



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

And all of a sudden it's March!!! We have been blessed with beautiful weather this week and have all enjoyed being outside to enjoy the sunshine!

### World Book Day

Wow! It is always great fun to see the children coming through the gate, dressed in an amazing variety of costumes. Thank you to everyone who took part! We have enjoyed discussing their books and many of us are going home with a new reading list! The children have been working with the Teams this week, reading an adventure story that has inspired both writing and art work. This afternoon's assembly was the perfect opportunity for the Team Captains to show the rest of the school what they have been doing.

Here are some pictures from our day. Look out for some more in The Henley Standard next week.





## Class Updates

<p><b>Oak</b></p>	<p>The children have really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day this week with lots of engaging activities, stories, writing and crafts. Every afternoon they have worked in their house teams, with children from their house throughout the school, and have had lots of fun doing activities linked with a book about an adventure. Ask them about what they have been doing! They have loved working with the older children and different adults too. Thanks so much for bringing in all the cardboard boxes and other items on Tuesday. The children loved their trip to the moon, acting out what happened in the 'Whatever Next' story. In phonics this week we have been revising all our letter sounds and we are really pleased with how well the children have done. In maths we are starting to think about doubles, see if the children can sing you their doubles song. We are planning a short morning visit on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March to the Wallingford Museum. A communication about this will be sent to you in Parentmail in the next few days. There will also be a morning stay and play on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 8.35- 9am. We hope you have a lovely weekend.</p>
<p><b>Hornbeam</b></p>	<p>This week has been a very special week in school and I believe the children in Hornbeam has all flourished in their own ways. Each morning we have been able to continue maths, comparing and ordering numbers up to 50 and recognising that each 2 digit number has the tens digit first followed by the ones. We have also continued with our foundation subjects. On Monday the children focussed their DT skills on constructing a stable base for their own marble runs, concentrating on creating a flange joint by cutting tabs into cardboard tubes and sticking them down. In Computing we have continued looking at digital art, creating Mondrian pieces of art using the 'shape and fill' tools in the paint programme. In afternoons this week, the children have been working in their team groups. Each group has been focussing on their own books and compiling work based on that book. We have heard endless reports back from other teachers about how well our children have engaged in these sessions and their behaviour has been exemplary. Well done all!</p>
<p><b>Beech</b></p>	<p>Beech class enjoyed reading and acting out the story of 'How The Crane Got Its Crown'. We used masks to retell the story in groups and shared our drama with the rest of the class. In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing by 2 and 10. We then competed in groups to answer some multiplication and division questions, and everyone has improved - well done! We have also been learning about temperature and how to read a thermometer. We loved book week! We spent the afternoon with our teams enjoying stories and getting creative.</p>
<p><b>Ash</b></p>	<p>Lots of busy afternoons this week with our World Book Day activities in our house teams. We have also continued with multiplication in our maths lessons, looking at multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. In French, we have been learning about parts of the body, using the song Heads, Shoulders, Knees and</p>

	Toes. Next week, we will start more rehearsals for our Year 3/4 play and have asked the Year 3 children to practise their lines over the weekend as part of this week's homework. Thank you.
<b>Rowan</b>	We enjoyed splitting up into our team point groups this week, working on different books and producing a whole range of story endings, alternative stories, pictures, art and 3d art. Meanwhile, we have started rehearsing the play together with yr 3. Please continue to support your child with learning and practicing their lines and songs.
<b>Maple</b>	I know I say every week that we've had an "extremely busy week in Year 5," but this one wins, hands down! Your children have been incredible this week between Bikeability, World Book Week and squeezing in our own regular learning in between! Those that took part in Bikeability got the chance to ease in with some activities out on the playground at the start of the week. After impressing the instructors they then spent the next day and half out and about on our Woodcote roads. I saw some of them riding around and the care and confidence they showed was fantastic (even in the face of giant tractors!). Meanwhile we spent World Book Week getting together in our house teams in the afternoons. As your children were on their bikes for some of these sessions, they've had to squeeze a lot into a small space, but they showed resilience in their tasks and have done a fine job. Finally we finished off the week in our book costumes and it is always incredible seeing the many and varied characters out and about on show. I hope you have a fantastic weekend filled with bike rides and reading (though not at the same time!).
<b>Willow</b>	This week we have celebrated World Book Day by working in our Teams during the afternoon - it has been fantastic and the children have loved working with their team members from across the school. In English, we looked at informal letter writing and will move onto formal letter writing next week. In Maths, we have been looking at Statistics and creating discrete data. On Shrove Tuesday we enjoyed eating a pancake and used our favourite toppings as discrete data. A reminder that presentation day is approaching very quickly (18th & 19 <sup>th</sup> March) and that we have an open afternoon on Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> March.

### **From last week's Newsletter:**

#### **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!

#### **Important dates**

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Beech Class Trip
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Oak Class Trip, details to follow
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Open afternoon, parents invited (Restless Earth Project)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief Day, watch this space!
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop and Second Hand Uniform Sale
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 & Year 4 Performance, 6pm, ticket information to follow

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term, 1pm finish
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Globefit Holiday Club being held at WPS, booking system open
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception 2025 Offers sent by OCC
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> day of Summer Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Early May Bank Holiday, School closed
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Years 2 & 4 Cake Sale
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 6 Residential
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	May Half Term, School closed
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 3, 5 & 6 Cake Sale
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term, 1pm finish
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET day
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Children return/start the Autumn Term

**FOWPS Update**

No update this week

**Other/Community News:**

None this week