



Friday 18th October 2024

Inset Day

A reminder that Friday 25th October is an INSET day so school will be closed to all children. We hope you all have a fabulous half term.

Oxford Schools' Challenge

30 children joined us for the mile run this year. What a team of superstars! Thank you to Mr and Mrs Tye, Mr Butterfield, Ms Sabova and Mrs Elsome for their help on Sunday. We all had a fabulous time and gained a huge medal to remember the challenge. Congratulations particularly to Will in year 4 who came in second place out of the hundreds of runners that took part.



Royal British Legion Poppy appeal

Poppies etc. will be sold in the playground at drop off and pick up from Tuesday next week. Your kind donations help the British Legion to provide invaluable support to the Armed Forces community.

Parents' Evenings

As advertised, these are on Monday 21st October 3.30 – 6.00 and Thursday 24th October 3.30 – 7.00, both in the school hall.

The booking system on ParentMail went live on Monday. If you have already had a Pupil Profile Meeting with your teacher (this will not apply to all parents) you do not necessarily need to book a Parents' Evening appointment but if you would like to, you are more than welcome.

School Photographs

A reminder that orders must be placed online by Friday 18th October or brought to the school office ready for collection on Monday 21st October.

Photograph permissions

A form was sent out via ParentMail, please can you complete as soon as possible.

Student Update forms

Please can we remind you to return the student update form even if there are no changes. Thank you.

Cake Sale

Years 1 and 4 will be holding a cake sale after school on Wednesday 23rd October. Baked or bought donations from all year groups are much needed and always appreciated. Please can we just remind everyone that we are a NUT free school as we do have children with nut allergies. All money raised from these sales goes towards purchasing resources for the classrooms or trips etc so your support is very much appreciated. Thank you.

It was **National Burn Awareness** Day on Wednesday 16th October so we have been asked to draw your attention to the following:

Be careful what you wear when you're out to scare

Some fancy dress costumes are highly flammable so they can ignite almost instantly and burn fast.

- Try to buy from a reputable store or website. Cheap costumes may not meet UK safety standards.
- Look for a costume with a UKCA or CE mark
- Look for a label that says: "This garment has undergone additional safety testing for flammability"
- Remind children to stay well away from naked flames and other heat sources

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National Burn Awareness Day
16TH OCTOBER 2024
#BeBurnsAware

A BURN INJURY IS FOR LIFE

30 CHILDREN A DAY ARE **BURNED** BY HOT DRINKS.

KEEP HOT DRINKS OUT OF REACH.

CAPT | www.cbtrust.org.uk | www.britishburnassociation.org

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Class Updates

Oak	Another fun and busy week in Oak class. The children have been thinking about being kind and helpful this week and we have been really impressed with how thoughtful they have all been. They have filled up their pom pom jar again! We have added the letters e, r and u to our growing repertoire and have been recognising quantities up to 5 without having to count them! We hope the children have been enjoying sharing their reading books with you at home. Please remember to bring them back in on Monday. Next Thursday is the last day of this half term so the children can come into school dressed as their favourite monster
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	<p>phonics character. This can simply be wearing something that is the same colour as one of the monsters! We hope you have a good weekend and we look forward to seeing you at the parents' evenings next week.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>This week in Hornbeam we have had a focus on retelling the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We created a story slider on Monday with different images from the story to assist our retelling. Latterly in the week we used a variety of drama techniques to re-enact the story in small groups.</p> <p>In maths we have moved onto addition and subtraction. We have been looking at parts and wholes and how we use this information to create number sentences. We also looked at the commutative law and how it doesn't matter which way round you write or add the numbers, the answer will remain the same. This week in Science we explored the sense of touch, how our skin is responsible for this sense and how we can describe how different objects feel.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class have been working hard to learn the poem 'The Fieldmouse' by heart to perform in sharing assembly on Friday. The children came up with actions to help them remember each verse and performed the poem confidently and clearly - well done, everyone! In maths, we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We are also getting really good at our number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. In science, after creating information posters about the life cycle of a chicken, everyone had the opportunity to stand up and share their learning with the class. We all remembered to include scientific vocabulary and then compared different animals and their life cycles. In PSHE, we have been reflecting on the school values of 'respect' and 'positivity' and discussing what it means to be a good friend.</p>
Ash	<p>In Ash class this week, we have started thinking about using our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to work on addition and subtraction calculations with 3 digit numbers; adding and subtracting 1s, 10s, and 100s. We have been planning an independent write to describe a scene from our Class book, The Rhythm of The Rain. And in Geography, we have started to create 3D models of a river's journey and look forward to sharing them with you.</p>
Rowan	<p>In Rowan this week, we have continued our learning about maps and our local area by creating our own maps, using what we saw on our walk last week to help us. We have been thinking about the symbols we need to use for our key and adding these to our maps. In maths, we have been learning about subtraction, practising the column method and learning about when it may be more efficient to use a mental method.</p>
Maple	<p>Yet another busy week is over and done in Year 5! English has seen us learning about persuasive writing in preparation to write speeches, putting ourselves forwards for Team Captains! We'll be sharing our speeches next week and voting to see who gets to be the first ever set of Team Captains at Woodcote Primary School. In Maths we've been learning about addition and subtraction, particularly thinking about how we can use inverse operations and rounding to check our answers. We've also been solving complex word problems and using RUCSAC to help us identify how to solve each problem. Science saw us looking at mechanisms, including levers, gears and pulleys, and we have begun to design our own bizarre Rube Goldberg Machines. In Topic we learned about Viking longships, including the names of different parts and why they were designed a certain way. Computing saw us beginning to design our own 'Chase Me' games in Scratch while in ukuleles we have been learning the song 'Someone to Lava,' a fun song made by Pixar! See if you can find it online and sing along.</p>
Willow	<p>This week began a little early for some of us, well done to all those who took part in the Schools Challenge in Oxford on Sunday -you represented yourselves and Woodcote brilliantly and we were incredibly proud of you all. Back in school we have thoroughly loved receiving and reading the thank you cards that have been arriving from those who we delivered Harvest boxes to last week. In Science, we have continued to look at the systems of the body - focusing on how the respiratory system and circulatory system are so closely linked. It was great fun listening to our own hearts and breathing. In English, we have completed our autobiographies</p>

