



**Friday 22nd November 2024**

### **KS1 Nativity**

Rehearsals are well underway and we are eagerly awaiting the Nativity performance of "Shine Star Shine". We are delighted that Cabin will, once again, be joining Oak, Hornbeam and Beech classes on the stage. A form for ordering tickets will be sent via ParentMail next week. We hope you have already made a note of the dates - 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of December. Both performances will be at 2.00pm.

### **Maths Week and maths evening for parents**

Following on from our successful maths week in school we look forward to seeing you at the maths evening for parents on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of November from 5:30 – 7:00pm. This will be run by the children who will demonstrate all sorts of maths to you. We hope it will help to see how maths is taught, how we build on prior knowledge and how you can help at home. Please could all children be back in school for 5.30pm.



### **Children In Need**

Thank you to everyone that supported Children In Need, we raised an amazing £267.63. A cheque will be posted to them.

### **The Oratory Cross Country on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Event cancelled**

Message from the organisers

Unfortunately tomorrow's race has been **cancelled**. The weather forecast is for heavy rain and high winds all day and it would not be wise to go ahead. We would like everyone to enjoy the runs and come back for more and not be put off being outside in awful weather conditions. The next race is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ MECE.

### **Braiswick Photographs**

From each photograph order Braiswicks kindly donate a percentage to Cancer Research. Your purchases raised £61.50 for Cancer Research. Thank you.

### **Lost property**

We have a huge pile of lost property, please do pop to the office if you are missing any items. Also please remember to name all items of clothing, bottles etc that come into school so we can return them to the correct owner when items are found.

## 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>

### **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.

### **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.

## **Class Updates**

<b>Oak</b>	This week Oak class have been enjoying the chilly weather and have had lots of fun exploring the properties of ice and snow. They have also all enjoyed re-telling the story of Diwali and making an Indian sweet Barfi. The children are continuing to amaze us with all the progress they are making in phonics and how well their reading is coming on- thanks so much for all your support at home with this. We have been having lots of stories with a maths theme for maths week and the maths activities will carry on next week with some fun sessions with the rest of the school. The maths evening for the whole school is next Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November. Parents and children are welcome to come together or parents can come on their own. The idea is that the children will do fun maths activities in their own classrooms whilst their parents can wander around the school to see the kinds of maths which happens in each year group. On the 4 <sup>th</sup> of December we will be learning about First Aid. Please could the children bring in a teddy bear with an address label with the children's home address on and, if possible, a small first aid kit for their teddy eg with a plaster and bandage or similar. Next week we are starting rehearsing for our Christmas play in earnest. The performances will be on the 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> of December at 2pm. Ticket details will follow. Have a lovely weekend.
<b>Hornbeam</b>	We have had a great week in Hornbeam. We spent much of the week in English preparing for a special visit from PCSO Haynes on Thursday. We read the story of PC Ben and looked at all the different ways the police can help us. We also focussed on writing questions for PCSO Haynes and including question marks at the end. She was very impressed with our questions and we learnt so many new things about the police force. This week has also been maths week, we were fortunate on Monday to be able to go outside for our maths lessons. We have been learning about subtraction so we were able to collect a variety of objects and then take some away to calculate the total. In our foundation subjects we learnt how to use a lever and pivot in DT when creating a moving picture of a spinning Catherine wheel. In PE we built on last week's lesson throwing underarm and this week we have been learning how to catch - although this needs a bit more practice. Finally in science we have continued learning about the seasons and how the amount of daylight changes depending on the time of year.
<b>Beech</b>	Beech class have been reading 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne this week. We acted out the story with our partner and reflected on how Rose was feeling throughout the story. This helped us to write some fantastic character descriptions including a range of adjectives. During maths week this week, we have been solving some tricky problems using dice, dominos and number cards. We then had a go at making up a maths game with our partner. We have also been finding

	<p>correct coins to pay for items in our class shop and finding alternative ways to make the same amount. In science and as part of maths week, we thought of different exercises to stay fit and healthy and then tested which one affected our heart rate the most. In History we have been looking at dates and timelines of when different types of transport were used. We also looked at different sources to find out about the Wright brothers.</p>
<b>Ash</b>	<p>In Ash Class, we have been very busy with maths week activities: playing and making our own maths games for addition and subtraction, running our own shops, solving calculations using Egyptian hieroglyphic numbers and using the hieroglyphs to write our own maths problems. We even used maths in this week's art lesson by using shape tessellation to look at patterns. And in DT, we tasted a variety of breads and sandwich fillings to evaluate the taste, smell, texture and appearance of the ingredients. And on Thursday morning, we had a visit from PCSO Sue to share the story of PC Ben and to discuss differences between us and the acceptance of different opinions and appearances. The class listened really well and received a certificate for their hard work from PCSO Sue.</p>
<b>Rowan</b>	<p>You should have received an invitation today to our maths evening next Wednesday. The children are all excited to share their maths with you - we hope to see you there! In history, we have been researching what school was like for children in Woodcote in the past. The children really enjoyed interviewing Mrs Thorne, finding out about what Woodcote Primary School was like when she was a pupil. On our trip next week, we are going to be going back in time to the Victorian era, exploring what school would have been like for children when the old school (now Woodcote Library) was built. This week, please practise the 8 x table in particular, as well as continuing with TTRS practise. Homework was given out on Monday; if you have not received it please let us know. Have a lovely weekend.</p>
<b>Maple</b>	<p>This week I interviewed Emily about what we got up to in Maple Class. She said, "We did lots of symmetry in our maths work. We also learned how to use a compass to make some Islamic Art. Finally, we wrote about an amazing treehouse in our Independent Write. I felt it looked like Brambley Hedge. " We also got the opportunity to continue working on our Non-Chronological Reports about our own invented Lost Things. We drew them and mapped out what information we'd like to share, so next week we can dive in with our detailed and descriptive reports. We're looking forward to sharing them with you soon. In PE we continued to work on our Hockey skills and we've also started to look at how we can improve our Tennis skills! Finally, we wrapped up the week by continuing our march towards Christmas with our ukuleles! We're hoping to squeeze in a little performance for you all before term ends!</p>
<b>Willow</b>	<p>Were you as excited as us about the snow this week? Although it didn't really settle, it was great fun playing in it and watching it fall all day. We decided to use it as our starter for our Independent write this week, creating poems all about the snow. We also acted out our Myth of Theseus and the Minotaur so that we could get some ideas for our own myth writing next week. In Maths, we continued on using division to check our multiplication work - times tables are key to this and we have celebrated our Maths week by making a Maths trail for the younger classes in the school as well as creating symmetrical patterns for them to copy. Our classroom is also filling with fantastic items for our Greek museum. Your child should have brought home their revision books (one Maths and one Spelling &amp; Grammar) These books are needed in school every day but get taken home for revision/support at home with homework too. Some of the children have asked if they can put them into folders/wallets, we've said this is fine and they can also take a blank book from school if they want to make notes. Please remember to bring gloves, hats and scarves in the colder weather, preferably labelled or at least identifiable by your child.</p>

