



Friday 7th June 2024

Welcome back, we hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break.

Free Food and Milk for young children

If have a child under 4 or you're more than 10 weeks pregnant, you may be entitled through the NHS, to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click the link for more information [Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#)

Busy Bee Clubs

There are still spaces on some of the before school and after school clubs, we have lots of new clubs on offer this half term including morning chill out, cookery and film club so please do take a look. Please sign your child up via ParentMail if they would like to attend any of them.

Tennis

On Thursday, 8 children from years 5 and 6 competed in a Tennis tournament at The Oratory School. They were split into an A and a B Team and competed in A and B tournaments. Congratulations to them all on terrific playing. Excitingly, our A team were runners up, coming in second. Individual accolades go to Tabitha and Seb in the B team and to Tilly and Megan in A Team for their determination and improved game throughout the tournament. They were awarded the Olympic Value Medals. A few more highlights from the event included Ollie who had a great serve throughout, Zoe who improved her serve as the games went on, Bobbie who only lost one game and to Finlay who won every game he played! Well done everyone and thank you for representing Woodcote.



The 3 for 2 Travelling Book Fair is coming to school from Tuesday 11th June – Friday 14th June. The Fair will be held after school in Maple classroom. Payment can be made by cash or QR code on the day. Please support this event if you are able as any money raised helps the school to buy new books. Thank you.

Year 4 trip to the Earth Trust.

Please can we remind you to make payment by Tuesday 11th June. Please can you also ensure that any hot meal orders are cancelled. If you are ordering a packed lunch for your child please ensure that the order is placed by the end of day on Monday 10th. Thank you.

School Footwear

Please ensure that all children come to school wearing school shoes and not trainers as they are not part of our school uniform. We pride ourselves at Woodcote Primary on how smart we all look and we would appreciate your cooperation with this.

Smart Device Privacy

Oxford University is conducting a study and are inviting families to join them in exploring **safety and privacy issues related to their smart home devices**.

They are seeking families with at least **one child between the ages of 8 and 16** who have at least one smart home device (e.g., smart TV, smart doorbell) at home. They invite these families to **join them for a workshop** at Oxford Computer Science lab or their partnering lab in central London (whichever is more convenient for them). "Together, we'll learn how major companies use personal and sensitive data about children, and what families can do to protect themselves."

During the workshop, both parents and children will learn how to better manage safety and privacy issues associated with their everyday smart home devices. The workshop will last approximately **90 minutes**, and each participating family will receive an Amazon gift voucher as a thank-you gift. If you are interested in this, please reach out directly to them via oxfordccai@cs.ox.ac.uk"

Oxfordshire Libraries summer reading challenge

Children across Oxfordshire can take part in the Challenge at their local Oxfordshire Library from **6th July to 7th September 2024**. This year's Challenge is all about creativity, from dance to drawing and junk modelling to music.

Children will be encouraged to read at least six library books of their choice over the summer holidays. As they read, they collect stickers (some smelly) and rewards. If they complete the Challenge, they will be rewarded with a Marvellous Makers medal and certificate.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries/summer-reading-challenge>

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	The Oakies have settled back into school very well this term despite the change of entrance as our outdoor area has a new canopy being fitted. Thank you all for bearing with us... it will make a big difference for the class on sunny (or rainy) days. We have been super impressed with the children's willingness to tidy their classroom. We are being quite firm about making sure everyone takes part in this daily necessity so that no-one expects their friends to do it for them! Our topic this term is Change as we begin to prepare Oakies for the end of this school year. In line with this theme, we would be grateful if you could provide your child with one of their baby photo's and a photo of them now; so that we can compare! P.E. has changed days to a Thursday and the children will be learning ball skills and a variety of field games including running races and bean bag throwing, which will help them
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	<p>prepare for Sports Day. In handwriting, the children have been forming numbers 7, 8, 9 and 10. In phonics they have been learning CVCC words (consonant / vowel / consonant / consonant) words like tent, lamp and milk, so any practice you can do at home would be great. Lastly, if any parents would like to come in to tell the class about their job or about any interests that would be wonderful!</p>
Hornbeam	<p>We have started this new term with a spring in our step, especially knowing that we have an exciting trip coming up!</p> <p>In DT (food and nutrition) we have started looking at where our food comes from, not the shops but how it is cultivated. This has linked nicely to our Geography topic 'Our Country' where we have compared what features you find in the countryside compared to in the city. Our new overarching topic is amazing animals and we have started looking at this in English. We have read a fantastic book called 'If sharks disappear', looking at the consequence if sharks became extinct. We have tied this in to researching different species of shark in preparation of us writing a fact file next week.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech Class have been reading The Three Little Pigs this week. We acted out the story in groups, retold the story using puppets and asked some questions to the wolf. We have been practicing using some ambitious verbs and adverbs when retelling the story and have been thinking carefully about how to change our voice for each character. In maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of statistics including tally charts, tables and block graphs. We have been working hard to solve some tricky problems when analysing data. At the end of the week we have been looking at position and direction, giving each other instructions.</p> <p>In science this week, we have started learning about materials. We identified and sorted different materials and then came up with some ideas about what we would like to learn this term. We continue to learn about castles in history, but we are now moving on to finding out more about people who lived in them and the monarchs through history. This week we found out about William the Conqueror and The Battle of Hastings. We really enjoyed watching the battle re-enactments!</p> <p>Please continue to listen to your children read each day and discuss their books with them.</p>
Ash	<p>This week in Ash Class, we have been looking at measuring mass in our maths lessons, weighing in both kilograms and grams and converting between the two. In English, we have started a new book 'Blue John' and came up with some interesting predictions about the storyline and setting. And in science, we have created our own mould and cast fossils, using clay and plaster of Paris. We're looking forward to opening and revealing our fossils, once dry. Finally, our PE lessons this term have changed from a Thursday to a Friday, along with swimming on a Tuesday for the next 3 weeks.</p>
Rowan	<p>We are looking forward to our trip next Wednesday. Please do have another read through the letter to make sure children come with appropriate clothing. We would like to say thank you to everyone who has sent in some family history regarding the D-Day anniversary. The children have been very interested to hear about it. Homework for this week is a reading challenge. We would like everyone to read at least a chapter of their book every evening. Have a lovely weekend everyone; see you all on Monday.</p>
Maple	<p>Our first week of this half term has been devoted to lots of new learning. In English we began exploring poetry that came out of WW1 and WW2. We explored the depth of feeling and how open and honest the poets were and identified language we'd like to use in our own poetry. In maths we've been looking at decimals and how they link to fractions and we've begun to start thinking about how percentages link up too! We spent much of Thursday learning about D-Day, including hearing from people that were actually there, before writing our own letters, imagining we were soldiers right before the events of D-Day. Finally, we got together with Year 6 this week to start thinking about our school play and decided on 'Porridge.' We've auditioned for our roles and can't wait to get into play practice next week!</p>

