



# Lowerhouse Junior School Newsletter

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



At Lowerhouse Junior School, we build everything we do around our four key values of **Aspiration, Integrity, Resilience** and **Respect**  
Our School Motto is *'Inspiring a lifelong love for learning.'*

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to school and a very Happy New Year 2025 to everyone! Thank you all for your support and understanding during this chilly week filled with snow and ice. Your warm welcomes and friendly hellos have made my first week at Lowerhouse a great start. As we step into this half term, let's aim high and work together to achieve amazing things! I can't wait to see what we will accomplish together. Let's make this term one to remember!

*Mr G Lloyd*

Acting Headteacher

# WELCOME BACK!

<u>Headteacher's Value of the of the Week - Resilience</u>	
<u>Y3 Elm</u>	<u>Y5 Chestnut</u>
Louis-Morgan	Maggie
<u>Y3 Willow</u>	<u>Y5 Oak</u>
Leo	Bleu
<u>Y4 Maple</u>	<u>Y6 Ash</u>
Daniel	Reece
<u>Y4 Rowan</u>	<u>Y6 Sycamore</u>
Victoria	Milly
<b>Class Dojo Winners</b>	
<u>Lower Juniors</u>	<u>Upper Juniors</u>
Maple	Chestnut

★ <u>Stars of the Week</u> ★	
<u>Y3 Elm</u>	<u>Y5 Chestnut</u>
Maisie	Harriet
<u>Y3 Willow</u>	<u>Y5 Oak</u>
Liliana	Daphne
<u>Y4 Maple</u>	<u>Y6 Ash</u>
Elliot	Elayna & Lucia
<u>Y4 Rowan</u>	<u>Y6 Sycamore</u>
Lincoln	Brodey
Well done to all our winners this week. Keep up the great work.	

<u>The School's Attendance</u>	
Target is 96%	
Class	Attendance
Elm	91.2%
Willow	96.4%
Maple	92.8%
Rowan	87.9%
Chestnut	91.3%
Oak	97%
Ash	92.6%
Sycamore	90.4%
This week's winner is... <b>Oak and Willow</b>	

### Year 6's Heart Dissection Experience!

This week, Year 6 took a fascinating look at the heart! The children had the amazing chance to watch a sheep heart being dissected, which sparked lots of curiosity. Some children chose to touch the heart and explore its different parts, learning about how it pumps blood around the body. It looks like we have some budding surgeons in the making! What a brilliant hands-on experience!



### Thank you for your Support in the Cold Weather

A huge thank you to our school families for your understanding during this frosty weather! Our dedicated staff has been in school early, clearing paths to ensure safe access to the yard and main entrance. Your patience is greatly appreciated! Stay warm and safe, everyone!



### Welcome Mr Cosgrove to Rowan Class!

We are delighted to announce that Mr Cosgrove has joined our school family and will be teaching in Rowan class! Let's all give Mr Cosgrove a warm welcome as he settles into his new role. We encourage everyone – staff, children, and parents – to say hello and help him feel at home!

# WELCOME TO



**Curriculum In Action: Maths – 3D Shapes (Yr3 - Willow)**

Willow Class have had a busy afternoon, using playdough and cocktail sticks to make 3D shapes. They have worked out how many vertices (playdough balls), and edges (cocktail sticks), they needed, and then worked collaboratively to make their shapes!



**Attendance**

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL			
How do YOU measure up?			
Attainment	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Days in Class
< 50%	> 10 Days	> 2 Weeks	< 100 Days
50%	10 Days	2 Weeks	100 Days
60%	8 Days	2 Weeks	120 Days
70%	6 Days	2 Weeks	140 Days
80%	4 Days	2 Weeks	160 Days
90%	2 Days	2 Weeks	180 Days
100%	0 Days	2 Weeks	200 Days

**Dates for The Diary**

**10<sup>th</sup> January** – Celebration assembly in the hall with parents at 8.50 am

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
26	27	28	29	30	31			

**14<sup>th</sup> January** – Y4 Rowan swimming – please bring pyjamas along with swimming kits

**17<sup>th</sup> January** – Celebration assembly in the hall with parents at 8.50 am

**24<sup>th</sup> January** – Celebration assembly in the hall with parents at 8.50 am

**31<sup>st</sup> January** – Celebration assembly in the hall with parents at 8.50 am



**5<sup>th</sup> February** – Y4 trip to MOSI

**Online Safety Tip**

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun

**Picture News & British Value!**



**Rule of Law**

There are rules and laws in place to protect and preserve wildlife and their habitats. It is our responsibility to uphold these rules and laws for the benefit of everyone.



**Staff Shout Out**

Each week we like to celebrate our amazing staff and the hard work they put in for everybody at school. Our winner this week is.....



**All Staff** because they adapt to all parts of school to help everybody.