On Tuesday some hardy children from Willow class managed to make a snowman!



### Important dates

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths evening for parents 5:30 – 7:00pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Bags2School collection (donations from Tuesday 26/11 please)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 visit to Reading Museum – please see the ParentMail communication for more information.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	FOWPS Non uniform day (in exchange for a donation of sweets, chocolate or bottles).
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Nut free cake donations for the FOWPS Christmas Fair
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	FOWPS Christmas Fair 4:30 – 7:00pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Dress rehearsal
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity performance 2:00pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity performance 2:00pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Greek Museum – parents are invited to attend
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch – more details to follow
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 & 5 After school cake sale
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term 13:00 finish
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	First day of the Spring term
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Closing date for reception 2025 intake

## All things Christmas at FOWPS

After our committee meeting on Monday we are pleased to announce some of the things that we have coming up over the next few weeks:

First up, if you are planning a Pre-Christmas clearout, after a request from a parent, we have booked a **Bag2School fundraising collection for 9am on Wednesday 27 November**. Please leave all bagged donations in the school entrance from Tuesday 26 November onwards, but no later than 9am on Wednesday 27 November. If you need a reminder of what they collect, please click [here](#).

Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas Raffle, which can be purchased on PTA Events [here](#). Thank you to all of the local businesses and individuals for your generous prizes, they can be viewed [here](#) and include 2x £100 cash prizes, 4x VIP tickets to Reading Winter Wonderland, £50 Shellfish Cow voucher, £30 voucher for The Cherry Tree Inn and The Red Lion and lots of hampers to name a few!

Our second **Christmas Wreath workshop and dinner at The Red Lion** is due to take place on **Thursday 5 December**. Last year, this event raised £100 for FOWPS. Last few tickets remain and must be booked by Monday 25 November.

Our new look Christmas Fair is taking place on Friday 6 December. This year we are doing things a little differently. We will be having a disco room where children can dance the evening away, a movie room to chill out in and watch a festive film, a craft room to get crafty and make some Christmas cards and decorations, as well as all of the usual games and tombolas! Tickets are available to pre book from PTA Events.

We will of course be having a visit from Father Christmas. This must be pre booked via PTA Events as numbers are limited to 70 and includes a small gift.

We hope that it will be an enjoyable evening for all with a cafe space for adults and guaranteed snow!

**Friday 6th Dec 4:30-7pm**  
**Woodcote Primary School**

**FOWPS**  
Family Fun Fundraising

# Christmas Fair

**DISCO** Join us for an evening of **festive FUN and GAMES.**

**Festive Films**

Dance the night away in the **Disco Room**.  
Get creative in the **Craft room** and snuggle up for a **Festive Film**

**SNOW Machine**

**Visit Santa**, play in the **snow** and warm up with a **hot dog** and **mulled wine**.

**Child £5 Entry Adults £1**

Childrens £5 entry includes Disco, Film, FOWPS games and crafts.  
Additional activities may incur a small fee.

**Sign me up!**

**Tickets**

We need your help for one hour on the day. Sign up at [volunteersignup.org/F4AR3X](http://volunteersignup.org/F4AR3X)

Entry and Grotto Tickets here: [pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events](http://pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events)

All proceeds going to Friends of Woodcote Primary School

**Christmas Raffle**

**Tickets £1.50 each**

**2x £100 cash prizes!**

**Online Draw: 6/12/24, 18:30**

**Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors!**

**FOWPS**  
Family Fun Fundraising

**WINTER WONDERLAND READING**

**CHURCH FARM**  
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**THE RED LION WOODCOTE**

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**THE HENLEY CLINIC**

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**WALTERS TURKEYS**

**THE CHERRY TREE INN**  
STOKE ROW

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<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events>

**THE RED LION WOODCOTE**

**Christmas wreath making & dinner**

Thursday 5th December  
Dinner at 6pm,  
Wreath making at 6:30pm

**£70 pp including, dinner & mulled wine**

Booking is essential please email Nat:  
enquiries@redlionwoodcote.uk or call  
01491 680483

A percentage of profits will be donated to FOWPS

## Other News

All things autism – workshops for Parents/Carers

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

## Globefit Winter Kids Club Extravaganza



# Winter

KIDS CLUB  
EXTRAVAGANZA  
**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!**

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**8.30am-4pm**  
30th Dec  
31st Dec NYE PARTY (finish  
2pm)  
2nd Jan  
3rd Jan

**Woodcote primary school**

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- 5-11 Years

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