



Friday 15th December

Year 2 Teacher

To date we have not found the right teacher for our year 2 position when Mrs Hammond leaves us at the end of this term. We hope to be interviewing again in early January. For the first half term, Mrs Peacock will be teaching Year 2 on a Thursday and Friday, working alongside Mrs Morris to keep the standards high and the classroom vibrant as we work through this transitional period.

Nativities

A huge thank you to all our KS1 children and our friends at Cabin for a wonderful performance of 'Angel Express'. The children all did so well and having parents in to join in the Christmas cheer made two wonderful afternoons in school. Thank you for joining us. We hope this has contributed well to your Christmas countdown.



Reception & KS1 Nativity Photograph

Just to let you know that a photo of the Nativity will be published in the Henley Standard on Friday 22nd December.

Christmas Carol Sing-along!

On Monday 18th December, KS2 children will be hosting a Carol Sing-along at 2.45. If you would like to join us, we would love to see you. Please bring your singing voice with you – it is a singalong and not a performance! Christmas hats and jumpers are all encouraged!

Hot chocolate and gingerbread sale

FOWPS will be selling gingerbread and hot chocolate after the Carol sing-along on Monday 18th December.

Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumpers

A reminder that this is taking place on Tuesday 19th December, if you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch please remember to order via ParentMail. If your child would like to bring in their Christmas jumper, they will be able to change into this for the Christmas lunch

Boys Football tournament

We took two teams of boys from year 5 and 6 to a football tournament at Langtree School on Thursday afternoon. Both teams played exceptionally well and displayed excellent sportsmanship, determination and support for one another. The Olympic value for perseverance went to Finlay, Callum received the Olympic value for resilience. To end a terrific afternoon of football we are pleased to announce that the A team won the tournament and came back to school with the cup. Well done to all the boys that took part.

SEND Coffee Morning

Thank you to all that attended the coffee morning, we hope that you found it useful.

Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the children

We raised £92.45 for Save the Children. Thank you for your support with this fund raiser.

Last day of term

Children are invited to wear home clothes on Wednesday 20th December being the last day of term. A reminder that school finishes at 1:00pm.

Class Updates

Oak	<p>A big well done to all the children for their fabulous performances in the nativity and thank you parents for all your support too.</p> <p>We have seen some amazing progress in all areas this term - another well done and thank you!</p> <p>Over the holidays there will be no new books for reading but please let us know if you would like some of the ones your child has previously read. Do keep practising phonics over the holidays, using the flashcard sounds and words that have been previously provided.</p> <p>We have compiled a Christmas pack with a Christmas traditions picture to be in on Monday 8th January 2024 for circle time; a Christmas alphabet and Christmas Reading for Pleasure challenge. These will come home next week.</p> <p>If you can join Oakies at 3pm on Monday to look at our learning displays and celebrate your child's writing, that would be wonderful.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>This week the children have all worked so hard on our nativity. We couldn't be any prouder of them, they all did so well. We have also written letters to Father Christmas, focusing on our features of a letter. We have also looked at how other countries celebrate Christmas. In Maths, we have looked at 3D shapes, using their correct names and then building our own. We were all very pleased to meet Mr Neal and look forward to him starting in January.</p>

Beech	Oh my goodness, what a busy week! The children have been incredibly busy putting on 3 fantastic performances this week which we hope you all enjoyed. We think you'll agree they were marvellous and should be very proud! On top of this they have been busy developing their understanding of measures, writing thank you letters in English, researching famous pilots, crafting Christmas decorations from clay, creating aeroplanes from wood with SAWS and finally enjoying a lovely PE lesson with Felix. Have a lovely weekend!
Ash	This week, we became archaeologists and unearthed the secrets of Tutankhamun's tomb - all within the classroom! After landing in Egypt in 1922 and feeling a mixture of nerves and excitement, we took it in turns to bravely explore the tomb that had appeared in our classroom. We worked hard on reporting back to our group on what we had found inside and produced some fabulous detailed sketches of the artefacts we found inside. We also discussed how Howard Carter himself may have been feeling when he discovered the tomb and wrote our own diary entries in character. In RE, we enjoyed making our very own Christingles to celebrate Christmas and explore the meaning of advent.
Rowan	This week, we have finished our lighthouses, with working electric lights, circuits and switches made by the children. The next step is to evaluate them, thinking about how to improve the quality of our work for another time. We are all looking forward to our holidays, a good break, rest and family time, so that we are ready for more learning in the New Year. Have a fabulous holiday everyone.
Maple	No slowing down for Christmas in Year 5 this week! English has seen us writing our own poetry in the style of Benjamin Zephaniah. We chose a topic that is important to us (the environment, racism, money, homelessness, and more) and then wrote a poem that aims to get across that message. We're looking to share them soon so keep an eye out. In Maths, we've been working hard at problem solving, this week looking at how tree diagrams can help us work out how a problem could be solved. We wrapped up our Topic on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings by sharing what we had learned then dove into Computing where we've been continuing to work on our 3D modelling skills. We were also really lucky to catch the nativity performance from Oak, Hornbeam, Beech and Cabin this week. It was a lot of fun and the singing was amazing! See you next week for our final week of 2023!
Willow	This week we have thoroughly loved running our Greek Museum. It was fabulous to see all of our hard work being enjoyed by the younger pupils in the school and the parents. The archaeological dig was particularly popular, along with dressing up in front of the green screen to look like an Ancient Greek warrior. We have also discussed balanced diets and drawn pie charts that represent what our diets look like based on our food diaries for Science. We have also used our acting skills, alongside our technological skills, to create our movies, stop-frame animations and animations. Finally, after all of that, we have also worked on the 'cam' part of our moving toys in DT and aim to finish these next week. We also squeezed some Christmas Carols in and hope to see you next week for a song or two and absolutely loved watching our buddies on the stage in their fabulous Nativity production.

The children in Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed putting together and displaying their Greek Museum.



What super lighthouses the children made in their DT lesson in Year 4



Important dates

Sunday 17 th December	Nominate a Charity £1,000 donation deadline. To enter: https://movementforgood.com/#nominateACharity please use charity number: 1038615
Monday 18 th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Sing-along @ 2:45pm
Monday 18 th December	FOWPS will be holding a Hot chocolate and gingerbread sale after the Carol sing-along
Monday 18 th December	Oak parents are invited to look at the children's learning displays and celebrate your child's writing – 3:00pm
Tuesday 19 th December	School Christmas Lunch – please order via ParentMail
Wednesday 20 th December	End of Term 1.00 pm finish – children are invited to wear home clothes
Friday 19 th January 2024	Young Voices (Yr5 & Yr6)
Monday 22 nd January 2024	Year 5 Bikeability
Saturday 27 th January 2024	FOWPS Coffee Shop @ The Old School House
Monday 5 th February – Friday 9 th February 2024	Children's Mental Health week

FOWPS News

Thank you if you donated items to our Bag2School collection. We raised £107 for 241kg of items!

We hope that you will join us for Hot Chocolate £2 and Gingerbread £1 after the KS2 Christmas Singalong on Monday 18 December.