



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Meet the Teacher event this week. If you have any questions as the term progresses, please do ask the teachers at drop-off or pick-up. If you can't make either of these then please email the office with your queries and they will be passed on to the teacher. We are always pleased to speak with you.



Today we have been visited by the Milestone Education Team. The team came to talk to children about keeping themselves and their friends safe in all sorts of situations. They were taught to do this by thinking before doing things, asking questions if they are not sure and also taking advice from those around them who might see any dangers. To emphasise how important a lesson this is, the team brought in a variety of huge plant machinery and their road maintenance operatives to explain how they keep themselves safe whilst working on the roads. This illustrated the safety message well to the children.

There is a **competition** being run by Milestone for a KS1 and a KS2 road sign to be professionally made from a Woodcote Pupil's artwork and then situated outside our school. The children can enter for free, they just need to use the sheet they were given in class and return their entries to

school by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Every KS1 child has also been given a set of pencils to keep or for KS2, a snap-band that can reflect lights at night, to help keep them safe whilst moving around the village.

On Monday we also had an assembly about keeping ourselves safe around the railway.

### **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **New Phone System**

After the troubles we had last year, we have switched from BT to a new provider and gone digital! Please bear with us as we get used to the new system. All seems to be going well at the moment and we hope will remain so!

### **Music Lessons**

A reminder that we have String including Guitar, Piano, Brass and Drum lessons available during school time. Please email the office for more details, if you are interested in music lessons for your child. This is a good time of year to start an instrument, building towards our concerts later in the year.

### **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.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2.45pm**



## Class Updates

<b>Oak</b>	<p>A huge well done to everyone in Oak class for completing their first full week of school. They have all been absolutely brilliant. This week they have really enjoyed meeting the monsters from the Monster Phonics scheme. They have listened to a very catchy song about the monsters and read some stories about them so that they are all ready to start our phonics sessions. You will receive a letter shortly about a phonics information session for parents. This will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 2.45pm. A chance to learn about how we teach phonics in school and to see a phonics lesson in action. The children have also enjoyed the Goldilocks and the Three Bears story. They had a go at making and tasting porridge and have been doing lots of role play with bears and porridge oats! On Thursday the children were amazing at getting changed for their first PE lesson with only a little help. Luckily, we got outside before it rained and enjoyed playing lots of games with our PE teacher Sarah. We are still missing a few PE kits, wellies and waterproofs so if you haven't sent these into school please do so by Monday. The children all tried so hard with everything this week so filled their class pom-pom jar up. They enjoyed a treat of a visit from their year 6 friends and a small snack. On Tuesday the Henley Standard will be coming into school to take a photo of the class, for those who have given photo consent. The picture will then appear in the newspaper, so keep an eye out for it. We will also be having a short sharing time on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm. This is an opportunity to come into the classroom to share a story with us and for the children to show you around. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and get lots of rest ready for Monday.</p>
<b>Hornbeam</b>	<p>We have had a very busy first full week in Hornbeam and all of us (adults included) are very tired! That being said, the children have done some excellent learning, in English we have been reading a short picture book called 'On Sudden Hill' the children have been putting themselves in the shoes of the characters exploring their feelings and writing some sentences. In maths we have been looking at place value and number - revisiting counting numbers up to 10 and learning to represent them in different ways, on a tens frame and using Numicon. We also started our geography topic, looking at the local area and learning about maps - we even drew a simple map of the classroom. It was lovely to meet an array of parents on Tuesday and I hope you found it all very informative, if anyone was unable to attend or didn't pick up an information page we have plenty left in the classroom.</p>
<b>Beech</b>	<p>Beech class have been working incredibly hard this week. We acted out the story of Jack and the Beanstalk in groups and had a go at writing some sentences about the story, remembering to include full stops and capital letters. We also practiced using adjectives to describe nouns. In maths, we have been counting in 10s and 1s and playing some games to help us with our number bonds to 10. We have also started to name and describe different shapes. In computing, we talked about the importance of staying safe online and then made posters with our partner with advice for others. In phonics we have been reading and writing words with the soft 'c' sound. In P.E we have been learning different shapes, balances and jumps during gymnastics. We learnt about human and physical features of Geography during our topic lesson this week and continued with drawing techniques in Art.</p>
<b>Ash</b>	<p>So lovely to see lots of you at Meet the Teacher on Monday. In Ash class this week, we have started looking at our new book in English ' Rhythm of the Rain', making predictions about the story after looking at the front cover. We have looked at Rivers of the World in our Geography lesson, and half the class have experimented with making a river outside in the garden. The other children will get their chance to explore how a river forms next week and we can share our ideas then. And we have loved our road safety visit today with lots of excitement looking at the machinery and thinking about staying safe.</p>
<b>Rowan</b>	<p>It has been a busy first full week in Rowan! We have started developing our learning on place value in maths, representing and partitioning 4 digit numbers. In computing, we are learning about E-safety. We learnt the acronym SMART, which stands for Safe, Meeting, Accepting, Reliable and Tell. Do ask your child to tell you</p>

