



Friday 1st March

On Monday, a team of seven year 1 and 2 boys battled the cold and wind to play amazing football representing Woodcote Primary in the Cluster Tournament. Mrs Bodeker has reported that there were notable performances from Mason and Barnaby scoring goals and Joey's valiant effort in goal managed to save all attempts from the opposition. A huge well done to Rozario and Harry who were there for the first time. The Olympic Value for Sportsmanship was awarded to Alex and Freddie. The team were placed 2nd in the A Tournament, winning 1, drawing 1 and losing 1! Well done boys.



Modelling good behaviour

Sadly, we must ask that some parents be a little more aware of the language they may be using on our playground and immediately outside of the school gates. We strive to model good behaviours in all aspects of school life and would appreciate everyone doing the same whilst around the children.

New Parent Governor

Following the recent parent governor elections, we are delighted to confirm that Nicola Baker has been nominated as the new parent governor.

Lunch Time Supervisor Vacancies

We currently have 2 positions available for working as a Lunchtime Supervisor. One consists of the usual Lunchtime Supervisory Role and the other is a 1:1 Support position across lunchtime. If you are interested, please get in touch via email, phone or pop to the School office.

Guitar Lessons - maybe your child would like to learn to play the guitar? Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Globefit Easter Holiday Club

Just to confirm that the Globefit holiday club is taking place in Woodcote Primary School from Monday 8th April – Thursday 11th April, please note new dates. Full booking details can be found on the attached flyer.

World Book Day in School – Thursday 7th March - Reminder

Your child is invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book on **Thursday 7th March**. If possible, please can your child also bring their book into school.

2024/2025 Term dates are attached. We will confirm the return to school date for September 2025 in due course.

Before School clubs

Please can we remind you that the clubs start promptly at 8:00am and all children should arrive for this time so that they can be included in the warm up session.

Art Club

This week in **Art Club** the children have been exploring blending with chalk pastels. I am very excited to share their creations. Next week we start our explorations in printmaking

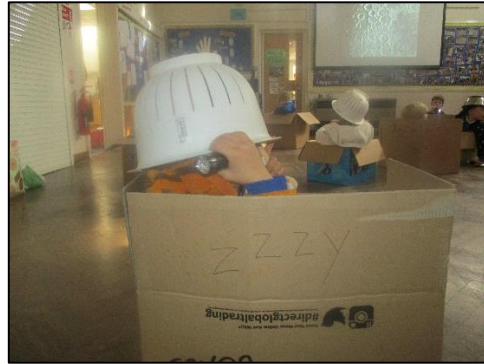


Class Updates

<p>Oak</p>	<p>We have had a wonderful imaginary week with our trip to the moon on Tuesday! Thank you all so much for providing all the equipment we asked for to allow your children to experience space travel and a space picnic- hopefully they have told you all about it! There are few pictures here and more on the school website. Handwriting this week: please practice the ‘l’ team letters of j and y, then the ‘r’ team letters of r and n. Requests for future weeks: World Book Day - Friday 8th March please can your children come dressed as a book character and bring a copy of the book they are from, with them. If you need some inspiration, in class our activities will be based around ‘The Gingerbread Man’ so any characters from this story would work well. Week beginning 11th March is STEM week and our learning will be linked to time. As part of this, all the children will create a sand timer. We will provide the sand but please could you send them in with two 500ml plastic drinks bottles- cleaned, dried and with the labels removed. Sharing Time 2.50pm on Tuesday 12th March 2024. Have a happy and safe weekend.</p>
<p>Hornbeam</p>	<p>This week year 1 have worked incredibly hard on their writing, creating a non-fiction report about the London Buses. In maths we have wrapped up our place value unit by learning to recognise numbers up to 50 on a number line. In art we have created</p>

