



Friday 28th February 2025

Welcome back after half term, we hope you all had a lovely week.

Fire Procedures

Thank you for your understanding this week when we were taken by surprise at 3.15 and discovered that some little fingers had plugged the padlock of the green gate! There was some mention of how this would affect the children had there been a fire. We would like to reassure you that we do not assemble at that end of the school and do not use the green gate to evacuate the children. Whilst this could happen (although this is the first time for us) at any exit point, we have plenty of exits to choose from so would be able to access a different route and keep the children safe. Our fire drills are well practised and quite slick!

Should we plant more trees or build more homes?

This was the topic debated by Debate Club in assembly on Wednesday. There were 2 lively debates from 2 debate teams. The school listened well to the arguments put forward from both the proposition and the opposition in both cases. A vote was taken and interestingly the voters were divided across the 2 debates! Thank you to the debater's parents for joining us. We all had a fabulous time.

World Book Day

Next week is World Book Week. Across the week the children will be working in their house-teams to share a book that inspires writing and art work. They will then present this to the whole school on Friday in assembly! We are celebrating World Book Day on the **Friday** (7/3) and would like to invite the children to dress up as a book character. If possible, please bring the book in too so we can share with everyone.

Y5 bikeability

A reminder that Year 5 children have bikeability training next week. Please see the communication sent earlier this week in Parentmail for details of when your child/ren will be taking part.

Class Updates

Oak	Wow what a busy week back in Oak class. We have been busy learning the 'or' sound in phonics and looking at different ways to make the number 7. We have also been thinking about kindness this week and how our actions make other people feel. We all loved our visit to the stables this morning and learnt so many new things. Seeing the horse trotting, going in a horse box and climbing onto the tractor were some of our favourite parts. Going in the minibus was very exciting too! Thank you so much to everyone who made this possible. Just a reminder that on Tuesday the children need to bring in a large cardboard box that they can sit inside, a colander, a dressing gown, a torch and a teddy as we are going on an adventure linked to the 'Whatever Next' story. We hope you have a lovely weekend.
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Hornbeam	<p>We have had an excellent start to the new term in Hornbeam. The children have enjoyed listening to and exploring our new class text, 'The lion inside'. We started off exploring the meaning of the title and made predictions about the book. After reading the book we have done a lot of work talking and exploring the characters. As well as linking them to our own personal experiences. In maths, we have moved our learning into bigger numbers, now learning about place value up to 50. This means we are now recognising the tens and ones in a two-digit number and have been making them using base tens as a resource. However, most excitingly, in D & T we have started learning and exploring marble runs with the eventual aim of creating our own. This week we have learnt about the different parts and how they fit together and explored existing products. This led to a lot of fun, both in our lesson as well as in our independent learning.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class have been TV chefs this week! We acted out making chapattis. This helped us write a recipe for them, remembering to include adverbs and imperative verbs. In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing by two and then looked at the relationship between doubling and halving. We are also continuing to look at measuring volume with litres and millilitres. In science we drew bar graphs and answered questions about the birds we spotted during our woodland walk. We have started a new design and technology unit and discussed food hygiene and safety when cooking.</p>
Ash	<p>Alongside rehearsals for our Y3/4 play, we have started this term in Ash with a new book in English - Ted Hughes' The Iron Man. We have been writing descriptions for the Iron Man after sharing Chapter One together this week. We have also launched a new Geography topic, looking at Europe and European cities. And in Science, we have started to look at Forces; thinking about push and pull forces, friction and gravity. In PE, we continue to be outside on Mondays and Thursdays and, whilst we hope to see some slightly warmer weather soon, still need warm layers and coats. Hoping we all see some sunshine over the weekend.</p>
Rowan	<p>This week we have begun work on fractions, including mixed numbers. Children have used different methods to share their learning and chosen equipment to help prove answers. As part of our combined topic and English, we met with Mrs Crockett out on the play park and counted litter items. Mrs Crockett kindly brought over two full bags she had picked up over the weekend. We were looking particularly for single use plastics as our focus, and there were certainly plenty of sweet wrappers and coffee cups, not to mention drinks bottles in her collection. We then checked one of the bins in the play park. We produced a bar chart from this counting, and discussed the reasons why litter not put in bins is harmful to the environment. The children came up with this message...<u>Please help reduce littering by using the bins to protect our pets and wildlife.</u> We have started rehearsals for our play. It is great to see so many children knowing their lines off by heart. Please continue to practise over the next few weeks.</p>
Maple	<p>We've dived into our learning after what was hopefully a refreshing week away for us all! In English we've jumped into newspapers, thinking about their features and then looking at reported speech alongside writing in 1st, 2nd and 3rd person. In Maths we've been exploring perimeter and have become masters at working out missing sides of complex shapes. Monday saw us creating prototypes of the flags we will soon be sewing together, while on Tuesday we were exploring how you might go about making and following a budget. We wrapped up our week with Science where we've been learning about how rapidly babies grow and then continued our work on sketching in art. Next week is a busy week with World Book Week and Bikeability training. Your children have been told which days they need their bikes and you also now have that information too. We're looking forward to all the fun!</p>

