



**Friday 27th September 2024**

### **Bicycles and scooters**

We are delighted that so many children are choosing to ride to school. We are always keen to promote physical exercise. However, we have noticed that this year, more and more children are riding their modes of transport whilst on the school grounds. Please can children get off their vehicles out on the recreation ground and push their transport through to the bike racks and do the same in reverse on the way home. We have had one or two near misses in past couple of weeks! Thank you for your help and co-operation with this.

### **Oxford Schools' Challenge**

The entries for the Oxford Schools' Challenge on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October have now closed. 32 Children from Reception to year 6 have signed up through 'LetsDoThis' to run the first mile with us. Thank you so much to the parents who have also registered themselves for the event and will be helping on the day. More information will be sent to the runners when we have it. This is usually sent to us about 10 days before the event itself. Meanwhile, get training!

### **Flu immunisations**

If your child missed the flu immunisation clinic at school this week community clinics will be held across the county to enable children to be vaccinated. Please go to their website to book your child's appointment. <https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/parents/book/>

### **Photographs with Siblings**

School photographs will be taken in school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. If you wish to have a photograph with a sibling/s please come into school at 8:15am for this to be done. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform.

### **Deadlines**

We are really grateful when parents meet deadlines and we would like to ask that all of our parents are able to do this please. The school office is a busy place and the staff do not have the time to chase parents for forms, payments or other information. We do appreciate that, from time to time, deadlines do slip, however, it would be really helpful if everyone could do their best to support the staff in the office by adhering to the deadlines set, thank you.

### **School Lunches**

A reminder that should you wish your child to have a school lunch, these must be ordered online by midnight the day before.

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 pay for school lunches whereas Reception, Years 1 and 2 have meals provided by the government (Universal free school meals) and these are free should you choose to order for your child. If you receive certain benefits you may be entitled to receive free school meals, please speak to the office if you would like us to check this for you.

If your child has a food allergy, you must let ABM catering know. Please use the link below. Please also let the School Office know if you have not already done so. We do have children in school with a variety of allergies and we ask that children do not come into school with any nut products, including chocolate spread (this can contain nuts) on sandwiches. Thank you for helping keep our children safe.

<https://airtable.com/appVNMscyybLE9fIE/shri8ob4AXAY0fkfY>

## First class Photograph – reception parents

A reminder that the First Class photograph is in this week's Henley Standard.

## From Last Week's newsletter

### Census Day - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Menus have been swapped round for Census day so fish fingers will be on the menu on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October instead of Friday 4<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your child to have a school meal on Census day, it makes a difference to the funding we receive in school!

### Milestone Road sign competition

A reminder to bring in your completed entries to the school office for the Milestone road sign competition by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Good luck to you all.

### Year 6 - Secondary School applications

It is now time to apply for your child's secondary school place. Applications will close on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## Class Updates

<b>Oak</b>	Another super busy, if a little damp, week for Oak class. The children have all been concentrating and listening really well. They filled up their class pom pom jar on Wednesday and enjoyed some hot chocolate as a reward. We have been learning the letters i and n this week and practising s, a, t, and p too. We have done lots of work identifying the initial sounds in words so they may like to show you their super phonics at home, we have also had a go at writing the letters we have learnt. We have also been thinking about harvest time and all the different kinds of things we can say 'thankyou' for. Next Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October we will have a sharing time at the end of the day in Oak class. Please come along at 3pm, to listen to a story with the children and they can show you their classroom. We hope you have a lovely weekend!
<b>Hornbeam</b>	This week in Hornbeam we have continued looking at the story of Little Red Riding Hood. we have focussed on using adjectives to describe the clothes that the wolf was wearing whilst in Granny's bed, then we acted out the scene between Little Red and the wolf thinking about what features she noticed. The children shared some fantastic vocabulary such as sharp teeth, furry ears and evil looking eyes. In maths we have been calculating one less than a number (using counters to represent objects) and counting backwards from 10. We made interactive rockets where the children can change the numbers as they count. Our Focus in RE this week was thinking about what makes me, me. Understanding that we are all special and all have unique features and talents that make us unique.
<b>Beech</b>	Beech class have written some impressive descriptions of the giant's castle this week in English, remembering to include adjectives and interesting openers. They have also been looking at interesting verbs to use in their writing. In maths, we have been using real objects to solve problems involving place value. The children have looked at vertical lines of symmetry and completing shapes symmetrically. In science, we have been developing our understanding of animals and humans, reflecting on how we change as we grow. Thank you to the parents who came along to see the children during their phonics lesson. You will have received some information about how to support your child at home with their reading and spelling. If you have any questions about this, please chat with Mrs Morris or Miss Hawker.
<b>Ash</b>	In Ash Class this week, we have continued our Place Value learning in our Maths lessons; thinking about how to partition numbers in different ways. In Science, for our Animals including Humans learning, we have been discussing skeletons and sorting animals with endoskeletons, exoskeletons and hydrostatic skeletons (can they sort a cheetah, a crab and a jellyfish into the correct categories?). And finally, Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September was European Day of Languages. We celebrated this in our French lessons by making a greetings chain around the class and sharing

