



Friday 6th December 2024

Milk

You may be aware of articles in the news recently relating to a large milk processor and some major retailers trialling the product called Bovaer, which is a supplement that is fed to cows with the intent of suppressing their methane emissions and reducing the environmental impact of cattle.

We'd like to confirm that Cool Milk and their suppliers, who supply the milk for the children at school, are **not** taking part in this trial.

PE Kits

We have noticed that a lot of children are taking PE kits home mid-week. Please can they be returned the next day, if they need to go home before the end of the week? We often want to add in more exercise for the children but find no PE kit or trainers in school. Please make sure that it is always available for your child during the school day.

Cyber Safety webinar for Parents

THE DIGITAL DILEMMA: Keeping Your Kids Safe Online

Thames Valley Police Cyber Protect are running a free webinar to help parents and carers understand some of the risks young people face online, and how they can best protect themselves and their family from falling victim to cyber criminal behaviours!

Covering social media, gaming and emails, this webinar will give you tips and tricks to help you protect them in today's online world.

The webinar is running three times over the next few weeks, and tickets are available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/police-south-east-cyber-77121396093>

Reserve your space today!

Maths Games from Santa

Following the success of the maths evening, a few parents have asked if we could help Santa to think of some good maths games he might be able to bring on Christmas Eve. Here's a few to get you started:

A magnetic Dart Board which can help with number recognition, counting, adding and subtracting, times tables...

Dominoes – adding subtracting, number recognition, number bonds....

For the older children – a maths dictionary!

For reception – Spotty Dog Game

For years 2-6 – Yahtzee

For KS1 – Shut the box

And of course, a pack of playing cards – there is a wealth of number games and matching games that can be played with an old-fashioned pack of cards.

Christmas Carol sing-along

On the 19th of December the school will be going down to St Leonard's to sing some traditional Carols. We are sorry but we won't be able to fit the whole school into the church with parents as well, so we must decline any requests to attend with us. However, at 2.55 that day, we would love to welcome you onto the playground to sing those carols with us enjoy the good cheer that singing together brings.

Sportshall Athletics

A team of 20 athletes from year 3 and 4 went to a partnership tournament this week. They took part in a number of races including relays, speed events, throwing and jumping. We are so proud of them all. They were placed 4th and the Olympic Value medals were awarded to Isla and Joey.



Girls football

Also this week, 2 teams of girls from year 5 and 6 took part in a football tournament. They weren't placed but they played extremely well. It was wet and windy but they showed both grit and determination throughout. Well done girls. The Olympic Value medals were awarded to Poppy, Emelia, Rosaline and Annabel.

Santa Flypast

The children waited patiently for Santa to do his flypast on his way to the John Radcliffe Hospital to deliver the gifts to the children who will be in hospital over Christmas. Thank you for your gift donations. It was certainly worth the wait!



Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18th December

A ParentMail was sent on Monday 2nd December with details on how to order the Christmas lunch. The children really enjoy this event so we do hope that as many children as possible will sign up. ABM will only provide Christmas lunch on this day.

KS1 Nativity performance

Thank you to those that requested seats for the Nativity performances. Seats have been allocated based on your first choice unless you have received a separate ParentMail from us. For fire and safety reasons please do not just turn up to this event unless you requested seats via ParentMail. We hope that you have a lovely time.

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 this week for further details on booking your free place.

