



Friday 15th November 2024

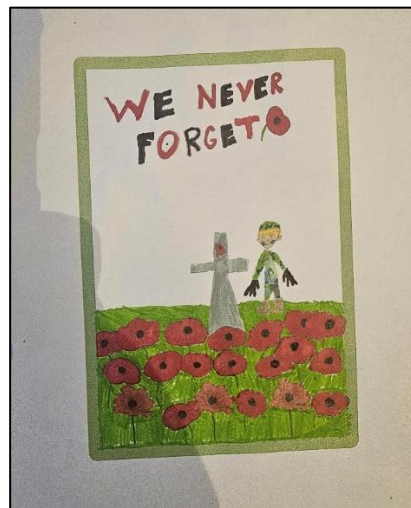
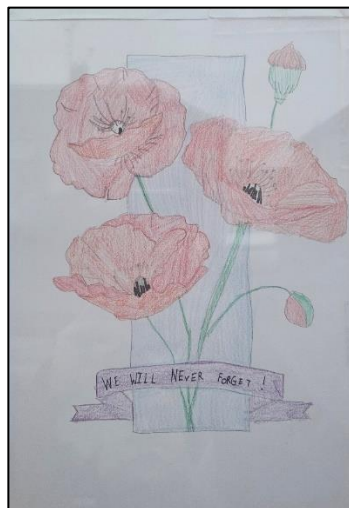
Remembrance

On Monday we spent some time at the war memorial remembering the sacrifices made by men and women in various wars. We were so proud of the children. Their poppy wreaths looked wonderful and they stood so still and silently. Thank you to Reverend Benskin for leading this special moment for us once again. The poppy wreaths are now on display back at school in the entrance hall for everyone to see.



Poppy artwork competition

Congratulations to Mya (yr 5) & Lucy (Yr 4) who each won a book token and goody bag for their entries into the Remembrance Picture competition run by Cyril H Lovegrove, Funeral Directors in Caversham. Well done and thank you to everyone who entered. Your pictures filled the window beautifully. The girls were also interviewed by The Henley Standard so do look out for their article in next week's paper.



Children in need update

It has been great to see everyone in yellow today. It really brightens up the school! Thank you to all the bakers, cake eaters, yellow wearers and everyone for your support for Children In Need. When we have our grand total, we will let you know how much we have raised.

Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter – Term 2

Please use the link below to read the latest update:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/Nkf0kes9GuimVeOD?ref=email&loc=play>

PC Dix visit

Thank you to PC Dix who came into school to speak with year 5 and 6 about their personal safety online. This was a very informative and accessible talk.

Anti-Bullying Week - Monday 11th – Friday 15th November

As part of Anti-Bullying week, the year 5 Team Leaders led an assembly on Respect. They showed, via a play they had written, how to speak respectfully to one another and how to make the world a slightly better place by being respectful to all.

Odd Socks – we loved seeing the variety of odd socks on site on Tuesday as part of promoting individuality and respecting that of others.

RAF Santa – presents donation, date tbc at the moment, just a heads up?

We are delighted to be supporting RAF Benson once again with delivering presents to children in the John Radcliffe Hospital over Christmas. If you could add a present for a child to your shopping list and donate it to school for this cause, we would be so pleased. We haven't yet been given the date in December for these to be collected but will let you know as soon as we have more information.

Globefit Winter Extravaganza

We are pleased to let you know that Globefit will again be running holiday clubs here at Woodcote Primary School during the second week of the Christmas Holidays. Please see the poster below for more details. Paid places are available to book now.

If your child is pupil premium, please see the communication sent in ParentMail for further details on booking.

Maths Evening for Parents

A reminder to keep the date free – Wednesday 27th of November. This event has moved from the previously billed 20th of November to the week after. Please pop it into your diaries.

