



Friday 2nd May

Boccia Tournament

Congratulations to the 2 teams who went over to Langtree to play in the Partnership Boccia Tournament on Wednesday. Both teams were new to the game and they both played extremely well. The Tigers Team, Ellie-Mae, Dean and Billy, were determined to improve their game. This was obvious and well achieved during the tournament. They made improvements round on round! They should be congratulated as all of them were awarded the Olympic Value medal for Determination.

The Leopards Team, Charlie G, Amelia and Cara, won the trophy for first place! Well done to the Leopards! Their Olympic Value medals were awarded for their teamwork. The team communicated to one another very well. They showed great support and encouragement for each other. Both teams had a lot of fun and we are delighted to have been able to enter 2 such fabulous teams.



Safety

Bikes and Scooters on the playground

Thank you to everyone for their help with asking the children to dismount their bicycles and their scooters when they are inside the black gates. As far as we are aware, there have been no collisions or near misses but one or two children are still riding inside school grounds. Let's make sure everyone walks their 'vehicle' whilst in amongst a crowd and using a blind corner. Thank you for contributing to everyone's safety.

Langtree Loop

It was brought to our attention that some younger children are using the loop road to Langtree, with parents, in the mornings and that they are walking, running or riding up the middle of the road. We have been asked to ensure parents using this road treat it as a road and teach their children to walk, run, ride safely, keeping to the edges of the road and stopping to move out of the way when cars and coaches approach. Thank you everyone.

Door Release Button

As you are all aware, the front door requires a release mechanism for Safeguarding purposes. We have noticed more parents allowing their children to press the release button. Please would you support us and not allow this? Whilst you are obviously there with them ensuring their safety, we do not want this button to become 'usual' for children to use. We need it to remain an 'out of bounds for children' mechanism. We have, unfortunately, noticed an increase in the number of children letting adults in when they are on the inside of the door. We always say in school that it's for adults only. Please support this and ask your child to wait for you to press it.

Whole School Tea Towels and Coasters

Before the Easter Holidays, the children drew self-portraits of themselves (and the staff!) and designed a brilliant tea towel. We are excited to share with you that the tea towels and individual pupil coasters are now available to order (please note that if ordering coasters and you have more than one child in school, these will need to be ordered separately through your children's Parentmail accounts. Please see Parentmail for more details. Please note the order deadline of Sunday 11th May 2025.

Named sun hats & water bottles

Now that the weather is improving please can we remind you to send your child into school with a named water bottle and sun hat. If you wish to purchase a Woodcote Primary School baseball cap this can be done via ParentMail.

VE Day reminder

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.

Class Updates

Oak	The children have all coped really well with the warmer weather this week. Please make sure that your child has a named sun hat to wear and has had sun cream applied as we are outside quite a bit during the day. The children have loved playing outside with water and in our role play garden centre and used their writing skills to make thankyou cards for the garden centre staff. They are enthusiastically watering their seeds and looking forward to seeing what will happen. If you have the chance to plant some seeds at home, it would be great to share this activity with the children- cress seeds are always a good one as they can be grown indoors very easily and grow fast! The children have really enjoyed going to listen to stories from different cultures in their house teams this week- see if they can tell you about any of the stories. Next week we will be talking about VE day and the children can wear red, white or blue clothes on Thursday. If you have not yet sent in a photo of your child as a baby, we would be grateful if you could do so. We hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend.
Hornbeam	We have spent a lot of time outside this week managing the heat. In maths we have been learning about capacity and volume so what better way to do so than using cups of water? The children have worked diligently measuring the capacity of a variety of different containers as well as comparing the volume of liquid inside. In English, we have spent our time retelling the story of 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We enjoyed a game of 'musical stories', verbally retelling the story and later in the week we have been sequencing our own retelling. In science, we have learnt about the structure of a flower and the function performed by each different part. In history, looking at how toys are designed and made for children across a range of different ages. Finally, in PE we have started looking at

	athletics. Beginning with running in a straight line which proved surprisingly tricky!
Beech	Beech class wrote some excellent dragon descriptions this week including a range of adjectives and adverbs. We used drama to help us with our ideas and then edited our writing with our partner. In maths we have been finding a fraction of a number. We are getting really skilled at calculating addition problems in our head without using our fingers. We have also been looking at how many minutes there are in an hour and how many hours in a day. In science, we learnt about seed dispersal and then created our own sycamore seed using paper and a paper clip. We have been looking at a timeline of different castles during our History lesson. Each day this week, we spent time in our houses enjoying a story about other cultures.
Ash	This week in Ash, we have been looking at fractions in Maths and thinking about the function of numerators and denominators. In History, we have been on a hunter-gatherer trip around the school grounds, looking at what early stone age people would need to survive. And in English, we have started to write adverts for woolly mammoth trousers and look forward to publishing them for our display wall.
Rowan	This week in Rowan, we have continued our learning about Romans, exploring how the Roman army helped to expand the Roman Empire. We have also been looking at poetry, and discussing phrases that grab our attention. Within that we have looked at similes and metaphors, and had a go at writing our own. We have also been continuing to write our retelling of the legend of Romulus and Remus. In maths, we have been continuing our learning about decimals and fractions, including exploring tenths and hundredths as fractions and decimals. Homework should have come home today; please keep a look out for it and also please keep practising times tables to make sure our recall is quick. Have a lovely weekend.
Maple	It's been another busy (and hot) week in Maple Class. We started the week off with a visit from Bret and Karen who came to talk to us about what WWII would have been like for children back in the 1940s. They talked to us about a variety of different areas including evacuation and rationing and answered all of our questions. They also brought along a variety of different objects from that time including gas masks (for adults, children and even babies!), knitted sweaters, stuffed toys and even a full Brownie uniform from that time! Meanwhile in English we have been looking at 'Time Slip Stories,' where an object is touched that sends you back in time to the period it is from. We're going to write our own themed around World War II in the coming months. Maths has seen us continue to work on decimals, this week considering how we compare numbers with different amounts of decimal points. We also got the chance on Wednesday to watch many of our class take on a debate around whether the good aspects of the internet outweigh the bad. It was amazing seeing such carefully considered points and the debate was practically a tie! Finally, we also had the chance to gather in teams this week to hear stories from different cultures. It's been amazing exploring tales from cultures we may not usually experience and we're looking forward to doing it more!
Willow	This week we have spent time revising for SATs and practised how we will sit in the room during the actual week. We felt really good about this and realised that it's not any different to other assessments we've done. Thank you to all of those who have offered donations to the SATs breakfast, we really appreciate it. We have said, if these items are non-perishable, children can bring them in next week otherwise please send them in on Monday 12 th and we'll pop them in the fridge. As well as SATs, we have been practising songs for our VE celebrations next week - remember to send your child with either red, white or blue clothing. Residential is getting closer too, please remember that the medications

form, with the signed permissions on it, needs to be returned to school on 16th May.

Year 5 had a very interesting talk about WWII this week. A group of year 5 children were also involved in a debate session during assembly on Wednesday.



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

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.

DJ ETHAN

Tickets: £4
with Snack & Drink
Bring a refillable
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Other News

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Tuesday 27th May	Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Curbridge Rd, Witney, OX28 5JZ
Wednesday 28th May	St Joseph's Primary School, Headley Way, Headington, OX3 7SX
Thursday 29th May	Long Lane Primary School, Long Lane, Reading, RG31 6YG
Friday 30th May	Gagle Brook Primary School, Cranberry Avenue, Bicester, OX27 8BD

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