



Friday 12th July 2024

What an absolutely fabulous performance the year 5 and 6 children gave over the last two nights. The singing was rousing and the solos were very moving. There were jokes galore and everyone had a wonderful evening. Well done to all the children and thank you to everyone who came to watch "Porridge!"



This week we were very proud to host an official opening of the new canopy outside Oak class. The Canopy was built by Chiltern Woodcraft and will last for a long time to come. It has a small corner with castellations for imaginative play and UV panels in the roof to let the light in but protect against the sun. Thank you to Mr Jarvis who planned and built this for us. We are very grateful to the Parish Council and the Coop for helping us to fund this via their grants and to FOWPS who tirelessly raised money via their splendid events. The children are very excited and so are we!



Langtree Mastermind Quiz

Two mixed teams from Year 5 and 6 competed against other local primary schools in a Mastermind quiz on Thursday. The children were asked questions on grammar, maths, history, geography, RE and science.

The teams were divided into Woodcote South and Woodcote North. We are delighted that Woodcote North came 3rd overall. Well done to all the children that took part in this event.

Braiswick Photographic

From the photographs you purchased we are delighted to have received a commission cheque for £184.88. Many thanks.

Coffee Afternoon

You are invited to join us on Wednesday 17th July @ 2.30pm for coffee and a chat with Mrs Welsh our SENCO and Mrs Snowden our ELSA. No set agenda - just a chance to sit and catch-up.

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	<p>We would like to say a huge thank you to FOWPS, the Parish Council, the Co-op and families for raising the money to provide such a fabulous learning environment. We all really enjoyed the grand opening of the Oak outdoor area on Tuesday morning. The children are loving this newly covered space. It has been an especially exciting week as it was also the great release of the class tiger butterflies! The children waited so patiently and were truly mesmerised as each one fluttered away to freedom! There were a couple of children who were a bit sad to lose them, but we explained why they need to be free. We've also been lucky to have a couple of moths visiting the Oak garden so it really is turning into a mini-wildlife sanctuary! Perhaps they are attracted by the pretty herbal pot plants, like lavender, rosemary and thyme.</p> <p>Next week, we will be sending home children's schoolbooks. There will be a few books that we need to hold on to for a bit longer as they are required for inspection purposes. We will let you know if you're child's books are to stay here. If you are able to provide a plastic bag for us to put books and bits in that will be very helpful. On Monday 22nd July we are having Scientist Day in Oak class. This follows on from our learning about Charles Darwin and David Attenborough. If your child would like to dress up as a scientist for the day that would be great! Please can we request that all Sharing Books and Monster Phonics books be returned to class by next Friday, 19th July. Lastly, we would like to thank Willow's grandma for crocheting the most incredible Rainbow Fish characters! It truly is our most special story bag. Thank you SO much!</p>
Hornbeam	<p>This week in Hornbeam has been a very practical week. In science on Monday, we created our own dichotomous keys to sort different animals. We looked at what would make a good question; is it a mammal? or is it a herbivore? and developed our keys from there. In English, we put our instruction writing to the test, firstly writing instructions on how to make a jam sandwich and then Tuesday we had to follow our own instructions - fortunately most resulted in a sandwich! In topic we looked at Landmarks around London and transport around the capital city. Then we followed this up by replicating our landmarks out of junk modelling, some of which hopefully you will have seen displayed at the end of the day on Friday. Finally, in computing we were looking at programming robots to follow an algorithm, Mrs Hunt very kindly bought us two new robots (EARL) and the children greatly enjoyed programming them to reach different destinations.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class have spent some of this week writing their own version of the Three Little Pigs. We changed the characters and included lots of adjectives and adverbs as well as speech. We have published these into a class book for everyone to enjoy. On Tuesday during R.E, we created some artwork using oil pastels inspired by Sikh symbols. In P.E, we have been improving our throwing and running skills. During singing assembly this term, we have been learning some sea shanties. We continue to revise our understanding of time and number in Maths lessons. During</p>

