



Friday 28th June 2024

School Closed

A reminder that it is an INSET day on Wednesday 3rd July – next week!

Summer Bounce

Thank you to everyone who came along to The Big Summer Bounce! The event was fantastic, the weather was great and everyone who came had a very enjoyable time. Thank you to FOWPS for their great idea and organisation.

Sports Day

It was lovely to see so many of you at Sports Day on Tuesday. How different the weather is today from then! We are very proud of the children and their enthusiasm for each of their events. There are still a couple to run, however we will announce the winning Sporting Team soon.

Oak Canopy

Many of you will have noticed the beautiful canopy over the Oak outdoor area that has replaced the aging sail we had before. Thank you to FOWPS and the money that has been raised from a variety of events and also to the Parish Council who gave us a grant towards this. We are delighted that Mr Jarvis, a WPS parent, built the canopy for us. He is a true craftsman and the children are loving their new covered space.

Breaktime Snacks

We follow the Healthy Schools' Programme and ask that healthy snacks are provided for breaktime. We have noticed that snacks seem to be moving away from healthy snacks to more crisps and biscuits. KS1 are given fruit by the school, so we would hope to see fruit continuing as a snack for those in KS2 bringing their own from home please.

NO NUTS – we are a nut free school – please do not send Nutella or Chocolate Spread in sandwiches, they contain Hazelnuts and you could cause another child to be taken to hospital.

IMPS

The **Injury Minimization Programme** came to Woodcote this Tuesday. We would like to thank the staff from The Oxford Hospital School team for teaching year 6 basic first aid, how to place a casualty in the recovery position and administer chest compressions in order to save a life. Hopefully they will never need this knowledge, but they are now equipped if they do.

Archery

This Tuesday, a team of year 5 children took part in an Archery festival down in Wallingford. They were taught how to use the equipment and took part in a friendly tournament against 2 other schools. They had a lot of fun and learnt a new skill. If you think your child would like to have a go over the summer break please visit www.wallingfordcastle.co.uk/holidays to find out more.



Year 6 Cake Sale

On the 5th of July, Year 6 will be organising a cake sale to help raise funds for their end of year celebrations. Cakes will be sold at lunchtime and, any that are left, will be sold at the end of the day. Price will be 50p. All donations of cake would be gratefully accepted. Please remember that we are a Nut Free school.

Year 5 & 6 Play

Ticket information will be sent out via ParentMail shortly. Children taking part will need to return to school for 5:40pm, ready for a performance start time of 6:00pm on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone that bought books at the recent Book fair. From your book purchases, we raised an amazing £198.44 to enable us to purchase new books for the school. Thank you for your support.

From Last week's newsletter

Drum lessons – a limited number of spaces are still available

Peter Terry, an ex-professional drummer and local drum teacher, joined our assembly on Thursday afternoon to demonstrate the drums and speak to the children. Mr Terry will be starting lessons in school from September so if your child is interested in learning, please email p.terry6@yahoo.co.uk. A drum kit is not required. Children will be given a free set of drumsticks and a book. Lessons are charged at £25.00. Peter also teaches at other primary schools and the children say it is really good fun!

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.

Sunhats/suncream

Now that summer seems to have finally arrived, please can we remind you to send your child to school with a named sun hat and apply suncream at home.

