



Friday 4th April

What a wonderful term the children have all had, they have all worked really hard. We hope that the lovely weather continues and we wish everyone a lovely Easter break. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 22nd April

School Website

Our website is changing! The address is still exactly the same however, on the 14th of April when you open the site, it will look slightly different. On the home page, if you scroll down, you will find links to the latest news, term dates and class pages. Please bear with us as we fully transfer data from our old site to the new.

Cleaning job vacancy

We are looking for a reliable cleaner/s to join the Woodcote Primary School team. If you are interested or know of anyone, then please do contact the office by phone or email, office.2510@woodcote.oxon.sch.uk

Busy Bees Before and After School Clubs after Half term

We have various clubs running again after half term, w/c 22nd April. Bookings will go live in Parentmail tomorrow morning (Sat 5/4) at 11am. Please note places are limited.

Before School Kick Off Sports:

Please arrive promptly for an 8am start

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

After School:

Day	Club	Year Groups
Monday	Tennis	Key Stage 2
Tuesday	Football	Key Stage 2 girls & boys
Tuesday	Cricket	Key Stage 2
Wednesday	Cookery	Key Stage 2
Wednesday	LEGO	All
Thursday	Cookery	Key Stage 1
Friday	Lego Stop Motion	All

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

Class Updates

Oak	We can't believe it is the end of the second term in Oak class already. The term has flown by with the children once again being happy and enthusiastic to try new things and they have all made huge progress with their learning. This week we have been doing lots of Easter themed activities. We have learnt about the Easter story and tasted hot cross buns, made Easter cards, decorated hard boiled eggs, made chocolate Easter nests and been on an egg hunt! After the
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	<p>holiday the children are going to be thinking about how they have grown comparing themselves now with when they were a baby. So please can they bring in a picture of themselves as a baby. Over the holidays it would be great if you could focus on chatting to the children about the things they are doing, what they like, what they think etc. We are trying to help them to develop confidence to share their ideas and to be able to ask and answer simple questions. Hopefully there will be some sunshine for playing outside too. We hope you have a lovely Easter break.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>This week in Hornbeam we have continued learning about the alphabet and letter names. However, this week we have combined our learning and created our own Easter Themed acrostic poem. The children though hard about what Easter means to them and came up with great examples including rabbits running in the field, flowers blooming and of course, chocolate eggs.</p> <p>In maths we have continued our measurement topic, measuring items outdoors and then comparing the size using the correct mathematical language such as longer/shorter. In PSHE, we have been learning about the importance of money, where it comes from and what we can use it for - the children shared their previous experiences as well as their favourite things to spend money on at home. In our next lesson we learnt about how to keep money safe, putting it in a purse, hiding it in our bedroom and most importantly taking it to the bank. Finally in our wider curriculum we have been very crafty, creating Easter cards for our loved ones, as well creating a range of Easter pictures.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class have had an exciting week observing the caterpillars, and on Thursday the first butterfly emerged from the chrysalis. We planted some wildflowers in a planter in the front garden ready for the butterflies. In maths, we started learning about fractions and found half of amounts and shapes. We continued to learn about telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes, which was quite challenging. In English, we analysed and performed 'The Crocodile' by Lewis Carroll with our partner. We then wrote our own poem about a butterfly including rhyming couplets. The year 2 team wish you all a happy and restful Easter holiday!</p>
Ash	<p>Ash Class have had a busy end to term finishing our Art projects on seascapes. Earlier this term, we looked at the work of two artists (Alice Kettle and Hannah Rae), who incorporate painted textiles and embroidery in their work. We have created our own versions, by examining the colours used in seascapes, painting on canvas and adding textured stitching.</p> <p>And in French we have learnt some vocabulary for springtime and Easter, learning about French Easter traditions and the flying bells (les cloches volantes). We wish you all a good Easter break and Joyeuses Paques.</p>
Rowan	<p>In Rowan this week, we have continued to write our accounts of 'Hoodwinked', in role as the characters we played. The children have really enjoyed this! Here is an example... Can you guess who it belongs to? <i>By my own royal decree, I set forth this account of how I and a couple of messengers helped stop the Sheriff of Nottingham and helped save Robin of Locksley...</i></p> <p>In maths, we have done some Easter themed problem solving. We have also been shown how to use a deck of cards to practise our times tables - this is our homework over Easter. Please encourage us to practise! In Design and Technology, we have been practising our sewing skills by designing and making either a pencil case or a bookmark. We used running stitch, enhanced running stitch, cross stitch or whip stitch. Finally, in swimming, we learnt some life saving skills. What a busy week! We hope you all have a lovely Easter break.</p>
Maple	<p>Our final week of the Spring term has been filled with sewing, rock concerts, traditional tales and telling the time! In English we've been working on our other traditional tale for Year 5, The Ugly Duckling. We explored Hans Christian Anderson's tale and went hunting for a message better than, "don't worry, ugly things become beautiful and then they'll love you!" We decided the way we look on the outside doesn't matter nearly as much as what's on the inside, a</p>

