



Friday 6th October 2023

Harvest

Thank you so much for all the wonderful harvest gifts sent in this week. Year 6 were able to fill 60 boxes and take them out for delivery around the village. Our harvest assembly took place in St Leonard's Church on Wednesday amongst the beautiful autumnal decorations put together for the Sunday Harvest Festival service. We are sorry that we could not fit you all in too. As usual, the children did a wonderful job of presenting their Harvest research, thoughts and prayers.



Parents Evenings

These will take place, for most classes, on Monday 16th October, 3.30 - 6.00 and Thursday 19th October, 3.30 – 7.00. For a variety of reasons there are a few variations in the timings, as follows:

Oak class will be 4.30 – 6.00 on Monday (no change to their Thursday) and year 6 will be on Monday (same times as above) and Wednesday 18th not Thursday 19th.

If these timings are impossible for you then please ask your teacher and they will see if a more suitable appointment can be arranged.

The booking system will be open from 6.00pm on Monday evening via ParentMail. All meetings will take place in the school hall.

Oxford Half Marathon

Bibs will be sent home with runners early next week. Instructions on when and where to meet will also be sent home via ParentMail. Parents are warmly invited to watch and cheer along the children as they run their route. Please note that only adults signed up for the event, wearing a race t-shirt and running bib will be allowed into the venue and race area.

Henley Literary Festival

A group of children from Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the Literary Festival listening to David Baddiel explaining how he became an author. They really enjoyed the talk and were also excited to have his new book dedicated to them and signed.



Braiswicks Photographic

Our School photographer is in school on Tuesday 10th October so please ensure that your children are wearing their full school uniform including jumper/cardigan. If you have a younger sibling, under school age, that you would like to be included in the photograph, please come to school @ 8:15 to enable this to be done.

Storytime

Please come to your children's class to join in with story time at 2.45 on Wednesday next week, 11th October. This event is for all year groups. Younger siblings are also welcome. Children will all leave at the normal finish time.

Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals/free school uniform if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Please contact the office if you think that you may be entitled.

Beanie Hats

The weather is starting to get colder so maybe you might like to purchase your child a Woodcote Primary School beanie from the ParentMail Uniform shop. Limited stock available.



Class Updates

Oak	<p>The Oakies absolutely loved taking part in the Harvest Festival at the church this week. They performed the Dingle Dangle Scarecrow song with enthusiasm and lots of great actions! We were so proud of how well they behaved on the walk to the church, at the service itself and on the way back to school, really great listening! The children have been learning lots of new sounds in phonics and will be receiving their first Monster Phonics book to take home and read next Tuesday 10th October. This will have a letter for parents explaining how to best support your child. In maths, children have been practicing sorting objects and learning to instantly recognise a small number of objects in a group (subitising), without the need to count each one.</p> <p>If you are able to join us in class for the whole school 'sharing a story' event next Wednesday afternoon that would be wonderful. If you're unable to attend, perhaps there is a relative or family friend who could come on behalf of you? Just let us know...many thanks!</p>
Hornbeam	<p>This week the Hornbeams have found out what the police do. They researched by reading facts then thought of some questions to ask a Police Officer. They were very lucky to then have a visit from PCSO Haynes. She came and shared a story called PC Ben and gifted the Hornbeams a story about him. They enjoyed finding out about the police drones, what PCSO Haynes keeps in her pockets and what to do if we get lost. After she left the Hornbeams wowed us by writing some brilliant thank you letters. Well Done Hornbeams!</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class worked hard this week to learn the poem 'The Fieldmouse' by heart and performed it beautifully in church to celebrate harvest. They have also been writing jungle setting descriptions in English this week. They listened to some jungle sounds to help them come up with some brilliant adjectives to use in their description. In art this week, we looked at some artwork by Carl Warner to inspire our charcoal drawings, making sure we worked carefully to use techniques like blending and cross hatching. Our caterpillars have now formed a chrysalis. They will soon be ready to be transferred into their butterfly house. We are observing them carefully every day.</p>
Ash	<p>This week, we have really enjoyed learning all about ancient Egyptian mummification! Using a tomato as our 'body' we cleansed our body using palm oil and water from the River Nile, practised taking out certain organs and then packing the body with natron salt. Ask your child to share each step in more detail. In Maths, we have been busy drawing our own place value grids and number lines to add ones to different 3 digit numbers. Practise counting on and back in 10s at home to support this skill. In Science, we have been comparing the nutritional value of two different meals and applying our learning from our food labels investigation. We have learnt so much about the nutrients in different foods! On Wednesday, we</p>