From Last week

Reception class applications

Applications are now open to apply for a primary school place for September 2025.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications>

Class Updates

Oak	The children have had a great week. They have all settled back into school after the half term break really well and are showing brilliant listening and concentration skills. We are really proud of how much progress they are all making with their phonics. They are recognising their letter sounds really well, writing letters and blending the sounds together to read. In maths we have been busy counting to 5 and 10 and recognising that five and five make ten. The children have all loved learning about the story of Diwali, making candle holders, patterns with coloured sand and acting out the story. They also really enjoyed a visit from Henry's mum who told them all about her job as an OT. Just a reminder that next Friday 22 nd November we are having a stay and play session in the classroom from 8.35- 9 so that the children can show you their classroom and you can join in some activities with them. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Hornbeam	This week in English we have written some firework poems. In each poem we had a verse about the people watching, then a verse about what the fireworks looked like in the sky and finally a verse about the fireworks sounded like. The firework theme continued into our DT lessons where we learnt how to create a moving picture using

	a slider mechanism. In maths we learnt all about subtraction and how to use the 'minus' symbol in a number sentence. In history we linked our learning to Armistice Day and our trip to the war memorial, learning about why we pause to remember this momentous occasion.
Beech	Beech class enjoyed exploring poetry this week. We identified rhyme in different poems and then had a go at writing our own rhyming couplets to create a poem about an animal. Ask your child about this as some were quite funny! In maths, we have been solving problems involving number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. We have also continued our learning with money and practiced finding totals of coins and notes. Identifying coins can be quite tricky, but you can help your child become more familiar with this at home. In science, we predicted which drink contained the most amount of sugar. Most of us were shocked to find out the results! In our art lessons we have been learning about printing and the influence of Orla Kiely. It was anti-bullying week this week and Beech class enjoyed taking part in some drama activities and thinking of some advice for children anywhere who may be experiencing bullying. These are displayed on the window of Beech class.
Ash	This week in Ash class, we have been learning about the River Nile in our Geography lessons, following its journey through Africa and making comparisons with the River Thames. For anti-bullying week, we have thought about friendships and made a wreath of friendship hands. And as part of a DT/ Science project this term, we have been discussing food groups, healthy choices and collecting data on our class's favourite sandwich fillings. Wishing you all a good weekend.
Rowan	We have been working on our new science topic of sound, finding out about how sound travels and how we hear sound. In English, we are building our knowledge of how to write explanation texts by reading and identifying the features of some good examples. We are working hard on our DT project - more on this later in the term!
Maple	Our week kicked off with a trip down to the war memorial to help us think about Remembrance Day. Listening to the Year 6 children share 'In Flanders Field' and hearing the names inscribed on the memorial always make us remember and stay thankful. In English this week we've been continuing our work towards writing non-chronological reports about our invented Lost Things. We worked on generalisers and dug into the different features one would find in a report. Maths has seen us looking at the expanded column method for multiplication. We've seen how it links with the area method and are starting to become multiplication masters. Tuesday also saw many of our class lead an assembly on bullying and respect. Some incredible drama on display! On Wednesday we had a visit from Police Constable Michael Dix who talked to us about the dangers and consequences of cyber-bullying then we wrapped up the week learning about Norse Runes and continuing to slowly let Christmas creep into our lives, through our ukulele playing! Next week is 'Maths Week' in school so we'll be diving into a variety of different challenges and activities throughout the week. We look forward to telling you all about it!
Willow	After the success of learning our poem 'In Flanders Fields' off by heart we were very proud of ourselves for being able to recite it so well at the War Memorial on Monday. Calling out the names of those who gave everything was very moving and we were impressed with how respectful everyone was. This week we've moved on to looking at script writing so we can write our own scripts so we can film our movies/animations. In Maths, we looked at multiplying larger numbers again but using a more compact method. In Science, we have been discussing inheritance from a scientific perspective and looking at genes, chromosomes and cells. We also realised that there is only 3 weeks before we need to prepare our museum - thank you for all of the wonderful items that have come into school already.

