



Friday 14th February 2025

School Lunches after half term

The School lunch menus have been updated ahead of our return after half term, please find them attached with the Newsletter. They are also available to view on the School Website and in Parentmail when you order.

Busy Bees Before and After School Clubs after Half Term

We have various clubs running again after half term, w/c 24th Feb. Bookings will go live in Parentmail tomorrow morning (Sat 15/2) at 11am. Please note places are limited.

Before School Kick Off Sports:

Please arrive promptly for an 8am start

Day	Club	Year Groups
Tuesday	Gymnastics	Years 1 - 6
Thursday	Dodgeball	Years 1 - 6
Friday	Dance	Years 1 - 6

After School:

Day	Club	Year Groups
Monday	Football	Key Stage 2
Tuesday	Debate	Key Stage 2
Tuesday	Craft	Key Stage 1 & 2
Wednesday	Cookery	Y1 & Y2
Wednesday	LEGO	All
Thursday	Cookery	Key Stage 2
Friday	Movies & Activities	All

Breakfast Club from 7:15am and Chill Club from 8:00am continue to run daily as before.

Globefit Easter holiday Club

We are pleased to be able to confirm that bookings are now open for the Holiday Club which will be running here at Woodcote in the second week of the Easter Holidays (14th to 17th April). Please see the flyer below for further details.

Please note HAF free places have not yet been released.

Years 1 & 2 Boys Football Tournament

On Monday afternoon three Schools competed in a football tournament held next door at Langtree School. Woodcote played valiantly and were third. Olympic Values awards went to Rosario and Isaac in our B Team and Rupert & George in our A team.

Years 5 & 6 Athletics Tournament

A team of year 5 and 6 athletes went to Langtree on Wednesday to compete in an indoor athletics tournament. This involved sprints, relays, throws, jumps and some obstacle races. Everyone competed valiantly and the team came 3rd! Well done to them all.

From last week's Newsletter:

Emailing staff

On the subject of mental well-being; can we please remind parents to direct emails through the school office and not directly to a member of staff. If the email contains confidential matters then please mark it as such and it will be passed on in a suitable manner. It can be quite draining for staff to receive emails in their evening or weekend time when they are marking or planning for class. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Tummy bugs

We have had some children suffering with upset tummies over the last few weeks. Public Health Guidance states that children need to remain absent for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea, this is to reduce the risk of spread. It is marked on the register as an "absence following Public Health advice".

Medical Appointments

Where possible, please make non-urgent medical appointments outside school hours. If your child absolutely needs to attend an appointment during the school day, please make arrangements for them to attend school before and after the appointment if possible. Please let your child's Teacher know and also email the School Office with a copy of the appointment letter/text message. We are required to keep this evidence on file. Thank you for your support.

Class Updates

Oak	<p>Oak class have had another busy week. In phonics we have been learning the 'ai' sound and practising reading lots of our high frequency words which turn up a lot in the reading books. All the children have learnt the words brilliantly. In maths we have been comparing numbers up to ten. We have looked at groups of items thinking about which group has more and which group has less and what is one more and one less than each number. This is something the children might like to show you over half term. You could compare groups of toys, or food items etc. We have also been busy painting symmetrical hearts, thinking about all the people in our community who help us to stay safe and using our maths skills to measure and weigh to make some valentines biscuits. The children are all loving cooking activities so this might be something you would like to try at home over half term. We have also been learning about all the places in our community this term so it might be nice to talk to the children about this over half term when you are out and about, Perhaps go for a walk in the woods, or visit the library.</p> <p>Once again, we are so pleased with how well the children have got on this term, they have been so happy and enthusiastic about all their learning and have been kind and helpful to one another. We hope you all have a lovely half term break.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>We have had a great final week of term, although illness' have left us with a much smaller class than usual!</p> <p>Across our English lesson we have been retelling the story of 'Owl Babies' by Martin Wadell. Writing setting descriptions about the forest where they lived before sequencing a range of sentences to form our own retelling of the story.</p> <p>In maths we have carried on with subtraction, learning to count backwards on a number line, find the difference between two numbers and use a tens frame to demonstrate different calculations.</p> <p>In our foundation subject we have concluded our work on explorers, learning about Ernest Shackleton and his explorations to Antarctica. We combined science and art (to make scart, as it was named by one of the class). We used different coloured water and tissue paper to mix primary colours into secondary colour. Using our observation skills to spot what was happening as the liquid absorbed into the tissue. Finally, in computing we concluded our technology unit by looking at technology of the future - the children used the junk modelling equipment to</p>