Willow	Welcome back! It was wonderful to hear all about everyone's adventures during Half Term and to see everyone come back looking well rested. This week we began looking at 'The Jabberwocky' a poem by Lewis Carroll. We looked at how Carroll had created this nonsense narrative poem and also realised that we could make sense of it by looking at the grammar within it. We then used this knowledge to create our own nonsense poems. In Maths, we looked at area and how to use a formula to work this out. We will continue this and the difference between area and perimeter next week. In Science, we began to look at our topic of Electricity. PE moves back to Mondays and Tuesdays this term. A date for your diaries - our Open Afternoon for our Restless Earth projects will be Thursday 20 th March. Parents are welcome to join us from 2.30pm
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Important dates

Friday 28th February TODAY!	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
Thursday 20 th March	Year 6 Open afternoon, parents invited (Restless Earth Project)
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief Day, watch this space!
Saturday 22nd March	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop and Second Hand Uniform Sale

FOWPS Update

No update this week

Other/Community News:

Online Workshop

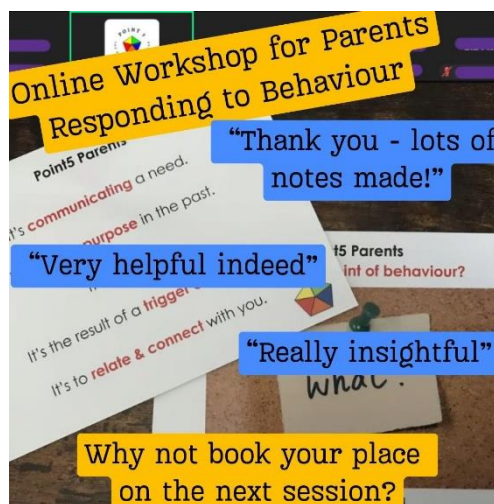
Following on from a very successful session before the half term break, we are pleased to be able to offer the next date for the Online Workshop for Parents on Responding to Behaviour.

Wednesday 2nd April 6.30-7.30pm.

Tickets for this workshop can be purchased via Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-for-parents-responding-to-behaviour-tickets-1248160093439?aff=oddtcreator>

Tickets only cost £6.12 (£4.99 plus Eventbrite fee).





HOSTED by CABIN PRE-SCHOOL

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH
WOODCOTE VILLAGE HALL

EYES DOWN 8PM Door open 7:15pm

Tickets
£10



We're back again hosting another fun night of numbers, nibbles and giggles.
Licenced bar and raffle.
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-qjogdpk>

All proceeds going to Cabin Pre-school CIO registered charity 1164579

Reading FC Football Tickets offer

The Final Schools and Grassroots fixture of 2024-25 Season!

You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 3rd and final Schools and Grassroots Fixture of 2024-25! Your support truly enhances the atmosphere, and the players genuinely appreciate it. So, let's do it all over again!

When?

Reading vs Stevenage

Saturday 15th March, 3pm kick off

Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#WoodcotePrimary** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets which will be discounted to the below prices:

13 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £4

18 to 24: £7

65 and over: £7

Adult: £10

How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code.

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off.

Attention Year 1 Girls !!



Attention All Yr 1 Girls

**We prioritise friends & fun
whilst being active &
learning a new sport.**

GIRLS FOOTBALL

**To learn more about how & when we
train, please contact Vicki McDonald
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**We are aiming to bring a team together to be ready to
start in the U7s girls league from Sept 2025**