



Friday 20th September 2024

Keep your children safe

Please read the attached communication from Oxfordshire County Council.

Census Day - Thursday 3rd October

Menus have been swapped round for Census day so fish fingers will be on the menu on Thursday 3rd October instead of Friday 4th. 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 4th October. Good luck to you all.

First Class photograph – Reception children

Don't forget to look out for the class photo in the Henley Standard, it should be in next week's newspaper.

Cauliflower Cards

The children are having lots of fun creating their Christmas artwork to bring home and show you. A reminder that if you would like to order any of the cauliflower cards items, please place your order online and return the artwork to your child's Class Teacher.

Please note that orders need to be placed and artwork returned by 3:15pm next Friday 27th September. Thank you for your support.

Beanie Hats

As the weather begins to get colder don't forget to order your child a Woodcote Primary School beanie hat via ParentMail. Stock is limited.



From Last weeks newsletter

Oxford Schools' Challenge

Once again we are pleased to have secured 40 places for children to run the first mile of the Oxford Half Marathon on Sunday the 13th of October. If your child would like to take part, you need to register them using the following link:

https://www.letsdothis.com/gb/checkout/ticket?eventId=217201&reservationCode=re_9vtma9hwb1ky&utm_organiser_id=154979&utm_source=reserved_entry

You will need to be able to get your child to Oxford for about 8.00am on the Sunday morning and we will meet you again after the race - by about 11.00. Each child taking part will receive a t-shirt and a medal. Parents can come and cheer from the behind the barriers as your children complete their mile.

The deadline for registration is Monday 23rd September. Nearer the event, we will provide those taking part with further details.

If any parents would like to help by running too or staying in the holding area to meet children as they return, please email the office – please note, we have limited spaces for adults.

Year 6 - Secondary School applications

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

Calling all EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 parents

You are invited to

Phonics Open Afternoon

Come and learn all about Monster Phonics, who the Monsters are and how we use them to help teach Phonics. Your child would love to show you some of the activities they do daily.

Monday 23rd September 2.45pm



Class Updates

<p>Oak</p>	<p>We have had another great week in Oak class. The children are now all feeling settled and are really confident with the classroom routines. This week we have started our monster phonics sessions focussing on the letters s, a, t and p. We have been amazed at how well the children have listened and concentrated. We are looking forward to showing you what we have been doing in phonics at the phonics session on Monday afternoon at 2.45. We have also been practicing name writing. It would be great if you could have a go at this at home encouraging the children to use lower case letters with just a capital letter at the beginning. The children have also had lots of fun in their play and learn time, exploring the mud kitchen, building houses, playing cafes and making kites. They were very excited to test out flying their kites on the school field so kite making or flying might be something you would like to try with them at home. Have a lovely weekend.</p>
<p>Hornbeam</p>	<p>We have made it to the end of another bust week in Hornbeam! Our week started with us changing focus in English and beginning our traditional tale topic. The children have loved listening to the story of Little Red Riding Hood, and we have been learning all about adjectives. We have described the contents of Little Red's basket which she was taking to her granny, some of the contents included fresh peaches, juicy grapes, ripe plums, warm cosy blankets and much much more.</p> <p>Maths has seen us continue with our number topic, we have been learning how to spell the number up to 10 as well as learn to count on from any number, not always start at 1. In the afternoons we have continued with our topic work. This week we</p>