	create prototypes of their own future technology. We had some great designs including, 'mini-me' robots, flying car and computer glasses.
Beech	Beech class made bird feeders this week and then wrote instructions on how to make them. We hope you have hung them up somewhere for the birds to enjoy. In maths this week, we have been dividing and multiplying using real objects. At the end of the week we learnt about volume and capacity and how to measure in millilitres. We also spent some time using the laptops to practice our number bonds and times tables. In science, we created our world habitat boxes using craft materials, and in DT we finished our airplanes ready to evaluate the designs. I think you'll agree they both look great! We finished off the week with some cross curricular cooking, learning more about measuring, instructions and today we had a video call with a school in Uganda to find out about what life is like for them. We were able to ask lots of questions to find out more for our Geography learning. We found out about their climate, traditional foods, local landmarks and even got to meet their school pet Steve the tortoise! The children were a bit upset to hear that they were three hours ahead and about to finish school for the holidays, but this was made up for when I explained that at 5.30am here, on the first Monday back, the Ugandan children would already be at their desks! What a great week!
Ash	A busy end to the term in Ash, writing biographies for our chosen children's authors in English this week: researching, writing and editing our non-fiction texts. In maths, we've have been learning about statistics; looking at tallies, pictograms and bar charts and carrying out our own surveys and data collection. And in PSHE, we have been learning about personal body space and the NSPCC Pants rule. We hope you all enjoy time together over half term.
Rowan	This week in Rowan Class, we enjoyed finishing our non-chronological reports about animals. The children have produced some fantastic work. We have also been learning about possessive apostrophes and where to put these, depending on whether the noun is singular or plural. Ask your child to have a look out for these in the books they are reading. In maths, we have been learning to find the perimeter of rectilinear shapes, regular polygons and irregular polygons. Please encourage your child to learn their lines for the play - we will begin practising after half term. Have a lovely break!
Maple	It's been another busy week in Maple class to bring us to the halfway point of Year 5! Following on from our planning last week, we've dived into writing our own mystery stories over the last few days. Plenty of stolen jewels, missing children and mysterious footprints to be found! Maths has seen us exploring angles and learning how to use protractors accurately to measure and draw a variety of different types of angle. Meanwhile in Topic we've been giving directions using 6-figure grid references and compass directions to get around Woodcote, while Science has seen us beginning to explore the different stages of human development. We've really enjoyed sharing all the baby photos you collected for homework last week and seeing all the ways that your children have grown and changed over the years! We wrapped up our week with some art where we've been using sketching pencils to explore tone and texture in sketchbooks. We hope you all have a great break next week and we'll see you for Term 4!
Willow	This week we have been advertising the island of Joya and completing our end of term piece of writing which would hopefully persuade you to take a holiday to Joya. In Maths we have been looking at percentages of amount and how this relates to real life problems. In Science we recapped reflection and refraction and then looked at how these effect shadows - we made some fabulous shadow animals. We also talked through our Restless Earth project and the topics people are choosing - remember, after half term, you should have all of your research and a plan of action to work from which we can discuss with you. In PE, we completed our badminton sessions and move to dance next term.

Beech Class on a video call meeting with children at a School in Uganda!



Important dates

Mon 17/02 – Fri 21/02	February half term holiday
Friday 28th February	FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan
Monday 3rd March	Years R & 6 NCMP (National Child Measuring Programme)
Week of 3rd March	Year 5 Bikeability Training
Friday 7th March	Dress up as a book character for World Book Day
Saturday 22nd March	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop and Second Hand Uniform Sale

FOWPS Update

Thank you to everyone for filling the volunteer rota for the next FOWPS Disco. It means we can now start selling tickets: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events/> please remember to buy your tickets online before the event!

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY

DISCO

Preschool, R, 1 & 2: 17:00-17:50*

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 18:00-19:00

*Preschool & Reception children to be accompanied by an adult.



Tickets: £3.50
with Snack & Drink
Bring a refillable
water bottle!



Pre-Pay online **ONLY.**



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Spring

KIDS CLUB

EXTRAVAGANZA

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!



14th April | 15th April | 16th April | 17th April



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- Free HAF places Free places not yet released by Oxfordshire County Council, more information to follow
- Lunch and snacks Included
- Childcare vouchers accepted
- Tax-Free Childcare Payments accepted
- Discounts for siblings and block bookings

Suitable for
ages 5-11

'Travel' with us around the world this Easter!



Hampshire	London	Surrey	Dorset	Poole	Oxfordshire
Bursledon Gosport Lee-On-The-Solent Ringwood Pennington Stubbington West End	Croydon Greenwich Sutton	Camberley Reigate	Bovington	Parkstone	Woodcote
				Southampton	Portsmouth
				Bedford Place	Buckland