



Friday 21st March 2025

Today we said a sad farewell to Mrs Ward who has worked at the school for over 4 years but we all wish her every success in her next role. She has worked with every child at the school at one time or another and has always shown great enthusiasm in everything she does. Good luck Mrs Ward. Also Miss Young, our student teacher working in year 6, will be leaving us today and we all wish her every success in her career as a teacher.



Year 3/4 Performance

Tickets were sent home earlier this week with the children. On the day of the performances can all children arrive at school for 5:15pm, the performances will start at 6:00pm. The children are looking forward to performing to you all.

Comic Relief 2025

The children all looked great dressed in red and we had some fun laughing at the silly noses they wore into school this morning. What a wonderful time the children had taking part in the colour run today. This was a fabulous event. They all looked fantastic dressed in red. Once we know how much has been raised for Comic Relief we will let you know. Thank you for supporting this fund raiser.



Class Updates

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| Oak | <p>What an exciting week in Oak class. The trip to the museum was lots of fun and we enjoyed discovering all kinds of old things. We saw models of a castle, enjoyed looking at a picture with lots of animals hidden in it, and looking at an old school bell and school desk. Thanks so much to everyone who came to help. Wallingford museum is a great place to go and explore the past with lots of hands on activiites so it might be somewhere to visit in the holidays. On Friday we had lots of fun making each other laugh and experiencing the colour run. We have also been busy learning the 'er' sound in phonics and practising writing the letters g, e and f. Perhaps you could ask the children to show you how they can write the letters forming them correctly. In maths we have been looking at ways to count bigger numbers and becoming more confident with the numbers from 10 to 20. We have been thinking about how to cross the road safely and have been doing lots of talking about how to negotiate and take turns so that everyone feels included. We have all enjoyed being outside in the sunshine too. Just a reminder that we will have a stay and play session next Friday 28th March. We hope you have a lovely weekend.</p> |
| Hornbeam | <p>This week we have focussed on learning the alphabet, the letter names and not just the sounds that each letter makes. We learnt and practised an alphabet song, created an alphabet dance and then conducted an outdoor treasure hunt where we searched the playground for words that began with different letters of the alphabet. In maths we have moved onto a unit on measurement, using non-standard units of measurement and comparing the size of different objects. In geography we were learning about extreme weather phenomena, with a focus on hurricanes, floods and blizzards, the children then used junk modelling materials to build a house that could withstand each. We then visited Year 6 to listen to their presentations after they had done a similar topic called 'restless earth'. In DT we completed our marble runs, adding an additional tower as well as a funnel to the top. In PSHE we have been talking about who's responsibility it is to look after our community, including our school. The children have each chosen a daily job that they will complete to help look after and care for our classroom. Finally, in science we were able to test absorbency in different materials by filling pipettes with small amounts of water, and adding them to different materials to see if the liquid was absorbed into the material.</p> |
| Beech | <p>Beech class had the best day at Rushall farm on Tuesday. We enjoyed pond dipping, a busy bee activity, a fun food chain game followed by a bumpy tractor ride to feed the chickens and meet some of the animals. The children then spent Wednesday's English lesson writing thank you letters to some of the staff who made the day so special. In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing by 2, 5 and 10 and spent some time solving some tricky problems. We are now learning about Time at the end of the week and have been revising how to tell the time to the nearest 15 minutes. This is something you can support with practice of at home. In science, we have been observing our caterpillars who are getting very fat! We also planted some wildflower seeds ready for when the butterflies emerge. During our Geography lesson this week, we created our own maps of the local area with symbols and a key.</p> |
| Ash | <p>Year 3 have been really busy, along with Year 4, rehearsing our play this week and we are looking forward to sharing it with you next week. Tickets have been allocated and sent home, and costumes need to be in school for our dress rehearsal in front of the school on Monday.</p> <p>In Maths, we have finished our work on Multiplication and Division and have innovated a setting for our Iron Man book in a whole class write, changing the scene from Spring to Autumn. We look forward to seeing you at our performances.</p> |
| Rowan | <p>This week, we have spent quite a lot of time rehearsing for our play next week. We are very excited to share it with you. Please continue to practise your lines at home, making sure you know when to say them, and that you say them loudly and clearly. In maths, we have been learning to subtract with fractions, using bar</p> |