Willow	Welcome back, we hope you've all recovered after the residential and half term. We will be holding an open afternoon on the 21 st June (timings tbc but probably 2.30pm) so we can show you all of the fabulous things we got up to during our week away. This week we have introduced our new topics - Steaming Through History (focusing on inventions and the railway development across the world) but also spent time yesterday reflecting on the events of June 6 th 1944. We looked at maps and photos from the time as well as watching some of the commemorations that were held in Normandy. Next week, we start our topic on Forces for Science which will link with our DT topic on bridge building.
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Important dates

Tuesday 11 th – Friday 14 th June	3 for 2 Travelling Book Fair after school in Maple classroom. All welcome.
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 4 trip to the Earth trust
Monday 16 th June	FOWPS committee meeting all welcome 7:30pm
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 1 trip to Pizza Express
Wednesday 19 th June	Reception intake 2024 – Welcome meeting at 6:00pm
Friday 21 st June	Year 6 Open afternoon, more details to follow
Friday 21 st June	4.30pm - 7.30pm Big Summer Bounce Summer Bounce Volunteer sign up here
Monday 24 th June	New starters Sept 2024/ children in class & coffee morning for new parents 9:15 – 10:15am
Tuesday 25 th June	Sports Day – KS2 – AM & KS1 - PM
Thursday 27 th June	Back up Sports Day
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
Tuesday 9 th July	UKS2 performance dress rehearsal
Wednesday 10 th July	UKS2 Performance – pm – further details to follow nearer to the time
Thursday 11 th July	UKS2 Performance – pm - further details to follow nearer to the time
Friday 19 th July	Disco with DJ Ethan – more details to follow nearer to the time Volunteer sign up here
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of Term – 1:00pm finish

FOWPS

Natalie (Bryher and Ada's mum) organises our community coffee shops in the old school house to raise money for our school. Our next coffee shop is on Saturday 29 June. To run coffee shops we really appreciate donations of cakes (homemade or bought). Please message Natalie on 07733356314, if you can provide a cake! Thank you

Thank you for all of the sweet donations received today, we have a fantastic range of treats for the tombola. It's now time to get your tickets for our Big Summer Bounce [here](#). This year we are trying a twist on the usual summer fair and are filling the school field with INFLATABLES! This event is open

to all, so please make sure to share with friends and family! If you can help on the day, please sign up [here](#).

Other News

Family Golf Day at The Oratory



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FREE TO ENTER - REGISTER NOW

SUNDAY 23 JUNE
Tee off times 2.00pm - 5.00pm

The Oratory School
RG8 0PJ

To sign up, please email
S.Tomlinson@oratory.co.uk

Join us for an afternoon of fun on our 9-hole golf course.
Prizes for the best round and longest drive.
All abilities welcome!

St Leonard's Church Mouse hunt

We are going on a Mouse hunt!

Come and join in on Sunday 23rd June, 2:00 – 4:00pm at St Leonard's Church.

Prizes awarded for spotting all of the clues.

Children must be accompanied by an adult, a short adult quiz will also be available.

It costs £2.00 per child to enter, with family discounts.

Refreshments will be on sale.