	our own digital artwork, using how to create patterns and add colours, all in digital form.
Beech	Beech class loved making their world habitats this week out of different craft resources, in science. They thought really hard and researched which plants and animals to put in their habitat - we hope you like them! In English this week, we have started to learn 'In the Ning Nang Nong'. After looking at some of the grammatical features of this poem, we had a go at writing our own nonsense poem, including rhyme and onomatopoeia words. They are all very silly! In maths, we have been looking at the relationship between doubling, halving and multiplying and dividing by 2. In addition, we created a class shop and enjoyed buying different items using different amounts of money.
Ash	We have continued to read the story of the Iron Man this week, in our English lessons, thinking about what the characters might say and writing our own dialogue. In Science, we have started to learn about Forces, looking at Pull, Push, Friction and Gravity in everyday actions. And our French lesson this week linked with our Geography topic, discussing the human geography features of Paris.
Rowan	This week we have been learning about perimeter in maths, calculating missing sides of rectilinear shapes and using this to work out the perimeter of the whole shape. In English, we have been finishing our non-chronological reports about animals, which we will be compiling into our encyclopaedia of animals. We have also been busy with rehearsals for our play.
Maple	Well this week has seen a great many things going on in Year 5! As per usual, we've spent a lot of time in Maths and English, continuing our learning. Maths has seen us working on area (which is not to be confused with perimeter!). We've been looking at rectangles and then building up to composite rectilinear shapes! English has seen us continuing to explore newspapers and their features. Much of this week has been spent on '1st, 2 nd and 3 rd person,' looking at when we use each. We've become pretty good at spotting pronouns that may give us clues about the 'person' we are writing in. In Topic we are looking at an 8-point compass while in Science we performed an experiment, testing what makes a successful parachute. We tested size, shape and material of a parachute and the results should hopefully not surprise you! Finally, we've spent much of the week with a machine whirring and buzzing in the corner. Yes, the 3D printer has been hard at work printing out our own boat designs. We're going to be testing them next week, piling them with weights to see whose boat survives the longest and is therefore the most buoyant. Should be fun!
Willow	This week we have begun our new class book - 'Survivors', as recommended by a previous pupil. We have loved reading the first story (all the stories in the book are based on true stories of survival) and have used this to write our own version of the journey the main character has taken. It has linked beautifully with our topic of Restless Earth and we have been able to use our knowledge on Biomes to support our understanding of the story. We have discussed our projects and what our next steps need to be. Please check bags for the feedback sheets which need to be signed and returned. In Maths, we have continued to look at the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages and have used these to solve word problems. In Science, we looked at Voltage - how this is the 'push' of electric current and what that means.

The children in Oak class enjoyed their trip to the moon and back, what fun they all had!



Important dates

Saturday 2 nd March	Coffee Shop held in aid of The Injury Minimisation Program at Oxford University Children's Hospital. 10:00 – 12:30
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day in School – please dress up as a character from your favourite book and bring the book to school
Thursday 7 th March	FOWPS – Second hand book sale after school for World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan – PreSchool, R, 1 and 2 16:50 – 17:40 Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 18:00 – 19:00
Tuesday 12 th March	Sharing Time in Oak class @ 2:50pm
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose day – a limited number of red noses will be available to buy in school week commencing 8/3/2024
Saturday 16 th March	FOWPS Coffee Shop & Uniform sales @ The Old School House 10:00- 12:30
Monday 18 th March	Year 3 and 4 Play dress rehearsal
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 3 and 4 play @ 6:30pm – Save the date – more details to follow
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 3 and 4 play @ 6:30pm – Save the date – more details to follow
Thursday 21 st March	Year 6 presentation – all parents welcome – 2:30pm
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term – 1:00pm finish
Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 16 th April	National offer day for Primary School Admissions September 2024

FOWPS News

100 Club

Congratulations to Laura White, this month's 100 club winner of £30.

If you would like to be included in the next prize draw, please email fowps-pta@googlemail.com

School Disco

Don't forget to book your tickets online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events/>

If you can help on the night, please sign up here: volunteersignup.org/DFAXH

World Book Day Book Sale.

Please take any donations of children's books in good condition to the kitchen chalet **before Wednesday 6th March.**

Community Coffee Shop

Our next coffee shop is Saturday 16th of March. Please contact **Natalie on 07733 356 314** if you are able to donate a cake or lend a hand on the day.

Thank you from the FOWPS team.

OTHER NEWS

Reading Football Club

4th and final Schools and Grassroots fixture of 2023-24 Season!

We want your loudest and biggest support of the season for our 4th and final School and Grassroots fixtures of the season.

Please share the below with all your children, friends, family and staff and let me know if you require any further information.

To help with your promotion, we have also created a PDF poster for you to use which you can download [here](#).

You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 4th and final Schools and Grassroots Fixtures of 2023-24!

When?

Reading vs Cambridge United
Saturday 16th March, 3pm kick off

Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

We would be delighted if you could join us for our 4th and final schools and grassroots fixture of 2023-24. And as part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

12 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £3

18 to 24: £5

65 and over: £5

Adult: £10

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#WoodcotePrimary** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code.

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off.

6 great prizes to be won for your School!

Select your School [here](#) to cast your vote and be in with a chance to win one of 6 great prizes!

If you have any questions about this offer, please email sales@readingfc.co.uk or call 0118 968 1313.