	about what rule each of these words is reminding us of. On Friday this week, we had a special visit by Milestone Infrastructure. We had a Key Stage Two assembly where they talked to us about safety and let us try on some PPE (personal protective equipment). We also got to go inside vehicles, one of which was called a Dragon Patcher!
<b>Maple</b>	We've had another great full week back in school. English has seen us continuing to explore Norse myths with a particular focus on the 'The Dragon's Hoard,' a story about the hero Sigurd defeating a dragon called Fafnir. We've begun to plot out the tale so we can understand the structure of a myth and will be planning out our own over the coming weeks. In Maths we've dived into place value, sharpening our understanding of numbers up to 100,000. We've even been solving some number riddles that proved to be a touch tricky! Outside of our core subjects we've begun to look at forces in Science, explored how the Anglo-Saxons named many of the places we now live in Topic and started to practice our tag-rugby skills in PE. We wrapped up the week with a talk and demonstration from Milestone Infrastructure who showed us how to be safe around roadworks and brought some amazing vehicles to school include the 'Dragon Patcher' that breathes fire (and patches potholes)! We finished off the day with our ukuleles where we are now exploring our third chord, A minor. Finally, a big thank you to everyone that attended 'Meet the Teacher' earlier in the week. The information I shared is available through the Maple Class web-page but I must apologise as it is already out of date! We've moved homework to be in line with Spellings now so homework and spellings will go out on a Tuesday, to be returned the following Monday. PE lessons will also now be on Wednesdays and Fridays. Thank you!
<b>Willow</b>	The new Year 6s have continued to settle in well and it was fabulous to meet so many of you at Meet the Teacher on Monday. If you were unable to attend, you should have a received a pack of information that hopefully helps inform you about some aspects of Year 6 but if you need any clarification, please pop in for a chat at an end of day. Key dates regarding secondary school applications and open evenings are on the back of the letter in the pack. This week we have completed our assessments for the beginning of term and also started our new topics. We were rather shocked to see just how much the Greek empire had grown from it's beginnings in 776BC but have yet to discover why it disappeared. We also learnt where Greece is and will be continuing to identify European countries as we weren't quite sure of many of them.

### Important dates

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	FOWPS are running the BBQ @ Woodcote Village Fete. Please do support this event
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Deadline for registration for the Oxford Half (1 mile)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Phonics Open Afternoon – 2:45pm, Reception, 1 and 2 parents
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Flu immunisations – please see the ParentMail for more information
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Milestone Road sign artwork competition deadline
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Oak sharing time @ 3:00pm
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Oxford Half – Limited spaces for children to run the first mile
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan (tickets on sale soon)
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.
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents evening – more details to follow

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.

## **FOWPS**

### **Woodcote Village Fete**

FOWPS have the fantastic opportunity to run the BBQ at the Woodcote Village Fete on Saturday 14 September, so please do pop along and buy your lunch, whilst raising funds for school. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who have agreed to help make this possible! If you need a reminder of the rota it can be viewed here - <http://www.volunteersignup.org/7ATEP>

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

Please help us raise money! 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 everytime 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**

Raring2go! Autumn magazine please click on the link

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## **Reading Football Club**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Schools and Grassroots fixture of 2024-25 Season!**

**You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 1<sup>st</sup> Schools and Grassroots Fixture of 2024-25!**

### **When?**

Reading vs Crawley Town

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 12.30pm kick off

### **Where?**

Select Car Leasing Stadium

### **How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?**

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#WoodcotePrimary** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets which will be discounted to the below prices:

**13 and Under: £1**

**17 and Under: £3**

**18 to 24: £5**

**65 and over: £5**

**Adult: £10**

### **How many tickets can we purchase?**

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code.

**Important!** This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off.

**6 great prizes to be won for your School!**

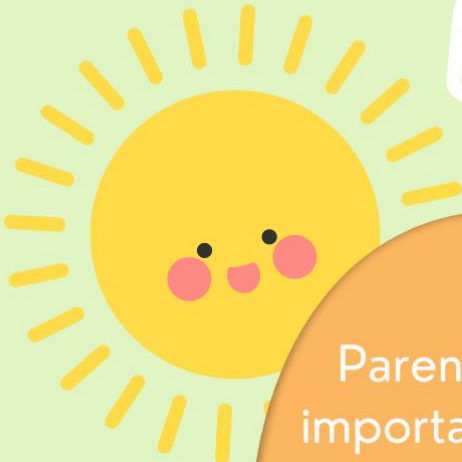
Select your School [here](#) to cast your vote and be in with a chance to win one of 6 great prizes!

If you have any questions about this offer, please email [sales@readingfc.co.uk](mailto:sales@readingfc.co.uk) or call 0118 968 1313.

**The Oratory School Open Morning (Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September)** – please see the attached flyer.

**ADHD Support from Face** – details on the attached fliers

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