	<p>History, on Thursday, we learnt about primary and secondary historical sources and looked at the history of The Plague in Britain.</p> <p>Please can the children bring in a plastic bag next week so we can begin sending home some of their artwork. Don't forget to keep reading books in book bags.</p>
Ash	<p>After our visit to Ufton Court last Friday, we have written recounts this week of our day travelling back to the Stone Age. We had a fantastic day being members of 'The Clan of The Red Deer': going on a hunter-gatherer walk in the woods, experiencing life in a Neolithic village and learning skills to spin wool, hunt with slingshots and start a fire. To end the day, we used our team working skills to help build a stone circle. In our recounts, we wrote about the skills we needed to survive and decided that we would have to be physically fit and need to be very resourceful to gather everything required from food to fuel to shelter, and even materials to make musical instruments. We were especially lucky with the weather, with the sun coming out as we worked on our stone circle. We completed our Stone Age to Iron Age topic in our History lesson this week by learning about the Iron Age and life in a Celtic village. In Art, we have designed Celtic brooches to link with our lesson on Celtic Art.</p>
Rowan	<p>This week, Rowan have enjoyed planning and putting together their posters about a river they chose to research for homework. The posters are colourful, with key information, maps and pictures. We are now busy planning our non-chronological reports to compile into an information book, complete with glossary.</p> <p>Please continue to read together, talking about the characters you meet in the stories, whether or not you like them, and why this is. Make notes about your thoughts in your yellow reading journals.</p>
Maple	<p>What a week! We are so proud of your children after numerous rehearsals, lots of singing practice, a dress rehearsal and two incredible performances they have finally completed the run of our musical Porridge. Their costumes were amazing, their singing was beautiful and they did an incredible job on stage telling a range of mildly inappropriate jokes! I'm sure you'll join us in celebrating what a great job they did. Another consequence of Porridge ending is that we now finally have time to squeeze in a few other lessons. Maths has seen us starting to look at time and we'll soon be mastering bus timetables! Meanwhile, in English, we've been finally writing our WW2 poetry. We're planning to produce our final versions next week and are looking forward to sharing them with you. Finally, we've started to think a little more about our sleepover next week. A big thank you to everyone that has responded, we're hoping the final few come back with a 'yes please' too!</p>
Willow	<p>What an absolutely fabulous week of performances! Our production of 'Porridge' this week was like being in the West End - we are incredibly proud of the fabulous level of singing, line delivery, comedy moment delivery and prop making the pupils completed. I'm sure we will be singing the songs for at least the next few weeks. This week we have been busy planning our final few weeks at Woodcote Primary, the Games and Quiz night plans are well underway, thank you to those who have replied to the invites already (be prepared to join in too). Thank you to those who offered to bring items in for the evening too, we have put a list up on the class door for people to sign-up (thank you to Mrs Scott for putting this on the class WhatsApp chat). If you are able to donate an item, please bring it into school on Monday as we will be preparing the food on Tuesday and please let us know of any dietary requirements. Date reminders: Leavers assembly = 19th July, please let us know if you have a work commitment and need to leave early or if you have any dietary needs. Please also ensure PE kits are left in school until the end of term.</p>

The children in Oak Class were fascinated watching the butterflies being released



Year 1 enjoyed replicating landmarks out of junk modelling.



Children in Year 3 had a very enjoyable learning experience at Ufton Court.





Important dates

Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 end of year treat – Laser combat
Tuesday 16 th July	Games and Quiz night for Year 6 parents
Wednesday 17 th July	SEN Coffee afternoon @ 2:30pm – all welcome
Thursday 18 th July	Swan-Upping
Friday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers assembly – parents very welcome from 9:30am
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
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of Term – 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

FOWPS

We have a **Disco** on Friday the 19th and **Raffle Tickets** are available to buy online. £1 each with a grand prize of **£200 cash**, donated by Bouchier Fencing LTD. All tickets available here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events/>

If you can help at the disco, please sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/DFAXH>

Other News

FREE online safety webinars for parents and carers from Thames Valley Police

The Cyber Choices sessions for parents, looking at how we can help to safeguard young people from committing computer misuse offences, and why this needs to happen, can be booked now via this link: Cyber Choices: [Cyber Choices by Police - South East Cyber | Eventbrite](#)

These sessions last around an hour and are totally FREE to attend. They are aimed at parents/carers of a wide range of children/young people, from KS2 pupils (7-8 year olds) right up to college/uni students (18+) Each webinar covers the same material, so they need only sign up for one of them.

My colleagues in Cyber Protect are running separate webinars for parents and carers, with a focus on protecting children from online threats. These sessions – also FREE - can be booked here: Cyber Protect: [Online Safety for Parents by Police - South East Cyber | Eventbrite](#)

Sensory friendly swimming sessions – please see the attached flyer

Litterbug trail – see information attached.

Free and low-cost activities for children and teens across the summer holidays

BORN TO MOVE LES MILLS **FREE**

Fun sessions for young children to explore and move to the beat.

For older children - age appropriate fitness, with punch, kick, dance tracks and games.

Wednesday 28 August

09.45 - 10.15 Age 4 - 5
10.30 - 11 Age 6 - 8
11.15 - 11.45 Age 9 - 12
12.00 - 12.30 - Age 13+

Henley Leisure Centre,

For more information and to book, visit southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities or scan the QR code

BETTER South Oxfordshire District Council **YOU MOVE**

Free! The Active Communities Team invites you to **Family Fun Day**

2 hours of fun for the whole family
All ages welcome

Games can include snakes and ladders, Molkky, tag games, cricket, rounders, Danish longball and more.

5 August
10AM - Midday @ Sonning Common, Memorial Park
Opposite the entrance to Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge School - MECE RG4 9LN

Parking on site or at school opposite

For more information and to book, visit southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities or scan the QR code

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31 July
1.30pm-3.30pm @ Woodcote Village Green
Reading Rd, Reading, RG8 0QY

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