



Friday 31st January 2025

Parents' Evening

A reminder that Parent's Evenings are two weeks away. We hope you already have the dates in your diary for Monday 10th February 3:30pm – 7pm and Thursday 13th February 3:30pm – 6pm in the School Hall. Bookings will go live next week on Tuesday evening at 6.30pm. If you have already had a Pupil Profile Meeting with your child's 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.

Thank you Reverend Benskin!

Beech class would like to say a huge thank you to Reverend Benskin who came in to visit us last week as part of our RE lessons. We loved learning more about the Christian faith and what it means to be part of the Christian community. He kindly brought in some interesting artefacts for us to learn about and taught us more about Christian baptisms.



Bikeability, Year 5

A reminder that bikeability training will take place during School for our Year 5 pupils in the week of 3rd March 2025. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn about being safe whilst out and about on their bikes and we encourage all children to sign up (bikes and helmet loan can be arranged if required). Please refer to the Parentmail communication sent out on Tuesday this week for further details. Please note the deadline to sign up of Friday 7th February.

Easter Holiday Club

We are just waiting for final confirmation that there will again be a holiday club running here on site for the second week of the Easter holidays (Monday 14th April to Thursday 17th April). We will confirm the details once known however we thought it would be useful for you to know in case you need to make childcare arrangements for over the holidays.

National Storytelling Week

We would like to thank all of you who came in and read a story/stories to the children this week. The children really do enjoy having family members and friends come into help during the School day. We had a lovely time at Bedtime Stories last night and hope the children all enjoyed the event.

Here are just a few photographs from our story-telling week:



Young Voices

It's not every day that you get to go to the O2 and sing with 8000 other people in a choir. We absolutely loved our visit to Greenwich last Friday. There was singing and dancing and more singing - so much so that many of us fell asleep on the coach on the way home. What a fantastic experience!





Class Updates

<p>Oak</p>	<p>Oak class have been busy learning about Chinese New Year this week. We have cooked and tasted noodles, investigated what happens to noodles when you add cold water and wait, and worked on our fine motor skills using chopsticks. We have enjoyed listening to stories about Chinese New Year and Chinese traditions and have made some lucky red money envelopes. In phonics we have been learning the 'ee' sound and learning to read some of our high frequency words (me, we, be, if, you, my, they and for) . In maths we have been getting really confident at using the terms more than and fewer than when comparing quantities of items. It has also been National Story Telling week, so we have been having lots of different stories read to us by different members of staff in school and it was great to see so many of the children enjoying the bedtime stories last night! It is Stay and Play with a maths theme next Tuesday (4th February) from 8.35 until 9am for anyone who can make it. Finally, a huge thankyou for the donations of cakes for the community coffee shop it was so appreciated. Have a lovely weekend.</p>
<p>Hornbeam</p>	<p>This week the children have greatly enjoyed their writing. As it is story telling week we decided to write our own stories. After reading a variety of books from the 'Oi Frog' series we decided to create our own versions of the stories. After adding adjectives and checking our plurals, we eventually published our stories on Thursday. Even better though was the opportunity to share our stories and we had a willing audience in Oak class. The children were great, reading their stories with expression and asking the Oakies about their favourite parts and 'if they spotted the rhyme?'</p> <p>In maths we have completed our place value topic of number within 20. On Wednesday we took our learning outside and all 'became numbers', with our numbers we split into 5 groups, arranged ourselves in different orders and then explained why we had done so. This led to some great discussions amongst the children about who belonged where and it was clear to see some reasoning and problem-solving skills.</p> <p>This weeks science has been centred around the RSPB's national birdwatch. On Monday we thought like scientists about birds and created some questions we wanted answering, such as: 'What is a birds favourite food?' and 'Where is the best place to feed the birds in our school?' so we created bird feeders and have hung them in different locations for a week when we will collect our answers.</p>
<p>Beech</p>	<p>Beech class have worked hard this week to research different world habitats using computers, in science. We are going to plan and make our world habitat shoes box next week! In maths, we have continued to multiply using repeated addition and making groups. We have started learning how to measure mass in grams and kilograms, which is something you can have fun practicing at home too! We had a great time on our walk to the woods. We spotted lots of birds, trees and invertebrates and recorded our findings with our partner. As it is story telling week this week, we read The Night Pirates, made pirate hats, learnt some pirate phrases and took part</p>