and are now learning how to edit writing to make it even better. We look forward to sharing these, once completed, with our Oakies next week. A massive thank you for the photos.

The children in year 4 had an enjoyable walk around Woodcote as part of their Geography topic.



Important dates

Monday 21 st October	Parents evening – 3:30 – 6:00 in the School Hall
Wednesday 23 rd October	Open Morning for September 2025 intake 9:30 & 11:00am. Bookings need to be made via the office.
Wednesday 23 rd October	Year 1 and 4 After School Cake Sale
Wednesday 23 rd October	FOWPS AGM 3:30pm
Wednesday 23 rd October	FOWPS Christmas Planning meeting 4:15pm
Thursday 24 th October	Parents evening – 3:30 – 7:00 in the School Hall
Thursday 24 th October	FOWPS shed tidy (volunteers please) – time to be confirmed
Friday 25 th October	INSET Day – no children in school
Thursday 31 st October	Applications close for secondary school places
Monday 4 th November	Applications open for September 2025 reception intake
Saturday 9 November	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop and Second Hand Uniform Sale
Tuesday 12 th November	Open Morning for September 2025 intake 9:30 & 11:00am. Bookings need to be made via the office.
Friday 6 th December	FOWPS Christmas Fair
Wednesday 15 th January 2025	Closing date for reception 2025 intake

FOWPS

Thank you very much to all of our wonderful families that purchased a total of 18 sponsored disco tickets. This initiative is important to enable the whole school community to join the Discos and for no child to be left out. We hope that the children all have a fabulous evening! If you forget to pre-buy your tickets, it's not too late, you can pay on the door.

Asda Cashpot for Schools' initiative

Thank you we have got off to a great start and you have already helped to raise £69.28 If you haven't already joined all you have to do is - download the Asda Rewards app, opt in to Cashpot for Schools and choose Woodcote Primary School RG8 0QY. For each customer that registers Woodcote Primary School, FOWPS will receive £1. Plus, every time you shop online or instore using your Asda Rewards app before 30 November, FOWPS will receive further donations. Please encourage your friends and family to sign up too. Thank you!

FOWPS would like to hold a Christmas Raffle to support our fundraising for the term. We have raised up to £1,000 in previous raffles. However, we need some help to do it. Can you spare a couple of hours emailing or popping into potential local sponsors? Perhaps you're a dab hand with cellophane and ribbon and can you help present our prizes? If you can help at all, please contact Caroline Tye on 07879676421. Thank you for your support!

Our first Community Coffee Shop will be on Saturday 9 November. If you are happy to bake/buy a cake or have any new tombola gifts please pop in to see Mrs Heath in Oak Class.

Other News

Kickoff Football Camp – please see the attached flyer