



Friday 23rd May

We wish you all a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you back in school on the 2nd of June.

Welcome Back year 6!

Our year 6 children are back from their residential week, accompanied by a tired Mrs Wornham and Mr Neal. They all had a fabulous time. They were visited by both Mrs Hunt and Mrs Peacock who both witnessed first-hand the challenges the children were put through and how wonderfully successful they all were. Photos were not possible to put up whilst there due to the lack of signal in their tented village. However, photos will appear during the half term week – do have a look to see what they got up to!

Athletics

This week we had 2 athletics tournaments, known as Quadkids due to the 4 athletic disciplines the children must compete in. All children need to throw a vortex, long jump, sprint and long distance run. Year 5 represented us in the year 5 /6 Athletics Tournament (since year 6 were away) this week. They did incredibly well and came second; runners up! Well done to the whole team. Medals for teamwork and determination were awarded to Sophia and Ben.

Year 3 / 4 also went to a Quadkids Athletics Tournament, didn't place but played extremely well. Maud and Oliver B were awarded the medals for determination. Well done to all this week's Athletes.

Class Photographs

A reminder that our school photographer will be in school on Thursday 5th June. All children should be wearing full school uniform including either a sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo.

Lunchtime Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor and would like to ask if you, or anyone you know, would like to join the team in looking after the children at lunchtimes. Maybe you would like to be able to help out occasionally, please can you let us know so that we can add you to our bank staff. Please contact the office for more details.

School Uniform – price increase

We are all aware that costs are going up everywhere. Unfortunately, rising costs have been passed on to us from the uniform suppliers and we therefore must raise the cost of uniform items. From June, the uniform prices will go up by about 5% per item (50p in most cases). Whilst prices have not risen for 2 years, please accept our apologies for having to do this now.

Busy Bees After School clubs

All club bookings will go live on Saturday 24th May at midday. Places are limited so please do book early to avoid disappointment.

Class Updates

Oak	This week the children have been busy weighing, mixing, rolling and cutting to make their gingerbread men. They were very proud of the results! In maths we have been thinking about how to count larger groups of objects up to 20 and
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	<p>beyond. The children have come up with lots of strategies for this and have been doing really well it might be something fun to practice over the holiday. On Thursday the children enjoyed a trip to the park and an ice lolly as a reward for filling up their pom pom jar. They had lots of fun and showed us their amazing climbing, jumping and balancing skills. This week the children have really missed their year 6 buddies who organise lots of games and activities for them at lunch time so they are looking forward to having them back in school after half term. We have been really pleased with how well the children have all got on this half term. Their independent writing skills are really developing and that might be something they can show you at home. Can you say a 3 letter word eg cat and can the children surprise you by writing it down. This could be with chalk in the garden or with paint- it doesn't have to be a pencil and paper. It has been lovely to have better weather this term so that we can make the most of outside learning. They have been on trips to the front garden for bug hunting and scavenger hunts and have been busy making and testing obstacle courses. We hope you all have a lovely half term.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>Hornbeam have been working very hard on creating their own colour poems and then performing them. We have had some fantastic ideas which have been put to paper, and we hope to send a copy home very soon!</p> <p>In Maths we have been working on sharing different numbers into equal groups. Practise on this and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s over the holiday with pasta, cards, Lego pieces or similar would support your child.</p> <p>Over the last few weeks, we have been working on using clay and printing onto the clay. The children have printed leaves onto clay and this week we evaluated each other's masterpieces.</p> <p>We have missed Mr Neal this week and so in computing we have made "Missing" posters using Word.</p> <p>From everyone in Hornbeam, we wish you a happy and healthy half term and we will see you all in June.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class have been finding quarters of shapes and amounts during maths this week. They have also been learning how to draw and interpret pictographs. In English, we started looking at the features of a non-chronological report. We then researched all about castles using the laptops to gather some information so we can write an information leaflet about different castles and their features. In PSHE this week we talked about how to keep our teeth healthy and made posters about what we had learnt. In science, we wrote conclusions about what a plant needs to grow healthily. We have started practicing our athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day!</p>
Ash	<p>This week in Ash, we have a science focus and dissected a flower, as part of our learning about plant pollination and fertilisation. We also looked at seed deposition to complete our Life Cycle of Plants topic. And in Maths, we have been looking at money; adding, subtracting and finding change. So any opportunities to look at, play games and use money over the May half term would be great practice. Group 2 swimmers will start their sessions on Tuesday after half term, and you should have received an email from the office about this and we look forward to our Ufton Court trip on Friday 6th June. Please let us know if you have any questions and we hope the children have a good half-term break.</p>
Rowan	<p>Rowan made chocolate rice crispy cakes this week. We included an element of science by looking at how the chocolate melted, and the temperature at which it melted. The best bit? eating them. We have been writing diamante poems. These have a particular pattern of nouns, verbs and adjectives, and number of words on a line.</p>
Maple	<p>We've had another fabulous week here in Year 5. English has seen us break from our Time-Slip stories and shift over to thinking about poetry that came out of World War 1 and 2. We looked at the famous poem, 'Dulce et decorum est' by Wilfred Owen and marvelled at the language and intensity he baked into it. We</p>

