



Friday 25th April

Welcome back to school, we hope that you all had a lovely Easter break.

Easter Assembly

On Tuesday we had a lovely assembly with Reverend Benskin who came in to talk to us about Easter and why it is celebrated. The children listened well to the bible teachings and were very interested in the photographs of the Garden of Gethsemane and the tomb. It is always so fascinating to see places you hear talked about and realise they are actually real! Thank you Reverend Benskin.

Celebration of Culture

Next week we will be celebrating cultural diversity through stories. The children will have different stories read to them each day by different members of staff. They will work in teams for these and hopefully remember lots of interesting facts to tell you on their way home each evening.

VE Day

VE Day falls on the 8th of May. This year it will be the 80th anniversary of the end of the 2nd World War. To celebrate this event we would like the children to wear something red, white or blue (preferably not football kit) for the day. Over the next week the children will learn some war-time songs to sing together on the day.

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Please click on the link for more information.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/jQu57EsFWmL3SyAl?ref=email&loc=play>

Request from Oak class

We are very short of small world and imaginative play items, eg play-mobil sets, small dolls house toys, medical kits and so on. If anyone has any items that they have finished using and would like to donate we would be very grateful.

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 do still have spaces on some of the clubs if you still wish to sign your child up.

Class Updates

Oak	We hope everyone had a lovely Easter break. The children have all come back seeming rested, happy and ready to learn. We have been so impressed this week by their listening skills and their ability to share their thoughts and experiences clearly. They were able to share with us their ideas of what they want to be when they grow up and they had great ideas about ways they could help a friend who is finding something difficult. This half term we are focussing
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	<p>on helping the children to feel that they are becoming independent writers so that they can use their phonics skills to write simple words and sentences. The children really enjoyed writing lists of items that we needed to buy from the garden centre and then on Thursday we walked to the garden centre to look at all the different kinds of things they sold and to find the things on our list. The garden centre owners very kindly donated us lots of seeds for us to plant and watch what happens and the children reminded us that more sand for the sandpit was also on their lists! We hope you all have a good weekend.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>Although this has only been a shorter week at school, it does not mean there has been any less learning in Hornbeam class. On Tuesday, we dived straight into our new book, 'Where the Wild Things Are' - we spent the first two lessons exploring the text and the key character, Max, and how his emotions change throughout the text. At the latter end of the week, we shifted our attention to the 'Wild Things' - describing their appearance, focussing on writing sentences that used adjectives, as well as using the word 'and'. In Maths we have begun looking at mass, using scales to weigh a variety of different objects within our classroom. We have been using non-standard units of measurement (cubes) to record and measure different objects. Across the afternoons this week we have started our new topic, History of Toys, we started by thinking about our favourite toys today, what they are made of and how they work amongst other things.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech Class enjoyed listening to the story 'Tell Me Your Dragon'. The beautiful illustrations and description inspired the children to use some interesting adjectives during English and write expanded noun phrases. In Maths, we have been finding half and quarter of shapes and numbers. We have also been learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes, which is challenging. In Science, we started a new topic about plants. Our History topic this term is Castles and Monarchs, which has got us all excited!</p> <p>We have given out our new curriculum and homework menu. Please chat with Mrs Morris or Miss Hawker if you have any questions about the learning this term.</p>
Ash	<p>We hope you all had a lovely break over the Easter weekend. In Ash, we have started the term with our new history topic, The Stone Age to Iron Age, by walking out a timeline in the playground. Starting outside year 3, we moved back to year 0 in just over two steps to arrive in Iron Age Britain. Then took a further 80 steps to the middle of the school field, travelling through the Bronze Age, to arrive at the start of the Stone Age in Britain (80,000 BCE). We also made a cave painting of hands on our topic display wall, and looked at our new class book for English called UG, which sparked a debate on the best material to use for trousers in our Science lesson.</p>
Rowan	<p>We have had a very busy first week back in Rowan class. We enjoyed baking cheese scones and writing recipes and are planning to do cooking every other week this term. We have also started our Romans topic, evaluating two stories of the origin of Rome, including the legend of Romulus and Remus, which we have been retelling orally. In Maths, we have started learning about decimals, using a place value charts and number lines to represent decimal numbers. Have a lovely weekend.</p>
Maple	<p>It's been a great first week back here in Maple Class. We started the week by kicking off our new English topic, Time Slip Stories. We used AI generated images to try and reconstruct the story before reading the actual tale together. We're going to be looking at a variety of different time periods to slip back to over the next few weeks! In maths we've begun looking at decimals, particularly how they link with fractions and we'll be continuing to look at them alongside percentages in the coming weeks. We also got the chance to dive into our new History topic, World War II. Your children all seem very excited to dive into this busy time of history and we've already started getting some of your family stories from great-grandparents that experienced the war in a variety of ways. Hopefully you've also now had a chance to hop onto our new website (same address as</p>

	the old one) and checked out some of the photos from the Maple page. We've got pictures from a variety of events including Young Voices and Bikeability so do hop on and take a look!
Willow	<p>Welcome back!</p> <p>It was lovely to hear about everyone's Easter adventures and how much chocolate they'd eaten! Well done to those who completed the homework and came back to school with their list of things they found tricky within it, we'll now work on these so the children feel more confident going forward. As we prepare for SATs, keep an eye out in your child's bag for a timetable of the test dates and times. Thank you to those who attended the residential meeting. If you were unable to attend then your child will be coming home with a paper copy of all the information needed, please read this and then ask any questions necessary. We were asked during the meeting if you can use Tax Free Childcare Vouchers for school residential trips as this would save people money. Unfortunately, you cannot use these as payment for a school residential as these 'occur outside of the school premises'. Please remember to complete the medication form by Friday 16th May and return it to school.</p>

This week the children in Rowan class enjoyed making cheese scones.



Important dates

Monday 5 th May	Early May Bank Holiday, School closed
Thursday 8 th May	VE Day 80 th anniversary – children are invited to wear something red, white or blue. (preferably not football kit)
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
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' assembly 9:30am
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

Our next FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan is fast approaching on Friday 16 May. If you can spare even just 1 hour to help make this event happen, please volunteer here: [School Disco 16 MAY](#)

FRIDAY 16th MAY

DISCO

Preschool, R, 1 & 2: 17:00-17:50*

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 18:00-19:00

*Preschool & Reception children to be accompanied by an adult.



Tickets: £4
with Snack & Drink
Bring a refillable
water bottle!



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