



Friday 25th October 2024

Thank you to everyone that attended Parents' evening this week, this is always an invaluable meeting for both parties.

As we draw to the end of another busy half term we wish you and your families a restful half term break. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 4th November.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all the year 1 and 2 children. On Monday Hornbeam and Beech classes went to Langtree School to take part in the Woodcote Partnership KS1 Cross Country Challenge. They ran so well! Every one of them completed the course with courage and determination. We are proud of them all. A particular mention to Kodi who was second overall in the year 1 boys' race and to George who was third. The Olympic Value for determination and resilience was awarded to both Hollie and Jacob.

Maths Evening for parents

We would like to invite all parents to come to school on Wednesday 20th of November from 5.30-7.00 to see how maths is taught in school. The children will be show-casing the methods used, the order in which we teach the methods and how you can support these through everyday activities at home. Please save the date to come and join us for this fun and informative event.

Breakfast Club and Childcare Vouchers

We are now able to accept childcare vouchers for Breakfast Club. The booking system has moved to ParentMail and Chill Club has been added to list of Busy Bees Clubs. Please use this system to book. Breakfast Club bookings close 4 days before the date chosen. This is to enable us to order food and provide the ratio of adults to children. If you miss the 4 day deadline, please email the office to see if a space is available, before turning up. We hope this will make the booking system and the ability to make payments when booking, a much smoother process for parents. A letter was sent to all parents earlier this week with more detailed information.

Cake Sales

We raised a whopping £130.10 from the cake sales that were held this week. Thank you to everyone that supported this event by baking and purchasing cakes. This money goes directly to the classes.

School uniform

An abundance of lost property, which was not named, was put outside this week but was still not claimed. Please can we remind you to label all items that come into school with your own child's name. Having the name of a former pupil in the clothing does not help us to reunite it with a current pupil!

Royal British Legion Poppy appeal

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

Photograph permissions

If you haven't already done so, please can you complete the form in ParentMail 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.

After School Netball Club

The 6 week after school netball club came to an end this week. The coaches wanted to commend the children for their enthusiasm and hard work. They have all shown improvement in awareness of the rules and skills in passing, marking, footwork, defence, shooting and most of all teamwork. Thanks to our Netball club coaches Liz Gupta and Hannah Towers.

Everyone involved has found running the club an enjoyable experience, if you have time and a specific interest that could make a 6 week club please have a chat to Mrs Hunt.



Class Updates

Oak	The children have all completed their first half term of school and we are so incredibly proud of them. They have settled into school life brilliantly and are always so enthusiastic to have a go at everything. They have learnt to follow instructions, to listen well and to be kind and helpful to one another. Thank you so much for all your help and support with this. It was lovely to see you all at the parents' meetings to share their progress. Next half term we are going to be thinking about our community and the different jobs that people do. It would be amazing if anyone could come into school to tell the children about their job. Just let us know if you could spare twenty minutes to pop in. We hope you all have a lovely half term and a well- deserved rest. If you have some free time you might want to go on an autumn walk, or ask the children to show you their bread making skills or play a board game. Finally, a quick plea we are very short of spare underwear and socks so if you could pop a spare pair in your child's bag in case they need to change that would be great. Of if you have spares you could donate to our spare clothes box that would be helpful. Have a lovely break 😊
Hornbeam	Our final week of term and we have seen many tired children. This week we have had a real push on writing a sentence and remembering to include a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. The children have done very well and I am proud of the writing that they have produced. In maths we have focussed on number bonds. Using our concrete resources, the children have practiced adding two numbers together to make 10 as well as other numbers within 10. In our final science lesson, we learnt all about smell - we learnt that some smells (scents) are nice and other smells (stench's) are not nice! We have also been learning all about suffixes during phonics, how adding a suffix to the end of a route word can change what tense the word is written in. adding 'ed' changes a verb to the past tense, whereas adding 'ing' changes a verb to present tense. On a personal note, it has been wonderful to

