



Friday 26th April

Congratulations

We are incredibly proud of Mrs Hunt who completed the London Marathon last Sunday. Also congratulations to any parents/carer that also took part in this amazing event, what an achievement.

Globfit – Summer Holiday Club

We are delighted that Globefit are running a summer holiday club here at Woodcote Primary school starting the week commencing Monday 29th July for 4 weeks. There is an Early bird booking discount, please see the attached flyer for more information. Book early to avoid disappointment.

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>This week the Oakies have been discussing how the penguin and the boy travelled in our class text, Lost and Found, and thought about what other ways there are to travel. In maths, they have been learning to recognise odd and even numbers so any practice you can do at home to support this would be wonderful.</p> <p>During handwriting children have been forming the 'z' and 'x'. In phonics children have been learning the 'air' sound. There is a phonics sheet we are sending home that your child can practice for both the 'air' sound and last week's 'igh' sound. Listening in class has been very good this week as the teachers have held a hand in the air and said '1,2,3 look at me'. As a result, the children have had a special treat listening to a 'Relax Kids' CD which they loved. Thank you for all your support. Oak Team</p>
Hornbeam	<p>In Hornbeam we have continued with our early multiplication practice, we have been arranging objects into equal groups and counting the amount of groups and calculating the total. We have also enjoyed retelling the story of 'Where the Wild Things Are', which has culminated in us rewriting the story.</p> <p>In art we have continued looking at sculptors and particularly how certain patterns are created so we have been practicing impressing different objects into clay to create a variety of patterns. In RE we learnt about some special objects in the Jewish religion- with a particular focus on the Menorah and Dreidel (a game the children loved playing).</p>
Beech	<p>This week, Beech class continued with their writing all about dragons. We produced some impressive descriptive writing, remembering to include adjectives, exciting verbs and adverbs. We looked at grammar and punctuation of commas in lists of adjectives. In maths, we are continuing our work on fractions and have been finding fractions of amounts using real objects as well as solving some tricky problems. We have also been looking at giving change with money. We learnt all about seed dispersal in science this week and had a go at making our own sycamore seed. As we filled our pompom treat bucket, we had a fun filled castles and knight's afternoon on Wednesday. As part of our DT project around our history</p>

	unit, we are designing our own castles ready to make. Please can you bring any cardboard boxes and toilet rolls into school for our latest project. Thank you.
Ash	This week in Ash Class, we have been working on fractions during our Maths lessons; learning about numerators and denominators, unit and non-unit fractions and ordering unit fractions (which involved lots of folding of paper strips). In our English lessons, we have been looking at persuasive language and writing our own adverts for some woolly mammoth trousers, based on our class book 'Ug'. And in P.E., we have been practicing our hand/eye co-ordination and ball skills, in readiness for more tennis lessons. All we need is some more sunshine!
Rowan	In science this week, we have been observing our egg experiments. It has been very interesting to observe the effects of different drinks on the eggshells. Thank you for providing the boiled eggs last week, it is much appreciated. In maths, we have continued learning about fractions; we are now moving on to decimals, using concrete and visual equipment to help us understand how these link to fractions. The Year 4 national times tables check is fast approaching. To enable all children to do as well as they can do with learning this vital skill, please ensure they spend at least 5 minutes a day practising times tables at home. We thank you for your support with this.
Maple	We kicked off our week by continuing to dig into our time slip story, Sophie's Slip. We looked at parenthesis and how it used to add additional information into sentences before then writing a modified version of the story set in the Wild West to practise our use of tenses in verbs. Maths has seen us finishing off our work on line graphs, exploring decimals as well as a negative numbers. In Science we got the chance to check out some of your children's amazing homework, seeing what they looked like as babies and toddlers then comparing them to now! They've changed so much! History found us digging into evacuation during World War 2. We used our drama and roleplay skills to act out what that may have looked like! We're planning to use these skills again in the final week of this term when we spend all day dressed and acting like we're children from the 1940s! We'll send out more details at the start of next week!
Willow	Well, we survived the week! Going to Junior Citizens in Oxford and learning about different real-life emergency scenarios was absolutely brilliant. Getting to practise making an emergency call was a little scary but we were all incredibly brave and made the call. We have sent the booklet home for you to have a look at the learning we undertook. Some of the children have asked to complete all the activities (which is fine) but we have only asked that pupils complete the fire safety fire plan and check their smoke alarms at home. If you don't have smoke alarms, please contact Goring Fire Station as they will be happy to provide and fit these for you. We used our experiences at the Junior Citizen to influence our writing this week - we have some fantastic stories, instructions and newspaper articles all about our day. Please also check bags for a letter explaining how SATs week will work this year.

