



Friday 10th November

Remembrance

Today, years 1 - 6 walked to the War Memorial on the village green. Every year, following assemblies and work in class, we take a few minutes together for Remembrance. The children laid their home-made wreaths, some of which were covered with prayers, onto the memorial for our service. Reverend Benskin met us there and lead us in prayer and our period of silence. Year 6 recited "In Flanders Fields" by John MacCrae and then called the name of every soldier listed on the memorial. We are so proud of all the children for keeping their memories alive.



Odd Socks for anti-bullying week!

To celebrate differences and diversities, on Monday, to mark the start of anti-bullying week, we are encouraging odd socks to be worn to school. These can be any colour or size. Please just enjoy the variety!

KS1 Nativities

We hope you have all kept the dates in your diary! This year, we are returning to having a nativity for Oak and KS1 together and delightfully, we will be joined by Cabin for the first time. The dates advertised are the 13th and 14th of December. This year we are performing both nativities in the afternoons at 2.00. Ticket details will be with you soon.

Football

On Wednesday this week, in amongst the wet and cold weather, 2 teams of boys from years 3 and 4, went to Langtree to play in the Partnership Football Tournament. Both teams were spectacular in their positive outlook, teamwork and determination. They represented Woodcote with pride and we are very proud of them. Both teams came 4th and a medal for Determination was awarded to Cairo, Dylan R, Will N and Alfie T. Well done teams!



Winter series of XC

For the November race that took place on Saturday we congratulate the following children, Isaac T who came 9th in the year 3 boys' race, Barnaby C who came 2nd in the year 2 boys' race, Will N who came 1st in the year 4 boys' race, Alex B who came 18th, Ella S who came 16th, Ada who came 4th and Martha who came 1st, all in the year 4 girls race. Well done to you all.

These races are open to anyone who wants to run. Please look out for details of the next race which is on December 4th at Maiden Erleigh. This will be the last this year. The next race will then be on Saturday 20th January, the Winter Dash, at The Oratory Prep School.

Flu immunisations for children in all year groups

Please can we remind you to complete the online Parental/Guardian consent on ParentMail if you have not already done so by the end of today. The immunisations will be taking place in school on Monday 13th November.

Cool Milk our School Milk Supplier Christmas Card competition

Get ready for the festive season and display your creativity with the 2023 Cool Milk Christmas Card Competition! Simply craft a milk-themed Christmas design on a folded A4 sheet of paper and submit your entries by the 4th December. The school and the child with the winning design will each receive a £100 Amazon gift card. Further details as per the attached flyer.

Class Updates

<p>Oak</p>	<p>The children have been learning the Diwali story of Rama and Sita this week. They have been doing some brilliant acting out of the story, using their bodies, voices and actions to show who they were. You could ask your child to act out or retell the story for you. In phonics children have been pinching the end of a finger to say each sound and to help them spell consonant vowel consonant words like cat, dog, tap, tun, pot. They have also been developing their cutlery skills by making bread soldiers (linked to stories of remembrance, soldiers rescuing Sita and protecting King James). Please can all sharing books be returned every Friday so they can be changed. If you do have tracksuit bottoms for PE, instead of shorts that would be great because it is getting colder. Thank you to those who have brought puddle suits in, please bring in if you haven't already. It has been lovely to hear about the children's birthdays and all their wonderful celebrations. Only a few of the children could tell us their birthday date and season it is on, please continue to help your child learn their birthday. Thank you!</p>
<p>Hornbeam</p>	<p>The Hornbeams have been continuing their work on celebrations this week by learning about Remembrance Day and Diwali. They have written some stories about a Rabbit who lived in a field that poppies grew in the war. They have been talking about how they celebrate different events. In Maths they have been working out addition number sentences to 10 and have been marvellous mathematicians! In their first Design Technology (DT) lesson they made moving pictures by drawing</p>