	<p>meet so many parents this week after school and thank you all for the support you give the children! It really is most appreciated. Next term we will be looking at fireworks, so if you get the chance over the half term break - head on out to watch some so we can discuss them when we return!</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class have worked hard writing harvest themed acrostic poems. We then wrote these out beautifully and they are displayed on our "proud" walls. They have also been revising their understanding of punctuation and grammar. In PSHE we have continued to reflect on our school values of respect and positivity. We discussed how we could stop bullying in our school and then acted these out in groups. In science, we have been learning about which foods are healthy and unhealthy. We enjoyed debating why some foods are healthier than others and how we can make some meals even healthier. We finished off our unit about shape during maths and reflected on all our new learning. We have had a busy start to the year this half term!</p>
Ash	<p>We've had a busy last week of half term in Ash class, writing river poetry in our English lessons. We had to write about the Upper, Middle and Lower courses, giving clues but not saying which course we were writing about. We remembered lots of river features from our Geography topic this term and thought of interesting verbs and adjectives to describe the river in our poems. We also performed our final dances in our P.E lessons on Monday and used our maths knowledge about Addition and Subtraction, along with Place Value, to solve a pumpkin mystery in our Maths lesson. We hope you all have a lovely half term.</p>
Rowan	<p>This week, we have enjoyed learning new dances to Halloween music in PE. In maths, we have been assessing our learning from the past few weeks as well as developing our understanding of division. In English, we have enjoyed writing the story of 'Fox' in our own words, writing in the first person and using descriptive vocabulary. We have also been revising word classes and learning how to use pronouns in our writing to avoid repetition. All in all, a busy week! We hope you all have a lovely, restful half term break.</p>
Maple	<p>Well, that's one term over and finished! We've written stories and persuasive texts, completed complex maths equations, designed mazes and chasing games in Computing and started our amazing journey to becoming ukulele masters! This week saw us having our election for Team Captains. We each wrote a speech explaining why we'd be an effective Team Captain before sharing them with the class. After some extremely close voting we now have two representatives per team who will help support and guide their teams through activities later on this year. Maths saw us looking at Multiples and recognising that we can find Common Multiples by looking for shared numbers between two sets of times tables. In Science we started thinking about water resistance and buoyancy and will be designing our boats using 3D modelling software before printing them on the 3D Printer! We wrapped up our week by writing letters to our 15 year-old selves. You'll be surprised how many want to know if they have a boyfriend or a girlfriend yet! We hope you all have an amazing half-term break and we'll see you in November!</p>
Willow	<p>Have a fabulous Half Term everyone. It was great to see so many of you at parents evening, well done for getting your secondary school applications done! This week we have completed our autobiographies and shared them with our Oak buddies. Some of the stories we told them made them chuckle and other parts, like us telling them about when we were in Oak, made them realise we were young once! We have also enjoyed the responsibility of being tour guides for visitors to the school this week, showing them all of the fantastic classes and explaining all about our school. We look forward to completing our science investigation into fitness next term. Some pupils have asked if they can use their watches that measure heart rates, we have said yes to this but please make sure, if they connect to the internet, that they are put into school mode before being brought on site. Please check Teams for the Ancient Greek project work - this will climax in an open afternoon museum/theatre for parents to attend on 13th December (just a heads- up).</p>

Important dates

Friday 25 th October	INSET Day no children in school
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st October	Half Term
Thursday 31 st October	Applications close for secondary school places
Monday 4 th November	All children return to school
Monday 4 th November	Applications open for September 2025 reception intake
Wednesday 6 th November	Year 5 trip to the Earth Trust
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 15 th November	Children In Need Cake Sale
Monday 18 th November – Friday 22 nd November	Maths Week in School
Wednesday 20 th November	Maths evening for parents 5:30 – 7:00pm
Friday 29 th November	FOWPS Non uniform day (in exchange for a donation of sweets, chocolate or bottles).
Friday 6 th December	FOWPS Christmas Fair 4:30 – 7:00pm
Friday 13 th December	Year 6 Greek Museum – parents are invited to attend
Wednesday 15 th January 2025	Closing date for reception 2025 intake

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Asda Cashpot for Schools' initiative

Thank you we have got off to a great start and you have already helped to raise £70.79 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

Thank you to Natalie and Dan for kindly offering to donate a percentage of funds raised from their Christmas wreath making event to FOWPS. Please support this event if you are able.



Scarecrow Trail in Goring