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| | <p>models to help us. If you get chance, ask us to explain this to you. In English, we have been writing our letters to supermarkets about their use of plastics; we are going to post these when we have finished writing them. As part of our homework, we have been set a times table challenge: Boys vs. Girls on TTRS. This will run until next Friday and the winners will earn some extra playtime. Please make sure you log on to help your team win! Finally, we have all enjoyed an exciting Red Nose Day! Have a lovely weekend everyone.</p> |
| Maple | <p>We've had another successful week in Maple Class. We've spent much of English this week polishing off our newspaper reports. We've created finalised versions with headlines, photos, captions and quotes which we're really quite proud of! In Maths we've been refreshing our knowledge of multiplication methods and have been practising using a variety of skills to solve increasingly complex problems. PE this week has seen us learning some pop lacrosse skills! We're getting better at catching the ball and have started to practice different ways we can throw it, trying to balance accuracy and power. In PSHE we've been discussing taxes and all the incredible services they provide, while in Science we've been trying to work out which phase of human development is the best (your children mostly agreed on 'Infancy' as you have to do the least and get all the attention!). We wrapped up our week continuing to work on our sewing skills in D&T. We've now chosen our fabric and begun sewing our pieces together, thinking about the different types of stitch and the textures we might have from the fabric. Finally we all enjoyed our colour run in aid of Comic Relief on Friday. Hopefully no cars or armchairs get too covered in powder paint! We're assured it will wash right out!</p> |
| Willow | <p>Wow what a week! We were so proud of each of our class as they presented their topics to the rest of the school. It was also fabulous to see so many of you at the Open Afternoon too, thank you for supporting. It's a fantastic finish to our Restless Earth topic. In English, we have written formal letters as part of our class book and in Maths we continued to look at scaling, area and perimeter. Please remember that PE kits need to be left in school all week and that children need a pair of trainers within this so we can do the daily run.</p> |

The children in Beech class had a lovely trip to Rushall Farm on Tuesday



Important dates

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| Saturday 22nd March | FOWPS Community Coffee Shop and Second Hand Uniform Sale |
| Tuesday 25 th & Wednesday 26 th March | Year 3 & Year 4 Performance – 6:00pm |

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| Friday 28 th March | Oak stay & Play – Parents invited from drop off |
| Friday 4 th April | End of term, 1pm finish |
| Monday 14 th April – Thursday 17 th April | Globefit Holiday Club being held at WPS, booking system open |
| Wednesday 16 th April | Reception 2025 Offers sent by Oxfordshire County Council |
| Tuesday 22 nd April | 1 st day of Summer Term |
| Monday 5 th May | Early May Bank Holiday, School closed |
| Friday 16 th May | Years 2 & 4 Cake Sale |
| Mon 19 th May – Fri 23 rd May | Year 6 Residential |
| Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May | May Half Term, School closed |
| Friday 11 th July | Years 3, 5 & 6 Cake Sale |
| Friday 18 th July | End of term, 1pm finish |
| Monday 21 st July | INSET day |
| Tuesday 22 nd July | INSET day |
| Wednesday 3 rd September | Children return/start the Autumn Term |

FOWPS Update

Please support tomorrow's coffee shop and second hand uniform sale at the Old School House tomorrow.

Other/Community News:

Aspire Education Academy are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools in your area (e.g. SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Fully Funded (FREE) NCFE | CACHE Courses available in levels 1 & 2 with fully funded progressions available for 3 level - starting on **22nd April 2025**.

The deadline to enrol is 7th April

Aspire Education Academy's courses run ONLY in term time and not during half term/ end of term periods, as we understand how difficult it is when the children are out of school.

This is a six-week intensive course, with online live webinars with Aspire Education's friendly tutors, starting at 9:30am and finishing at 2pm (with lunch break) from Monday to Friday. There will be additional home learning, which you will be able to do in your own time.

All you need is access to the internet and a computer, laptop or tablet. Spaces are limited and will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

IT'S FREE - If you are earning less than £23,500 per year **OR** claiming benefits (including Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits, carers allowance or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit) you will be eligible to apply for a **fully funded (free) place on our course**.

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