	<p>sentiment I agree with wholeheartedly. Maths saw us refreshing our knowledge of time, working with a range of analogue and digital clocks. On Monday afternoon we got to watch many children in our class perform in the iRock concert, an event that had us all singing along by the end! We also spent much of our week polishing off our sewing projects to produce our flags for Woodcote. They're beginning to look fantastic and we can't wait to share them with you all! We wrapped up our week with some RE work, reminding ourselves about Easter and finished with some PSHE exploring stereotypes. Hope you all have a fantastic Easter break!</p>
Willow	<p>This week we have enjoyed the sunshine and managed to get outside every day, it has been fabulous. Thank you for making sure PE kits, especially trainers, remain in school all week. We measured the new trees on the Rec and aim to visit them each month to see how they've changed. In Maths, we have played Battleships and enjoyed plotting co-ordinates that should have created cartoon characters - some were more successful than others! In English, we looked at Grammar and Punctuation questions so we could focus our revision during and after Easter. A pack of homework is being sent home for Easter. We expect children to spend at least 10 minutes each day going through the questions in this. Some children have asked if they can spend more time on it and for their revision too, we have suggested that they need to do what feels right for them but remember to enjoy the sunshine too. Some children have asked if we'll look at their revision work if they bring it in, we've said yes to this as we can then offer advice on what to revise next.</p>

The children had a great time performing at the IRock concert earlier this week. Well done to all the children that took part.



Important dates

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

Wednesday 23 rd April	Residential Meeting – 5:30pm in Willow classroom
Monday 5 th May	Early May Bank Holiday, School closed
Friday 16 th May	Years 2 & 4 Cake Sale
Friday 16 th May	FOWPS disco with DJ Ethan
Mon 19 th May – Fri 23 rd May	Year 6 Residential
Friday 23 rd May	FOWPS Non-uniform day in exchange for Bottle tombola donations
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	May Half Term, School closed
Tuesday 24 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 26 th June	Back Up Sports Day
Saturday 28 th June	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop @ The Old School House
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6 play
Thursday 10 th July	Year 6 play
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

Other/Community News:



**TEAM MATRIX
NETBALL CLUB**
U11 & U12 TRIALS

We are looking for talented Year 5 & 6 netballers to join our U11 & U12 teams!

Trial Dates:
Thursday 24th April
Thursday 1st May
Thursday 8th May

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NETBALL CLUB**
U9 TRIALS

We are looking for talented Year 3 netballers to create our new U9 team!

Trial Dates:
Friday 9th & 16th May
Friday 6th & 13th June

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**TEAM MATRIX
NETBALL CLUB**
U10 TRIALS

We are looking for talented Year 4 netballers to join our U10 team!

Trial Dates:
Wednesday 23rd April
Wednesday 30th April
Wednesday 7th May

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