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

Class Updates

Oak	Another busy week in Oak with practicing for our Christmas show in full swing. We are looking forward to showing it to you next week. The children absolutely loved their visit from paramedic Luke and spent the whole day giving first aid to their toys. Some of the children knew their home address and we are encouraging all the children to learn their address as it is a useful piece of information in an emergency. The children all loved seeing Santa fly past in the RAF helicopter on Tuesday! We have been busy making Christingles for our visit to the church today-thanks so much to all the parents who volunteered to come and help us! We have also been busy learning the digraphs sh, ch, th and ng and finding lots of different ways to make 5. Hope you all have a lovely weekend.
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Hornbeam	This week has been a busy week full of rehearsals ready for next week's nativity performances - there has been much excitement as all the children have had chance to try on (and practice in) their outfits. In addition to rehearsal's we have begun to look at the book 'Where Bjorn Belongs' in English, about a boy who finds Christmas over stimulating and difficult, especially when he loses his comfort teddy bear! In maths, we have started our new unit looking at shape, we have been learning the names of some 3D shapes and looking how everyday objects are also shapes, such as a satsuma is a sphere. Finally in Gymnastics, we have been focussing on travelling and balancing, using different equipment to try new skills.
Beech	Beech class have been getting ready for Christmas. Our classroom is decorated, and we had a practice go at writing a letter to Father Christmas. We read some other children's letters, and looked at the features of a letter. We will write our final versions and post them next week! In maths, we have been using real objects to add and subtract and then had a go at some tricky problems. We have also been looking at finding change in our class shop. In science, we have been learning about how to be hygienic in the kitchen, ready for next week when we design and make a healthy snack. We are continuing to learn about the history of flight and the impact that the Wright brothers' had on the development of transport.
Ash	This week in Ash Class, we have been making healthy sandwiches in our DT lessons and sampling the results. In English, we have been planning and writing an alternate ending to our class book, The Egyptian Cinderella. And in our History lesson, we had an exciting delivery from the Oxfordshire Museums. We spent our lesson looking at Ancient Egyptian artefacts - thinking about what the objects told us about life in Ancient Egypt, what they were used for, who might have used the objects and where they were found. We look forward to finding out more about them in our next lesson. Wishing you all a nice weekend.
Rowan	We had a fabulous time on our trip to Reading Museum last week. During the Victorian School session, the children were thoroughly engaged, taking their roles as Victorian children very seriously. They experienced dressing up in Victorian clothing, writing on slate and writing with ink pens. This week, we have had a focus on times tables, learning efficient ways to answer 12 times tables questions. We have also been spending time finishing our buzzer games (hopefully you will get to have a go at the fair tonight!) In English, we have been writing an explanation about how a water mill works. Have a lovely weekend everyone.
Maple	It's been another busy week in Year 5, finally diving into Christmas head first! English has seen us working on our non-chronological reports (final week, we promise!) before moving on to look at possessive apostrophes. Maths saw us mastering division, making particularly good use of chunking on number lines and with the bus-stop method (I guarantee your child can explain these confusing terms!). In PSHE we've been talking about the internet and how we can stay safe in an online world, while Art saw us starting to think about portraits and the shape of different parts of our face. We wrapped up the week with some more Christmassy ukulele practice and we're really looking forward to the Christmas Fair this evening. We'll see you all there!
Willow	Time is absolutely flying in Year 6 as we hurtle towards Christmas. This week we have enjoyed opening our Advent calendar and lighting our Advent candle. The classroom is decorated with some beautiful snowflakes and paper trees that we used our Maths skills to create. There is a homework challenge of creating a 3D star for our class tree - if you need any resources for this, please ask. We have begun planning our museum and look forward to showing it to you next Friday. We have completed our termly assessments and will use these to help us with our learning next term. We were all very pleased to see just how much we had learnt so far this year. Please check parentmail for information of our upcoming Puberty session in school.

The children from Rowan class took their roles very seriously in the Victorian classroom.



On Wednesday the children in Oak class were joined by a Luke who is a Paramedic. It certainly looks like Mr Thomas was being very well cared for by the trainee paramedics



Important dates

Tuesday 10 th December	Nativity Dress rehearsal
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity performance 2:00pm
Thursday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity performance 2:00pm

Friday 13 th December	Year 6 Greek Museum – parents are invited to attend @ 2:30pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas lunch – please see ParentMail for more information
Thursday 19 th December	Year 2 & 5 After school cake sale
Thursday 19 th December	Carols on the playground, all parents are invited. 14:50
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term 13:00 finish
Monday 6 th January 2025	First day of the Spring term
Wednesday 15 th January	Closing date for reception 2025 intake applications