Important dates

Monday 6 th May	May Bank holiday – no children in school
Tuesday 7 th May	Reception class - Vision screening
Friday 10 th May	Year 1 and 6 After school cake sale – all nut free cake donations are welcome
Monday 13 th May – Friday 17 th May	SATS Week – Year 6
Friday 17 th May	FOWPS dress in home clothes (for a donation of a bottle for tombola)

Monday 20 th May – Friday 24 th May	Year 6 Residential trip
Thursday 23 rd May	Oak class sharing time – 2:50pm
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	Summer half term
Monday 3 rd June	INSET day – no children in school
Friday 7 th June	FOWPS dress in home clothes (for donation of sweets for tombola)
Wednesday 19 th June	Reception intake 2024 – Welcome meeting @ 6:00pm
Friday 21 st June	4.30pm - 7.30pm Big Summer Bounce –more details to follow
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 2024 in class 9:30 – 1:05
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
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of Term

FOWPS

FINAL CALL FOR HELP: Woodcote Village Fete BBQ

FOWPS have been offered the fantastic fundraising opportunity to run the BBQ at the Village Fete on Saturday 14th September, but we cannot do it without your help! If you can help for an hour, please sign up here: [Village Fete BBQ](#) no later than Tuesday. Otherwise we will have to decline the offer and the school will lose out on this fund raising opportunity!

If you have any queries, please ask your FOWPS rep or a committee member. You can email us on fowps-pta@googlegroups.com or comment on our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FOWPSpta>

Love to Run? You could win £150 for your school!

We are looking for teams of four (consisting of two Women and two Men) to represent Woodcote Primary at the Nettle Bed Stinger. The fastest team on the day will win £150 for their school! Please see the attached poster for details! And let a FOWPS member know if you are interested. Thank you.

Other News

A Family Fun Day is being held at the stables at Wyfold Court, Kingwood (RG9 5WG, off the Stoke Row – Peppard road) on Saturday 4th May from 12 - 3pm. The event is organised by Wyfold Group

of Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) to give families and friends an opportunity to meet the ponies, take a tractor ride, play some traditional fete games, stock up with plants, enjoy tea and cakes and a BBQ, and try their luck on the tombola and other stalls. Entrance is free.

Children's Holiday Activities during May half term



The poster features the Wild Adventure logo at the top left, which includes a stylized figure climbing a rock. To the right is the Adventure Dolphin logo, showing a dolphin jumping. The background is a light blue sky with a white cloud. The text is arranged in a central, eye-catching layout. A green circle on the left contains the price '£50 a day'. A circular inset on the right shows a child climbing a wooden structure. Below the main title, a blue bird with musical notes is shown. A circular inset at the bottom left shows a person canoeing on a river. The bottom of the poster is decorated with green grass, white and yellow flowers, and two red ladybugs.

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ADVENTURE

Adventure Dolphin, Pangbourne RG87DA

ADVENTURE
DOLPHIN

£50 a day

**CHILDRENS
HOLIDAY
ADVENTURES**

**TUE 28-FRI 31
MAY**

Start at 9:00/ Finish at 16:00

CLIMBING
CANOEING
ARCHERY
BUSHCRAFT
+ MORE

Age
8-16

For more info visit
www.wildadventures.uk

Bannister Community Mile

Join us for a one-mile road run open to the general public, as we celebrate Roger Bannister's historic achievement of breaking the mile world record in Oxford on May 6th, 1954.

Open to participants of all ages and abilities. Participants will be able to run down the High Street on an England Athletics certified course with electronic chip timing.

Finishers will collect their bespoke 70th Anniversary Medal on the iconic Iffley Road track before viewing the displays and pop-up museum.

With entries limited, participants are encouraged to sign up ASAP via this [link](#).