Important dates

Monday 18 th November	FOWPS Committee Meeting at 3:30pm in Maple classroom, all are welcome
Monday 18 th November – Friday 22 nd November	Maths Week in School
Wednesday 27 th November	Maths evening for parents 5:30 – 7:00pm
Wednesday 27 th November	Bags2School collection (donations from Tuesday 26/11 please)
Friday 22 nd November	Oak class – Stay & play 8:35am – 9:00am
Friday 29 th November	Year 4 visit to Reading Museum – please see the ParentMail communication for more information.
Friday 29 th November	FOWPS Non uniform day (in exchange for a donation of sweets, chocolate or bottles).
Friday 6 th December	Nut free cake donations for the FOWPS Christmas Fair
Friday 6 th December	FOWPS Christmas Fair 4:30 – 7:00pm
Friday 13 th December	Year 6 Greek Museum – parents are invited to attend
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term
Monday 6 th January 2025	Return to School after the Christmas holidays
Wednesday 15 th January 2025	Closing date for reception 2025 intake

FOWPS update

Thank you very much to our talented bakers, we had a fantastic array of yummy cakes on sale at last weekend's Community Coffee Shop. Together with the second-hand uniform, we raised a massive £300!

Thank you very much to the Whitchurch Toll Bridge Company and everyone who donated, whilst we were their chosen charity over the summer. It has raised £255.

There will be a bags2School collection on Wednesday 27th November, so if you are having a pre-Christmas clear out, now is your chance to raise some money for School! For a reminder of what items they accept please [check here](#).

Please drop donations off on Tuesday or Wednesday morning (by 9am), thank you.

With only 15 days left to shop, we have raised £86.35 from Asda Rewards.

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!

Globefit Winter Kids Club Extravaganza



Winter

KIDS CLUB

EXTRAVAGANZA

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

8.30am-4pm

30th Dec

31st Dec NYE PARTY (finish

2pm)

2nd Jan

3rd Jan

Woodcote primary school

www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs

HAF SPACES

coordinate.cloud/haf-oxfordshire-county-council

- Lunch Included
- Childcare vouchers accepted
- 5-11 Years

Our Staff:

All staff have relevant experience and hold an enhanced DBS check, paediatric first aid, food hygiene safeguarding

HAF Spaces Available!


'Travel' with us around the world & celebrate new year this winter!

WWW.GLOBEFIT.CO.UK



OTHER NEWS



Brass Discovery Day – flyer attached



BRASS DISCOVERY DAY!!

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER, 3-4PM, GORING VILLAGE HALL
WITH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PANGROUENE COLLEGE COMMUNITY FUND

- FOR ALL YOUNG BEGINNER BRASS PLAYERS AND PARENTS!
- SEE PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS SHOW WHAT INSTRUMENTS CAN DO!
 - WATCH A REAL BAND IN ACTION!
- BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT AND BE PART OF A GROUP COACHING SESSION!
 - PLAY YOUR INSTRUMENT WITH THE BAND (OPTIONAL!)
 - FREE ENTRY!



**Goring and Streatley
Young Musicians Trust**

*Creating music-making opportunities
for young people in our community.*

Registered charity number: 1219126

**See our website for more
information and sign-up form.**
www.goringandstreatleyymt.co.uk

The Oratory Cross Country - No pre-registration is required, just come along on the day.



THE ORATORY

CROSS COUNTRY



SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER

We're delighted to be hosting a cross country race on Saturday 23 November for children in Years 1–6 from any prep or primary school.

Approximate Race Timings:

- Year 1 – 9.00am
- Year 2 – 9.15am
- Year 3 – 9.30am
- Year 4 – 9.45am
- Year 5 – 10.00am
- Year 6 – 10.15am

Please arrive **at least** 15 minutes before your race starts.



Please note that by competing in the race, you give consent for your child to be photographed and shared on social media and in any associated press coverage.

The Oratory Senior School
Woodcote
Oxfordshire
RG8 0PJ

- Car parking and start line will be signposted.
- Refreshments available throughout the morning.
- No need to pre-register, we look forward to welcoming you on the day!

FOR ANY QUERIES, PLEASE EMAIL S.TOMLINSON@ORATORY.CO.UK