	<p>started thinking about our own lines of poetry and will be taking a closer look next half term. Maths saw us looking at measures where we've been converting between kilometres, metres and millimetres. We used appropriate resources to measure a variety of things all around the school. Meanwhile, in Science we took advantage of the freshly hatched chicks in Cabin this week and learned about the life cycle of birds and reptiles, while Topic saw us exploring codebreakers like Alan Turing and using some morse code. We wrapped up our week with some Computing where we've been creating animations in Scratch (we'll share as soon as we can work out how!) and continuing our ukulele practice. We're hoping to find something we love to perform at the Summer Fair! Hope you all have a great half term break!</p>
Willow	<p>Willow class have spent the week in tents at Youlbury Camp Site. They have been put through their paces but each one of them took each challenge head on. They had a wonderful time. There will be plenty of stories to tell! Photos will be put onto the website next week. A lack of signal on site has delayed the usual input of photos during our stay. We hope you all enjoy seeing what we have been up to!</p>
Lunchtime news	<p>During the summer months we are fortunate to be able to play on the field where we substitute football for cricket. We have seen some excellent bowling, batting & fielding this term. Isaac in yr 5 is quietly progressing with his coaching skills ably assisted by umpire, Barnaby in yr 3. KS1 girls practice their gymnastics on the climbing frame with Amy in yr 2 encouraging the Oakies. Bryher in yr 1 has perfected her cartwheels, patiently teaching her friends that if at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again. Several children volunteer for litter picking, much of which comes into school through the perimeter fence. Enid, Ellie, Ella & Ava in yr 1 worked hard this week and earned a special helper reward sticker each. We have a quiet, outdoor "snug" in a shaded, secluded corner where children who prefer a quiet space can relax on cushions and read a book. It's rarely the same children and no more than three or four choose to chill out there before returning to play. LTS send all our lovely children best wishes for a sunny, relaxing holiday next week and we can't wait to hear all your stories when you return to school.</p>

Here are some examples of the poems that the children in year 4 have been writing:

Pizza
 cheesy, sticky
 baking, chewing, chomping
 pineapple, salami, strawberry, chocolate
 enjoying, slurping, dripping
 cold, frosty
 pudding
 by Teddy

Teddy's example is an antonym diamante, where half way through you change to write about the opposite of the beginning.

Pizza
 warm, cheesy
 melting, steaming, cooking
 temptation, pudding crust, crunch
 slicing, baking, separating
 stringy, gooey
 pizza
 by Rosie

Rosie's example is a synonym diamante where the words have a similar meaning.

The children in Rowan class enjoyed making chocolate crispy cakes



Important dates

Tuesday 20 th May	Oak class stay & play 8:35 – 9:00am
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
Thursday 5 th June	Class photos
Friday 6 th June	Year 2 & 4 After School Cake sale – all nut free donations appreciated.
Friday 13 th June	FOWPS Non-uniform day in exchange for sweet treats, no chocolate or nuts.
Friday 20 th June	FOWPS Summer Bounce 4:30 – 7:30
Tuesday 24 th June	Sports Day KS1 – 1:30 KS2 am – exact time tbc
Thursday 26 th June	Back Up Sports Day – times the same as above
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

Thank you to everyone that attended the school discos last Friday, the children had a wonderful time. We will let you know how much was raised in due course.

Thank you for all of your generous bottle donations this morning.

We are holding a summer raffle. Tickets will go on sale in June. Winners will be drawn before the end of term. We are currently looking for donations. Please contact Kerri-Ann on 07368819640 if you can help. Thank you.

Other News

Parents Workshop 'Responding to Behaviour'

We are pleased to announce the next date for our very popular Online Workshop for Parents on Responding to Behaviour.

Wednesday 18th June 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-1375834811959?aff=oddtcreator>

Tickets only cost £6.12 (£4.99 plus Eventbrite fee).

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