



**Friday 14th March 2025**

### **Year 3 & Year 4 Performance**

The children are looking forward to you coming in to watch their performance of 'Hoodwinked' on Tues 25<sup>th</sup> and Weds 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. Please complete the form sent in parentmail earlier this week with your ticket preferences. Tickets will be sent home with the children later next week.

### **Tree planting!**

Today the pupils of Woodcote Primary School had the pleasure of helping plant an orchard in their community as part of the Community Tree and Woodland Opportunity (CTWO), organised by Oxfordshire County Council and supported locally by Kevin Davies one of our local Parish Councillors. Rian Harris, CTWO Coordinator, and his team welcomed the pupils and explained that they would be helping to plant a variety of fruit trees and that there were 22 sites across Oxfordshire that would benefit from this project. The pupils loved digging the holes, learning about the different varieties of tree, guessing the ages of the trees and asked lots of questions about looking after the orchard (they also enjoyed finding the worms in the soil).



### **Comic Relief 2025 - 21/3/25**

We will be selling 'red noses' next week as we get ready for Comic Relief on Friday 21st March. These will be available before and after school and will be a minimum donation of £2.50.

Colour Run Obstacle Course - please complete the parentmail payment item sent out yesterday if your child would like to take part in this. There will be mud, fun and lots of paint!

### **Cross Country**

Last weekend 4 cross country runners represented Woodcote at the Primary Schools County Championships for the Winter Series of races. These races are open to anyone from the school and no pre-entry is required.

We are so proud of all 4 runners who have attended the series and who competed last weekend. Congratulations to Ada who won a bronze medal coming third in her race! Amazing! Congratulations also to Martha and to Will N who both won their races and are now County Champions! Also congratulations to Martha, Ada and Ella who won the girls team

trophy becoming the County Champion (Girls) Team! What a spectacular set of results! Well done to all of them.

This marks the end of the winter series but please do encourage your child to go along next Autumn and take part – it is a lot of fun and there is always cake and coffee available!



### **KS2 Netball tournament**

We took four teams to play netball at Langtree on Thursday afternoon. The children were great ambassadors for the school, playing with determination, sportsmanship and perfect team work. The Olympic values went to Tabitha, Mya, Charlie, Rose, Luna, Ada, Summer and Alfie. We were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in both competitions. Well done to all the children that took part in this event.



### **Class Updates**

<b>Oak</b>	This week the children have all really impressed us with their reading and writing skills. They are able to spot digraphs (Like ch, sh, th, oo, ee and or in words) and then read them. They also worked independently to write a list of all the things that Baby Bear took with him on his adventure in the Whatever Next story. In maths we have been thinking about odd and even numbers. We counted groups of children and worked out whether all the children would have a partner in which case it was an even number or whether there was one person without a partner in which case it was odd. We had lots of fun working out whether the different fruits at snack time were odd or even amounts too. This might be something you could try at home. We have also been learning about the Hindu festival of Holi and have had fun drawing with coloured pastels and using coloured water outside. Next Thursday is our trip to the museum so we are
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	getting excited about that. We have started thinking about things which are old and things which are new. We hope you have a lovely weekend.
<b>Hornbeam</b>	We have had a great week in Hornbeam this week and we have been impressed with the children's application - especially in English. This week we have returned to our work based around the book 'The Lion Inside'. We have written a character description about the lion with a focus on nouns and adjectives. Some of our sentences included phrases such as 'sensitive whiskers', 'golden mane' and 'razor-sharp teeth'. All these phrases demonstrate the children's progress in learning. Maths has been a lot trickier, drawing number lines for numbers 0-50 and estimating where number should be on the number line. However, the children did enjoy taking the chinks outside on Tuesday and drawing number lines on the playground, many of which can still be seen around the minibuses (weather dependant). In DT we have continued our marble runs, this week combining stable bases by building a bridge between the two. In science we have started to investigate properties of materials, using key words such as smooth, fragile, bumpy and many more. When Mr Neal was away on Wednesday the children worked with Mrs Hood-Cree who described us as 'a great class' - testament to their excellent behaviour of which we are very proud.
<b>Beech</b>	Caterpillars have arrived in Beech class! The children have named them Ruby, Layla, Rosy, Lily, Cruncher and Colin. We made some careful observations of the caterpillars and recorded our findings in a diary. We have spent some time researching bee and butterfly friendly plants and designed a wildlife garden. Next week, we will start growing some flowers to put in the garden ready for when the butterflies arrive. In maths, we have continued to multiply and divide. We have now finished our unit on Measures and have started a unit on Time. In English, we have been using drama to help us write some speech about the story of 'How The Crane Got Its Crown'. In Geography we looked at map symbols to create a map of the local area. During computing, we enjoyed creating some art inspired by Mondrian.
<b>Ash</b>	Rehearsals for the Year 3/4 play are in full swing. Please can you continue to help your child learn their lines and their cues. You should have received information about tickets and costumes (only if we need anything additional for your child) but please let us know if you have any questions. Back in the classroom, we carried out an investigation into friction as part of our Forces Science topic; thinking about how toy cars moved over different surfaces. During our English lessons, we have continued to read The Iron Man, looking at the repeated language used in the book and writing dialogue for some of the characters. And in P.E, we have been honing our tennis skills (obviously not quite tennis weather yet) but we'll be ready for the summer. Our focus this week was ball skills and balance.
<b>Rowan</b>	Rehearsals have taken over in Rowan Class. You should have received an email about ticket requests; tickets will be sent out next week once all requests have been received. Please continue to support your child to learn their lines, and their cues, so they know when to say their line/s. In English, we have been learning to write persuasively. We are writing letters to supermarkets to try to persuade them to reduce their plastic use. In maths we have been continuing our learning on fractions, learning about fractions on a number line and equivalent fraction families. Homework this week is to rehearse your lines and practise times tables. Have a lovely weekend.
<b>Maple</b>	In English we have finished planning our newspaper articles about Young Voices and have now started writing them. Our plan is to create finalised typed versions with all the bells and whistles of a regular newspaper to share with you all soon. Maths has seen us jumping around a little. We polished off Area and Perimeter this week before moving on to look at Volume. We also took a break to remind ourselves about calculation and spent some time looking at BODMAS, the

	acronym that tells us the order we solve things in a calculation. Meanwhile, in Science, we continued to think about the stages of human development, this time focussing on what happens to us in old age. PSHE saw us looking at how money can affect our emotional wellbeing while in D&T we have now started sewing our flags representing Woodcote. We also got the chance this week to walk to The Oratory to learn a little more about our sense of smell. If you want to continue enjoying strawberry ice cream I would not ask your child what smell they use to make it taste better!
<b>Willow</b>	As we rush towards presentation week, we have been putting the final touches to powerpoints in school as part of our computing sessions. In Maths, we have looked at translations, rotations, tessellations and scale factors. All of these can be found in the CGP revision books so please make sure your child/ren have taken a look at these. In English, we have planned formal letters after having a debate about the Governor from our class book. Next week we will write these. Open afternoon is next week, on Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> March from 2.30pm - please come and look at all of the fabulous work your children have produced.

### Important dates

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Beech Class Trip to Rushall Farm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Oak Class Trip to Wallingford Museum, please see the ParentMail sent out earlier in the week.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Open afternoon, parents invited (Restless Earth Project) 2:30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief Day
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
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Oak stay and Play – Parents invited from drop off
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:**

### **Reminder - Online Workshop for Parents - Responding to Behaviour**

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).