	have investigated the Jewish festival of Sukkot and have made our own model Sukkah's to share in assembly on Friday.
Beech	Year 2 have been working hard in maths this week to represent numbers in different ways. We have been using real objects to make different numbers and have been solving some tricky word problems too. At the end of the week the children focused their maths learning on shapes and counted vertices and sides to identify shapes by name. In science, we have been sorting and naming adult animals and their offspring. During P.E, we played some games to develop our throwing and catching skills. In Geography this week we have been looking at the differences between human and physical features and have used aerial photographs to identify features around the UK coast. We have also started preparing for harvest festival in our still life art lessons. This week and next week we will be revising and assessing our number bonds to 10 and 20.
Ash	This week in Ash Class, we looked at nutrition and healthy eating in Science and 4 beats in a bar in our Music lesson. In Geography, we discovered the journey of a river and used the information we learnt about the Upper Course of a river to choreograph dances as streams and waterfalls.
Rowan	This week in Rowan Class, we have been exploring the story 'Fox' by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks. In the story, two damaged creatures emerge from a charred forest destroyed by bushfire. Dog has lost an eye and rescues Magpie, but she doesn't want to be saved if she can no longer fly with her burnt wing. The children have been thinking about Dog and Magpie, along with the titular character, Fox, exploring their physical characteristics as well as their characters. In maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of numbers by representing, comparing and ordering numbers up to 10,000. We have been exploring representations using dienes, place value counters and place value charts. Having read and enjoyed a poem in class about the intricacies of spelling in the English language, called 'I take it you already know', we have decided to take turns to choose a poem to bring in to share with the class. We will be sharing poems on Thursday and are looking forward to our first poem next week. Please remember to share reading with your child three to four times a week and record this in their yellow reading diary? This should come home daily for them to record their more independent reading at home.
Maple	This week has found us continuing our learning across a variety of different areas. In English we took a look at another Norse myth called 'Odin's Eye.' We have started to modify the story to create our own variations which involve a variety of different Norse gods, journeys through dangerous settings and the occasionally hand being cut off! In Maths we've been continuing to look at place value, bringing back Mr Langley's favourite mathematical tool, the number line! We're using our knowledge of powers of 10, estimation and division to help us solve problems linked to them. Science saw us learning about Sir Isaac Newton and his discovery of gravity. We're planning to do some experiments using gravity in the next few weeks so keep an eye on the website for photos! In PE we've been doing circuit training and tag rugby while Topic saw us investigating the Anglo-Saxon burial site at Sutton Hoo. We explored some of the artefacts that were found and made decisions about who may have been buried there! Finally, we wrapped up our week with some more coding on Scratch (we're making mazes!) and continued our mastery of the ukulele!
Willow	After the excitement of the Milestone visit last week, we used the idea of potholes in roads being rather like our learning and that sometimes, for whatever reason, we can end up with a 'pothole' in our learning. We've discussed Growth Mindset a lot and that it's okay not to know something or to get something wrong. We are also discovering that our Learning Partners are great assets and can help our learning. In Science, we worked with our partners to investigate the Front Garden of the school and see what was living there. We loved the beautiful patterns the ants had made with their tunnels under the logs and noted who was brave with the big spiders. In

Maths, we applied our Growth Mindset skills to our Net designs for our Harvest boxes.

Important dates

Monday 23 rd September	Deadline for registration for the Oxford Half (First mile)
Monday 23 rd September	Phonics Open Afternoon – 2:45pm, Reception, 1 and 2 parents
Tuesday 24 th September	Flu immunisations – please ensure that you have signed your child up for the immunisation by Sunday 22 nd September – see ParentMail for more information
Wednesday 25 th Sept	FOWPS Committee meeting in school @ 5:00pm
Thursday 3 rd October	School Photographs – all children in full school uniform please
Friday 4 th October	Milestone Road sign artwork competition deadline – entries to the office please
Friday 4 th October	Oak sharing time @ 3:00pm
Sunday 13 th October	Oxford Half – Limited spaces for children to run the first mile
Friday 18 th October	FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan (tickets on sale soon)
Monday 21 st October	Parents evening – more details to follow
Wednesday 23 rd October	Open Morning for September 2025 intake 9:30 & 11:00am. Bookings need to be made via the office.
Thursday 24 th October	Parents evening – more details to follow
Friday 25 th October	INSET Day – no children in school
Thursday 31 st October	Applications close for secondary school places
Saturday 9 November	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop and Second Hand Uniform Sale
Tuesday 12 th November	Open Morning for September 2025 intake 9:30 & 11:00am. Bookings need to be made via the office.

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 once we know that we have sufficient help, we will start selling tickets.

Asda Cashpot for Schools' initiative

Thank you we have got off to a great start and you have already helped to raise £59.61. 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

St Joseph's College Open Event - flyer attached

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