	greetings in different languages, including French. Children also shared some books and language learning from home.
<b>Rowan</b>	This week, we have continued our learning on e-safety, using the SMART acronym to help us think about how we would react in different scenarios. In maths, we have continued our learning about number. We have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, thinking about when to round up and when to round down. One of the ways we have remembered this is using the rhyme '5 to 9, climb the vine, 1 to 4, stay on the floor'.
<b>Maple</b>	Well, that's another great week in Year 5 done! In English we've planned out our own Norse myths and we're looking forward to writing them next week. We'll be sharing some when they're finished so keep an eye on the website towards the end of the week! Maths has seen us working on rounding (including in our homework) and we'll be moving onto calculation soon. In Science we were experimenting with Newton metres and have been exploring the difference between mass and weight. We can now measure how gravity affects different objects! In Topic we learned about justice in Anglo-Saxon times (pretty gruesome!) and we've decided that we prefer the systems we use now. We wrapped up our week by working on our coding skills in Computing. We've now added a finish line to our mazes and we've even started looking at coding in a variable to keep track of how many times we fell off our maze! Finally, we continued to work on our ukuleles and have even started to embed the chords of A and G. We have now started learning the song the Ukulele Club wrote last year. Hopefully we can share a performance with you soon!
<b>Willow</b>	This week we have continued (and nearly finished) our Harvest boxes which includes adding a wash to the boxes and Harvest decoration. Our poems for the cards we send out are complete and we can't wait to deliver them in the next couple of weeks. In Maths, we continued to look at Place Value (ordering numbers to 1,000,000) and also Common Factors of numbers. Knowing our times tables is really important for this so please make sure that you are practising these for at least 5 minutes every night. It doesn't have to be TimesTables Rockstars - just saying them aloud is good, drawing them out as arrays or applying them when you go shopping is great. In History, we were looking at Democracy in Ancient Greece and we learnt that our political stems from this. However, we weren't sure how our political system works so please take a look at this weeks homework to support this.

In Year 1 the children learnt about one less than a number using objects to assist them



The children in Year 3 class enjoyed making a greetings chain for European Day of Languages



**Important dates**

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	School Photographs – all children in full school uniform please Please come in at 8:15am if you would like a photo taken with siblings
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Milestone Road sign artwork competition deadline – entries to the office please
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Oak sharing time @ 3:00pm
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Oxford Half Marathon
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan – tickets now on sale, see the link below
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents evening – more details to follow
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Open Morning for September 2025 intake 9:30 & 11:00am. Bookings need to be made via the office.
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	FOWPS AGM 3:30pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	FOWPS Christmas Planning meeting 4:15pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents evening – more details to follow
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	FOWPS shed tidy (volunteers please) – time to be confirmed
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day – no children in school
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Applications close for secondary school places
Saturday 9 November	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop and Second Hand Uniform Sale
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning for September 2025 intake 9:30 & 11:00am. Bookings need to be made via the office.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	FOWPS Christmas Fair

## **FOWPS**

DJ Ethan is set to host our first **FOWPS Disco** of the year on **Friday 18 October**, but we can't do it without the support of our wonderful parent volunteers. Please sign up here: [volunteersignup.org/JFAKJ](https://volunteersignup.org/JFAKJ) Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#)

### **Asda Cashpot for Schools' initiative**

**Thank you we have got off to a great start and you have already helped to raise £62.69** If you haven't already joined all you have to do is - download the Asda Rewards app, opt in to Cashpot for Schools and choose Woodcote Primary School RG8 0QY. For each customer that registers Woodcote Primary School, FOWPS will receive £1. Plus, every time you shop online or instore using your Asda Rewards app before 30 November, FOWPS will receive further donations. Please encourage your friends and family to sign up too. Thank you!

## **Other News**

### **Goring Robins FC needs you!**

Calling all Reception and Year 1 girls, if you are interested in a fun and non-competitive introduction to football please email Vicki McDonald [vemcdonald2016@gmail.com](mailto:vemcdonald2016@gmail.com) or speak to Mrs Wibberley.