	<p>in some role-play activities. After this, we wrote book reviews for our class display and we all enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book characters on Friday.</p> <p>A massive thank you to Jacob's Granny, Freyja's Dad and Matty's Mum for coming in to read to the class this week to celebrate story telling week. The children absolutely loved the stories.</p>
Ash	<p>This week in Ash, we have been learning about mummification and writing instructions in our English lessons. We also buddied up with Year 6 for this week's big write, planning our writing together based on the idea of 'The Discovery'. In science, we have carried out an investigation into shadows and the best material for a black-out blind, using key vocabulary: opaque, translucent and transparent. And in History, we had a treasure hunt for Egyptian Gods and Goddesses, thinking about Ancient Egyptian beliefs.</p> <p>Next week, we hope to learn more about mummification in our history lesson. If you have any small shoeboxes or other small boxes that could be brought into class, these may come in useful, along with any small plastic containers (petit filous sized yoghurt pots are ideal). We will share what we plan to make with these, before half term, thank you.</p>
Rowan	<p>We have had a very busy week in Rowan this week! In English, we have been finishing off some independent writing inspired by a photograph. Lots of us did our writing on the computer, practising our word processing skills. In maths, we have been dividing 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, using place value charts and part whole models. It really showed us how important it is to learn our times tables off by heart. In science, we have been using classification keys to group and identify living things and created our own classification keys using closed sentences. Finally, we have been given our parts for our school play. We will be bringing home our lines either this week or next. Please help us to learn them off by heart! Have a lovely weekend all.</p>
Maple	<p>We began year five this week with some very odd weather, an amazing thunder/hail storm that stopped our maths lesson as we watched the playground turn white! Then we continued with our lines graphs, learning how to use them to present data and also how to interpret the data that is presented, moving on later in the week to interpreting data in tables.</p> <p>We learned about modal verbs in literacy, ask you children to explain what they are! Our topic this week looked at the flags of Oxfordshire and Berkshire and we began to design our own, in preparation for DT, where we will be sewing our own flags to represent Woodcote. This brings me on to a request from parents. If you have any left-over fabric from your own projects hanging around, we would love to make use of it. Our school stocks are running a little low and it's great for the children to have a choice. Any offcuts, no matter how small can be used.</p> <p>In PHSE we have looked at how we can be critical consumers, beginning our term looking at managing money.</p> <p>Finally, we would like to wish Mr Langley a speedy recovery and look forward to him returning next week.</p>
Willow	<p>This Story Telling week we have had great fun story-telling, sharing stories and working with classes across the school to write stories. It was also great to welcome back so many of you for Bedtime Stories on Thursday evening. In Maths, we have continued to look at percentages and how these relate to fractions and decimals. In Science, we were looking at how light travels and reflects. Some of the children asked if they could bring their own torches in, we have said yes but please make sure they are clearly labelled. In Geography, we began our Restless Earth topic - please keep your eyes on Teams next week for a letter explaining our next project based on Restless Earth. Please also make sure that your child checks Teams so they can check when they need tubs for cooking or have other homework. Although children are reminded the day before they cook in school, we've had a number of cooking sessions where children don't have the correct equipment. We are encouraging the children to take responsibility for this and their homework.</p>

Important dates

Monday 10 th February	Parents evening, 3:30-7pm
Thursday 13 th February	Parents evening, 3:30-6pm
Friday 14 th February	After School Cake Sale – nut free donations appreciated
Mon 17/02 – Fri 21/02	February half term holiday
Friday 28 th February	FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan
Monday 3 rd March	Years R & 6 NCMP (National Child Measuring Programme), details will be sent out in due course.
W/C 3 rd March	Year 5 Bikeability Training
Friday 7 th March	Dress up for World Book Day

FOWPS Update

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and also to those of you who came along to our Coffee Morning last weekend.

Community News

None to share this week