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

<p>Oak</p>	<p>A really big well done to Oakies for taking part in their first school Sports Day! We all thought you were amazing! And a big thank you to parents and family members who were able to join us on Tuesday. The children have been writing about some of the races they took part in and talking about how much they enjoyed it. We know that quite a few PE kits went home after Tuesday but please can these be brought back in for next week as we still have PE on Thursday mornings. Thank</p>
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	<p>you! The Oak class caterpillars are now in their cocoons! The children have been closely observing them and writing about what they see as part of their learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. In maths this week we have been making patterns and looking at how patterns repeat, over and over again. Some of the children find it quite challenging to make a pattern with, for example, two or three colours or shapes so please practise this at home. It also helps to point out patterns on clothing or in the surrounding environment. In handwriting, children have been forming the upper case/capital letters: 'H' 'M' 'B' and 'P'. In phonics we have been going over the high frequency words: 'your', 'here' and 'saw' as well as CVCC (consonant - vowel - consonant - consonant) and CCVC words such as 'camp' and 'ship'.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>In Hornbeam this week we have continued to work diligently. It has been a bit less structured than usual as we have had many different opportunities. On Monday, we were joined by Oak class in the morning so that our 'Hornbeam experts' could support the Oakies transition, Oak joined us for phonics before the children lead independent learning time with their buddy. All of our children were excellent role models and made us very proud. On Tuesday the children greatly enjoyed sports day and we would all like to thank you for your support. I think you'd agree the children all done an excellent job and competed strongly but fairly throughout. In maths this week we have been looking at shape, position and direction, learning how to rotate/turn shapes and what they would look like, we supported this in our computing lessons, also using Beebots to demonstrate the turns. We have also been learning about 'Our country', learning the 4 countries and capital cities within the UK and on Thursday afternoon we took to the skies in a hot air balloon (imaginary) and looked at some key landmarks in our local area and tried to understand what they look like from the air.</p>
Beech	<p>In maths this week, we have been revising symmetry and finding vertical and horizontal lines of symmetry in shapes. We are also looking back over telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. This is something that most of them would benefit from practicing at home whenever the opportunity arises. In English, we wrote a letter to year 1 telling them all about the fabulous things they will be learning about next year. We are also planning our own version of The Three Little Pigs with different characters. Sports day went brilliantly, and we were really proud of all the children for showing Woodcote values and for their effort! In science, we have been designing and making houses made from straw, sticks and bricks, with some slight adaptations made to improve their durability and strength. We will have a wolf (a hairdryer) and some rain next week to test them!</p>
Ash	<p>In Ash Class this week, we learned about the Amesbury Archer in our History lesson. We discussed what the goods found in his Bronze Age grave tell us about him and the period of time he lived in. We talked about the type of materials that would have survived from his time and then thought what our favourite belongings in 2024 are and what might survive if archaeologists found them in 4,000 years' time. Lots of pets and cuddly toys. In Art, we have been making our own Stone Age pots using pinch and coil techniques and decorated them using designs we studied on real pottery from the Stone Age. After a hot day at Sports Day and our last swimming lesson for this year on Tuesday, our PE sessions from next week will be on Mondays and Fridays. Wishing you all a sunny but hopefully cooler, weekend.</p>
Rowan	<p>Well done to all of the class for their efforts on Sports Day. The children have provided the following information for the newsletter: Ella said, "We did hurdles, sprints, jumps and throwing. Some people decided to do standing jump or running jump. In throwing, some people decided to do shot put and other people decided to do javelin. I did shotput. I won first in hurdles and first in sprints in the girls' race. Will won hurdles and Alfie won the sprint. Kestrels won the relay for Year 4." In the sprint, Alex Hooson came second. In the shotput, Ada came first, Izzy came second and Ben came third. In the javelin, Oli Juster and William came third, Alfie</p>

	<p>came second and Will came first. In the long jump, Nancy came first, Darcey came second and Billy came third.</p> <p>It has also been our assessment week where the children have completed assessments in spelling, punctuation and grammar, reading and maths. Emily said, "I quite enjoyed them. I like the maths and reading assessments." A number of children also said that they really enjoyed the arithmetic paper!</p>
Maple	<p>Though much of our week has been taken up with play rehearsals and end of year assessments, we still managed to squeeze in a few other opportunities to learn! On Tuesday we took part in a Sports Day, enjoying the opportunity to get out in the sun and show what we can do. A big thank you to everyone that came along to enjoy it with us! On Wednesday, a number of children took part in an archery event, with one member of our class coming 2nd overall! Later in the week we enjoyed some dance lessons with Megan and had the opportunity to start coding animations using Scratch. We've modified characters to look like us so hopefully, by the end of the year, you'll be able to watch our digital selves teach you something we've learnt from our time in Year 5!</p>
Willow	<p>This week we have been busy making props for the play, creating backgrounds and rehearsing. We are nearly ready for our big performances - keep an eye on your emails for the ticket request one. Date reminders - we put a number of dates in last week's newsletter, please make sure you are aware of these: 5th July Year 6 cake sale (fundraising for their treat day) all donations welcome. 16th July Laser Combat (letter to follow.) Games and Quiz night for parents (invitations will go out on Monday) and 19th July - Leavers assembly 9.30am</p>



Important dates

Saturday 29 th June	9.30am - 12.30pm FOWPS Coffee Shop and Second-hand uniform sale
Tuesday 2 nd July	Reception intake Sept 2024 in school 9:30am – 1:05pm
Wednesday 3 rd July	Inset Day – no children in school
Friday 5 th July	Year 3 trip to Ufton Court
Friday 5 th July	Year 6 Cake sale fundraiser for Laser combat trip during school day
Tuesday 9 th July	UKS2 performance dress rehearsal
Wednesday 10 th July	UKS2 Performance – 6.00pm
Thursday 11 th July	UKS2 Performance – 6.00pm
Friday 12 th July	After school Year 2 & 5 Cake Sale
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
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
Tuesday 23 rd July	Oak class – Scientist day
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of Term – 1:00pm finish

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Summer Raffle – poster attached

Other News

Summer of Fun @ Discover Bucks Museum - flyer attached.

Face Summer timetable – flyer attached