	enjoyed celebrating Harvest at Church with KS2 and sharing our potato harvesting information with everyone.
Rowan	<p>Continuing our English work on 'Fox', we discussed features of a journal before working together to write the beginning of a journal from the perspective of Dog. The children then continued these on their own. We were very impressed with the descriptive language used. In maths, we have been revisiting addition, adding four-digit numbers using the formal written method. Our 'top tips' were: writing one digit in each square, lining up the columns correctly and making sure we start by adding the smallest place value first.</p> <p>We went to church on Thursday to help celebrate harvest. Children researched about harvest through the years, and read out some key information about the history of harvest, and shared some photographs to support their work.</p> <p>In science, we carried out an investigation to find out whether having bigger ears helps hear sound better. There were mixed results so we could not draw any conclusions, but the children enjoyed designing and making their "bigger ears". Keep practising times tables Rockstars or use Hit the Button as a change.</p>
Maple	<p>It's been another busy week in Year 5, continuing our learning in a variety of areas. On Monday, half the class (randomly chosen) got the opportunity to head over to the Henley Literary Festival and listen to David Baddiel, the comedian and now children's author. They came back inspired so we will definitely get a little more Baddiel on the bookcase! In English we have been diving into our SPaG a little more, making sure we are using the correct homophone (where, were, wear or we're?) and ensuring we are using a variety of punctuation accurately. Maths has seen us comparing, rounding and problem solving while in Topic we explored the many gruesome ways Anglo-Saxons punished people for committing crimes (you did not want to be a witch in 793 AD!). Finally, we wrapped up our week with looking at the G-chord on our ukuleles and continuing working on our maze games in Computing. They now have a finish line and a way to win! Feel free to login to Scratch at home and check them out!</p>
Willow	<p>This week, not only did we enjoy sharing what we've learnt about Harvests around the world in church but we also loved delivering the Harvest boxes to those in need in the community. It was lovely to meet the new vicar and also the residents of Woodcote, who were clearly very thankful for the gifts. We look forward to inviting them for an afternoon tea next term so we can have a longer chat with them. In English, we began planning and then writing our autobiographies after reading Nelson Mandela's life story and looking at what makes a really good autobiography. In Maths, we reminded ourselves of the difference and similarities between Common Factors and Common Multiples and how we can use this to help solve other Maths problems. Next week we aim to complete our writing and add the fabulous photos you sent in before sharing these with our buddies.</p>

Year 1 and Year 3 enjoyed a visit from PCSO Sue Haynes



Important dates

Monday 9 th October	FOWPS AGM @ 3:30pm – all welcome including children
Tuesday 10 th October	Individual School photographs. Arrive @ 8:15 if you would like a younger sibling included in your photo.
Wednesday 11 th October	Storytime @ 2:45pm
Wednesday 11 th October	Woodcote Primary Open morning for reception children 2024 9:30 – 11:30
Monday 16 th October	Parents Evening – 3:30 – 6:00 other than Oak class which will be 4:30 – 6.00
Wednesday 18 th	Parents Evening – year 6 only 3:30 – 7:00
Thursday 19 th October	Parents Evening – all classes except Year 6 3:30 – 7:00
Thursday 19 th October	Y1 & Y4 After School Cake sale
Friday 20 th October	INSET Day – No children in school
Tuesday 31 st October	Closing date for Secondary school applications.
Wednesday 1 st November	Woodcote Primary Open morning for reception children 2024 9:30 – 11:30am
Friday 10 th November	FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance - tbc
Thursday 14 th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance - tbc
Friday 15 th December	Y3 & Y6 After School Cake Sale

FOWPS NEWS

AGM – Monday 9 October

Our AGM is at 3.30pm on Monday 9 October in Maple classroom. We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to attend. Come and meet your Committee and find out about our £7,000 curriculum resources fund and other projects. Do come along, there will be a movie and snack for children of attending parents.



Mon 9th October
15:30 Maple Class



- Meet your committee
- Find out about our £7,000 Curriculum Resources Fund and other projects

Get involved.
Stay informed.



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Registered Charity Number: 1038615

Co-op Local Community Fund – last chance to scan!

Please make sure you and all of your friends and family have selected FOWPS as their Coop Local Community Fund and scan your membership card every time you shop! We only have until 21st October before our funding round stops and the more we shop the more we will raise for the school.

Thank you to our talented bakers, wonderful volunteers and everyone who came along last weekend and bought cake, we raised an impressive £345. An additional £83 has also been raised in September by providing families with affordable second hand uniform.

Other News

The Oxford & Cambridge Singing School – flyer attached