	fireworks and adding a moving slider of a rocket. Take a look in the window to see their handiwork.
Beech	Beech class have been learning about Sikhism this week and they have been comparing these beliefs with Christianity. They have been discussing firework night and reflecting on the upcoming Hindu and Sikh festival of Diwali. The children have written beautiful firework and Diwali poems in English. They are very proud of their work, which is displayed in Beech class, if families would like to come and have a look. In topic the children have been using their recent work on measurement to test how good their paper plane making skills are. They had great fun combining maths and science skills in this lesson and nearly all of the planes flew well! We have also spent time reflecting on Remembrance as a class ahead of this Sunday and produced a class wreath
Ash	This week, we have enjoyed creating our own healthy sandwiches in DT. After tasting some different fillings and breads, we selected which fillings we would use in our own sandwiches and wrote down the steps we would need to follow. After working hard on creating our masterpieces, we then enjoyed eating our creations and discussing what flavours had worked well together in our sandwiches and what we would change if we were to make them again. In Science, we have been busy comparing and sorting animal skeletons into those that have endoskeletons, exoskeletons, a protected shell and those with a hydrostatic skeleton. Over the coming weeks, we will be making Christingles in RE. In preparation, please send your child in with an orange. If you think your child may be allergic to any food items we are going to be using, do let us know.
Rowan	<p>The only thing from us is to ask you to remind children to practise their times tables on Times Tables Rockstars as we notice that not everyone has been doing this. I will hand over to Ella to tell you all about our trip last Friday!</p> <p><u>Rowan's Reading Museum School Trip - By Ella</u></p> <p>On Friday 3rd November Rowan Class went on a school trip to Reading Museum to learn about Victorian school life. We left and went on the minibus at exactly 9:14.</p> <p>Then we walked to a dressing room and put our bags down. After that everyone walked to the Victorian school room. We put our coats down and got dressed in outfits.</p> <p>The boys wore waistcoats and the girls wore apron dresses. Then we sat at our desks that opened! Inside the desks were an ink pen wiper, an ink pen, blotting paper, slate board and a slate pen.</p> <p>We got to act out as actual Victorian school children! The Victorian school room was filled with objects from a long time ago. Then we got to write with an actual ink pen!</p> <p>I learnt that in Victorian school life there are pen monitors and book monitors. I got to be a book monitor and collect the books and hand them out. You used the blotting paper for something else. The blotting paper was to suck out the ink if you used too much. But Nancy used the blotting paper too early and got the DUNCE HAT! It was also very hard to use the ink pen.</p>
Maple	In Year 5 we've been hard at work on lots of new learning. In English we've been planning our non-chronological reports about our invented Lost Things. Next week we'll be making use of generalisers, paragraphs and subheadings to produce some detailed reports! In Maths we've jumped into multiplication and will be looking at some more formal methods over the next few weeks while in Topic we took a look at the Bayeux Tapestry and the events of 1066. We wrapped up our week by

	reflecting on what we are thankful for at this time of remembrance and continued our work perfecting our ukulele skills.
Willow	This week we have begun our work on script writing, listening to Theseus and the Minotaur. We will be acting this out next week and then writing our own scripts. In Maths, we have been looking at long multiplication, starting with 2-digit numbers by 2-digit number and working up to 4-digit numbers before we move to short multiplication. In Science, we looked at the circularity system with particular focus on exactly how the heart works. We will continue this next week and look at how we can keep our hearts healthy. Some of the pupils asked if they could start bringing work that they've completed for the Greek project into class, this is absolutely fine and will be stored at the back of the classroom in readiness for our museum on the 12 th (pm) December. Please put this date in your diary, timings to be confirmed. We were incredibly proud of how well the Year 6s recited In Flanders Fields at the war memorial today and the respect they showed to those named on it.

Last Friday Year 4 children had a very interesting trip to Reading Museum



Year 3 created healthy sandwiches in their DT lesson and more importantly enjoyed eating them.



Important dates

Friday 10 th November	FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan poster attached for more info.
Monday 13 th November	Wear odd Socks for anti-bullying week
Monday 13 th November	Flu immunisations - Reception – Year 6 – please remember to complete the consent sent via ParentMail
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need – wear yellow for a £1.00 donation and cake sale
Saturday 18 th November	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop & second hand uniform
Wednesday 29 th November	FOWPS & The Cherry Tree Inn Wreath Making workshop and dinner.
Friday 1 st December	FOWPS Christmas Fair http://www.volunteersignup.org/F4AR3
Sunday 3 rd December	FOWPS Christmas Grotto and Santa at the Woodcote Christmas Market (tickets coming soon)
Tuesday 12 th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 6 Greek Museum in the hall
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance – 14:00
Thursday 14 th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance – 14:00
Friday 15 th December	Y3 & Y6 After School Cake Sale
Friday 15 th December	Bag2School Fundraising Textiles Collection