



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Sports' Day**

Sports' Day is now approaching and we hope you will be able to join us if you wish to do so. There is a slight change to this year's proceedings for KS2. KS2 will be using the sports field at Langtree for their field events. Last year we really needed more space for the children to undertake their events and it was very hot for parents to be waiting around for so long. So, after many years of not doing so, we are returning to Langtree to use their facilities. We invite KS2 parents to join us from 11.00am on our school field to watch your child take part in their track races. KS1 invite parents to join them from 1.15 with a 1.30 start. We ask that, at the end of the day, parents let the children return to class and pick up at 3.15 as normal.

### **Year 3/4 & 5/6 Tennis Tournament**

We took four teams of mixed abilities to the Oratory School for a tennis tournament on Monday. The pupils all had a fabulous afternoon playing and umpiring. A good experience in tolerance, sportsmanship and friendship across the tournament, the pupils were excellent sports ambassadors for the school. Olympic values were awarded to Oliver J, Ollie G, Annabel and Emily. On Tuesday afternoon Year 3 and 4 took two teams to the Oratory also for a tennis tournament. The children all had a great time and demonstrated some fantastic sportsmanship. Olympic values were awarded to Joey, Freddie, Maud and Josephine. Despite a slightly rainy start, the sun came out for the afternoon. All that was missing was the strawberries and cream!

### **From Last weeks' newsletter.**

#### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Open Afternoon**

During the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, we will be spending time across the school conducting a variety of practical science experiments. We would like to offer the opportunity for parents to come into school between 2 and 3pm on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, to have a look at what we have been doing. All welcome.

### **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.

### **Class Updates**

<b>Oak</b>	Another busy week in Oak class has sped by. On Monday the children enjoyed making their own pizza's. We used our maths skills to measure the ingredients for the dough and we timed 5 minutes so that we knew how long to knead the dough for. The children independently shaped the dough and added their toppings. Then we used our phonics skills to write a class set of instructions for how to make a pizza. It was also very exciting to meet the caterpillars that have arrived in Oak class. We are going to watch them grow and metamorphosise into butterflies. In preparation for father's day we have also been reading stories about all different kinds of families and thinking about what people in our families do for us and what we might want to say thank you for. Time is flying by and it will not be long before Oak class go for a visit to year 1 to meet their new teachers and see their classroom. We are starting to talk about these changes in
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	<p>class so that it will not come as a big surprise it would be useful to gently chat to your children about this at home too so that they get use to the idea of change and excited about all the fun they will have in year one. We have also been talking to the children about ways in which they can be respectful. Things like listening to one another, remembering to listen to their grown-ups when they are speaking and looking after their things by tidying up and so on, so that would be a good conversation to continue at home. We hope you all have a good weekend and remember that next Friday afternoon there is a whole school drop-in session to share some science activities, followed later in the afternoon by the school summer bounce event.</p>
<b>Hornbeam</b>	<p>This week has been very exciting. On Tuesday, Hornbeam had 'The best day ever!' (according to one of the children), we visited Pizza Express and learnt how to make pizza. The children were able to make their own pizza's starting from just a ball of dough. The children listened well and followed instructions and all came away with a tasty looking pizza. This visit has inspired our English work as we are writing our own instructions explaining how to make a pizza from scratch. In maths, we have continued our work on fractions, learning how to find quarter of a shape/amount. On Wednesday we headed out for PE with coach Ethan and were learning all about different types of throwing, over-arm and under-arm with increasing accuracy.</p>
<b>Beech</b>	<p>Year 2 were so proud of their leaflets they wrote all about castles. We enjoyed sharing our work with year 1 who were impressed with our writing. In maths this week, we finished off learning about fractions. In English, we read The Three Little pigs and acted out the story in groups. We then came up with questions to ask the wolf and took part in some role-play activities to explore the characters in the story. We have started a new unit in Maths, all about positional language. We continue our topic about castles and monarchs, and this week we learnt about the history of important British monarchs. In science, we went on a materials hunt outside in the sunshine. We discussed the properties of different material and their uses, remembering to use some impressive science vocabulary. We will be making houses for the three little pigs soon. Please can you bring in any spare card and cardboard boxes? Thank you!</p>
<b>Ash</b>	<p>This week in Ash, we wrote recounts of our trip to Ufton Court in our English lesson. We had a great day last Friday, making our own Stonehenge, performing Stone Age music and learning skills from prehistory. In maths, we have continued looking at shape; thinking about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and also linking to parallel and perpendicular lines. And in Science, we have started our new topic on Rocks, thinking about natural and man-made stones. Whilst out and about, see if your child can spot some natural stone objects.</p>
<b>Rowan</b>	<p>This week, we have been busy with science, writing, cooking and maths. In science, we completed some investigations into the best way to melt chocolate. We tried using a microwave, a pot over warm water and rubbing it with our hands. We found the microwave to be the quickest, but you had to be careful not to burn the chocolate. Using hands was a good method, but you could only melt a little at a time, and you needed something to hold the chocolate in.</p> <p>In cooking, we made pitta bread. We were amazed at how the dough rose to double its size. If we did it again, we would make sure the pittas were rolled thin before putting them in the oven as they puffed up quite quickly. Very tasty, though.</p> <p>In maths, we have now finished the times tables tests. In class, we are looking at working with money, calculating and problem solving.</p> <p>To support your child, please share any money and talk about the values of the coins. Perhaps some shopping with money if possible, where your child can add up small totals and work out change. We are pleased to let you know that we have booked the Oxfordshire Museum to come into school on Thursday</p>

