



Friday 19th July 2024

Thank you to all year 6 parents, friends and extended family who came to the emotional assembly this morning. It is always sad to say goodbye and yet it is also such a happy occasion when you hear, from them, of all the fun they have had, the memories they have to take away and the friendships that will remain, as they move to their next adventure. Their next chapter is about to start and we wish them all the very best.

Whole School picnic – Tuesday next week!

For Tuesday we ask that every child has a packed lunch, whether ordered from ABM or brought in from home. We are going for a picnic! Please could your child come to school in their PE kit, we are going on a ramble (they are welcome to wear long tracksuit trousers if they wish) and then we will be stopping at The Oratory School for a picnic and then some games (at which point they might want shorts) before returning to school for pick-up time. Everyone will also need a small rucksack to carry their water bottle. Please also pop a sunhat in their rucksack along with their lunch and make sure they have suncream on before they come to school. The weather is looking warm but nowhere near the temperature we have had today.

Clubs

We will be starting Before and After School clubs the week commencing Monday 9th September, more details will follow in September.

Last day of term

Children are invited to wear home clothes on Wednesday 24th July, being the last day of term. Please remember that school finishes at 1:00pm

Violin/Viola/cello lessons

Lessons can be offered for the violin, viola or cello at school, If your child is interested in learning to play one of these instruments please click on the following link.

[Learning an instrument | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

Lunch Time Supervisor Vacancies

We currently have positions available for working as a Lunchtime Supervisor, both full-time and part-time, as the usual Lunchtime Supervisory Role and also 1:1 support positions across lunchtime. If you are interested in any of these, please get in touch via email, phone or speak to the school office.

Class Updates

Oak	Oakies have had a really lovely week with lots of outside play and some great teamwork going on, especially during P.E. on the field. The children had a super celebratory picnic with their Year 6 buddies earlier in the week and gave cards to each other. In handwriting this week, the children have practised forming capitals Q, S, F and E. They have also been super busy painting their self-portraits which look fabulous. Thank you for returning Monster Phonics books and sharing books to us, it is much appreciated. Lastly, just a reminder that we have our Scientist Day on Monday so you're child is welcome to come in a science outfit of some form or another! It should be a fun way to start the final week. Have a lovely weekend everyone! Mrs Proctor and Mrs Somerville will both be here for the final goodbye on Wednesday.
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Hornbeam	<p>What a final (full) week we have had in Hornbeam. I am sure by now you have all witnessed the children's excitement at making (another Pizza). This was the conclusion of our DT 'Food and Nutrition topic', the children learnt all about different food groups and part of a healthy diet as well as learning basic culinary skills such as cutting and chopping, grating and peeling a variety of different foods. On each pizza you should find at least one type of fruit/vegetable, a source of protein as well as dairy (or vegan alternative) and a carbohydrate base. In maths this week we have been learning all about time, firstly learning the months of the year and associated facts before learning how to tell the time (to the nearest hour) on an analogue clock. In English we have been learning about rhyming couplets and have been creating our own animal poems which feature different rhymes.</p>
Beech	<p>In maths this week, Beech class have created games to improve their times tables and division fact knowledge. They made board games and then taught their friends how to play them. In English, the children wrote swan poems including a range of adjectives. They also created some swan art using oil pastels and included these in our class book ready for swan upping. In science, the children tested their houses for strength and durability by huffing and puffing and blowing them down and then pouring water on top. The class had a wonderful time alongside year 6, on a glorious sunny day watching the Swan Upping and Mapledurham. Everyone had a fantastic time and represented the school well.</p> <p>Please can we ask that children bring in a plastic bag next week to bring home their books.</p>
Ash	<p>In our final full week of Ash Class, we have been busy acting out scenes from Snow White in our study of traditional tales. We read an innovated version of the tale 'Snow White in New York' in our English lessons and designed book covers for our own settings for the story. In Maths, we have been looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, making our own 3D nets. And in French, we been learning the first verse of a song which we have enjoyed listening to in class recently ('On écrit sur les murs'). We also made rosettes for Bastille Day, which was celebrated in France last weekend. We look forward to the last few days of term next week. As we try to sort items for the end of the school year, please could you return any books borrowed from the class library. Thank you. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!</p>
Rowan	<p>Rowan had a lovely time at Langtree yesterday enjoying a session with the Year 10s who had been training as Active Leaders. They took part in a number of activities and a lot of fun was had by all. We have also been completing our non-chronological reports about rivers of the world. The children worked really hard on them and they are fantastic! Have a lovely weekend all.</p>
Maple	<p>No slowing down for the end of term over here in Year 5 this week! We kicked off the week with Maths where we've been looking at time. We're working to develop strong links between analogue and digital time and have now started to explore bus and train timetables. English has found us finalising our WW2 poetry which is now mostly ready to share on the website. We've had two big PE sessions this week where we've been mastering tactical thinking through 'capture the flag,' we also got out on the recreation ground to do some sketching (a lot of skilled artists in Year 5 this year!) and we have even been working on using movement in Scratch Coding projects to trigger events happening through the webcam! We are, as I'm sure you all know, about to wrap up our week with the Year 5 sleepover which everyone is extremely excited about, though the heat has certainly slowed us down a touch! See you all bright and early tomorrow morning!</p>
Willow	<p>Well, we're really, nearly there and we've had another fabulous week. We were off adventuring at Laser Kombat as part of our treat day on Tuesday and then we went to support the Active Leaders at Langtree in the afternoon. Wednesday saw us having trike time with our Oak buddies, an afternoon picnic, Games & Quiz night and, finally, on Thursday we went to meet the King's Swan Uppers with Year 2! Our Leavers assembly was emotional but we know that everyone is more than ready for Year 7 and the adventures that will bring. Have a great weekend.</p>

The children in Year 1 enjoyed making pizza as part of their DT lesson



What a great way to end your time in Year 6 and indeed Woodcote Primary, lots of fun to be had by all!



On Thursday Year 2 and 6 went to Mapledurham to see the Swan Upping & met the Kings's swan marker.



Important dates

Friday 19 th July	Disco with DJ Ethan – more details to follow nearer to the time Volunteer sign up here
Monday 22 nd July	Oak class – Scientist day
Tuesday 23 rd July	Whole school picnic
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of Term - children can come to school in home clothes – 1:00pm finish
Monday 2 nd September	INSET day
Tuesday 3 rd September	INSET day
Wednesday 4 th September	Autumn term begins – all children in school
Monday 9 th September	Meet the Teacher 3.30

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Other News

Footsteps – please see the attached information