesdays 27/04 to 25/05 (5 sessions)	
5	Year 3&4	Ash	Mondays 13/9 to 18/10 (6 sessions)	Mondays 10/01 to 7/02 (5 sessions)
6	Year 3&4	Cherry	Wednesdays 15/9 to 20/10 (6 sessions)	Wednesdays 12/01 to 9/02 (5 sessions)
7	Year 5&6	Elder	Mondays 8/11 to 13/12 (6 sessions)	Mondays 28/02 to 28/03 (5 sessions)
8	Year 5&6	Oak	Wednesdays 3/11 to 8/12 (6 sessions)	Wednesdays 02/03 to 30/03 (5 sessions)

Key dates for your diaries:

- 9th September Y5&6 Live Virtual Meeting 6pm Plume Academy
- 13th-21st October tours of Plume Academy Mill Road Campus available
- 16th September Ormiston Y6 Open Evening
- 7th July Ormiston Y6 Transition Day
- 1st October Staff Training Day
- 25th – 29th October Half Term Break
- 1st November Staff Training Day
- 8th December Pantomime Trip
- 17th December Last day of Term 1