	3 <sup>rd</sup> July for a Romans workshop, and we are planning to hold our own Roman Day the following Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July, which the children would like to dress up for. More information about this is on our homework sheet. Have a lovely weekend.
<b>Maple</b>	It's been a week of sun, rain and everything in between! English has seen us polishing off our poetry that is now ready to share. We'll get it up on the website as soon as we can. In maths we've been working on problem solving, looking at practicing our core skills and solving multi-step problems. In Computing we spent some time with Scratch coding, inventing our own 'splat' games while Topic saw us learning about the Battle of Britain and the incredible things our pilots did during the war. We wrapped up our week using the shotputs in PE and learning a new song on our ukuleles. We also had our auditions this week for the school play. Your children were really impressive, and were even more impressive when we shared the roles they got. There were a few disappointed faces, but I was really proud of the way the class rallied around everyone and made everyone feel good about what we've got coming up! Please encourage your child to spend some time learning their lines over the next week!
<b>Willow</b>	This week we have been practising our lines for the play and auditioning for parts. Please check bags for a costume list and come and have a chat if you need any assistance with this. As well as the Play, we have completed our instruction writing and have put these up with some of our recounts and photos from Residential. Please remember PE kits need to be in school all week. As we move towards Year 7, we will be increasing the children's independence levels and ask for your support with this - please encourage them to pack their own school bags and check they have everything, including :lunch, glasses, reading journals, water bottles, a coat, sunhat etc ready to go each day.
<b>Lunchtime news</b>	We enjoyed watching children getting together for some carefully monitored wheelbarrow races with some hilarious results. Year 3s & 4s were curious about non-toxic fruit growing on the elm trees and asked lots of questions. We discussed the importance of not picking fruit outside without supervision of an adult as eating some fruits can lead to a bad tummy ache. Our talented musicians attending iRock were so proud of their instructor's new look after he donated his previously long hair to a children's cancer charity.

Year 1 children had a thoroughly enjoyable time at Pizza Express.



### Important dates

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Afternoon – all parents welcome 2:00 – 3:00
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	FOWPS Summer Bounce 4:30 – 7:30

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day KS1 – Arrive 1:15 for 1:30pm start KS2 - 11:00am
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Back Up Sports Day – times the same as above
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop @ The Old School House
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 play
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 play
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 3, 5 & 6 Cake Sale
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' assembly 9:30am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term, 1pm finish
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET day
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Children return/start the Autumn Term

### **FOWPS Update**

It's time for our summer event and The Big Summer Bounce is back! If you can help for an hour on the day please sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/JDKT4>

Advance online discounts available on tickets here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=99832>

We are also holding a summer raffle. 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.

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# BIG SUMMER BOUNCE

★ **Friday 20th June, 16:30-19:30**  
**Woodcote Primary School**

**ALL Welcome for a BOUNCING Adventure!**

**Artists' Harvest** are filling our school field with **inflatables!**

- ★ **Unlimited Bouncing**
- ★ **Games and Stalls**
- ★ **BBQ, Bar & Ice cream**
- ★ **Live music**

Tickets: [www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events)

Wristbands: £10 on the door, **£8.50 online**, Under 4's £6/£4.50, Adult entry £2  
(Online sales close 19/6/2025 at 20:30)

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