



Friday 20th June

Sumer Whole School Trip – Tuesday 15th July

For our summer trip this year we are planning to take the children to The Winchester Science Centre. The children will travel by coach to the centre and spend the day looking around all the science exhibits, which are interactive and allow the children to experiment and try things out. They will have a workshop tailored for their class and they will all go into the Planetarium. The centre is set up for schools and all our needs, so the day should be amazing! We hope that all the children will come. The cost will be £12.50 for all of those events. We are very grateful to FOWPS for paying for the coaches for all the children to be able to go.

A payment item will be sent out early next week. Please do get in touch if you need help with paying for the trip. More details will be sent home nearer the time.

Visit from a Sheriff

What a treat we had on Wednesday! The High Sheriff of Oxford came to school. He talked with KS2 in their assembly and afterwards, spent time with year 4,5 and 6. He has written a great post on his blog which you can see here. We were very proud of all the children. They asked the most amazing questions. Please do read the blog. You will be proud of our pupils. <https://highsheriffofoxfordshire.co.uk/a-morning-at-woodcote-primary-school>



Quadkids

On Monday, during a very hot afternoon, our year 1 and 2 children walked to The Oratory School to take part in the last tournament of the year - the Woodcote Partnership Quadkids Tournament. Quadkids is an athletics event involving the children taking part in 4 disciplines – throwing, jumping, sprinting and long-distance running. Our children were amazing! They held a fabulous sporting attitude throughout the afternoon and tried all events with enthusiasm, winning points for the Woodcote Team. We were delighted to celebrate with Rupert who came first boy overall in the tournament. What a great achievement! Our team didn't place, but we had a great time and

the children were so well behaved. We were very proud of them all. Kodi, Stefy, Aimee and Raya all received Olympic Value Medals for their courage, determination and teamwork. Well done everyone!

Sports Day

We are looking closely at the weather and if we feel it is too hot we will text parents on Monday evening to let you know we will be postponing the event. The weather for Tuesday has been changing slightly all week and is looking much more likely that we will be able to go ahead. We are looking forward to seeing KS2 parents at 11.00 and KS1 parents at 1.30. Please ensure PE kits are in school from the start of the day. KS2 will be doing their field events at Langtree School earlier that morning. Sadly we cannot take parents with us due to Langtree's new Safeguarding procedures. We will update you on the scores so far when you arrive at 11!

Photo Orders

A reminder that all photo orders need to be in school by Monday 23rd June if not already ordered on line. Thank you.

Hot Weather

A reminder that all children should have a named water bottle and sun hat in school at all times. Don't forget that you can order school caps via ParentMail. Sun cream should also be applied at home before coming to school.

Year 6 Evening – Thursday 10th July

Year 6 hope that all year 6 parents will be able to join them after the Thursday performance for a Bingo evening together. Save the date!

From Last weeks newsletter

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.

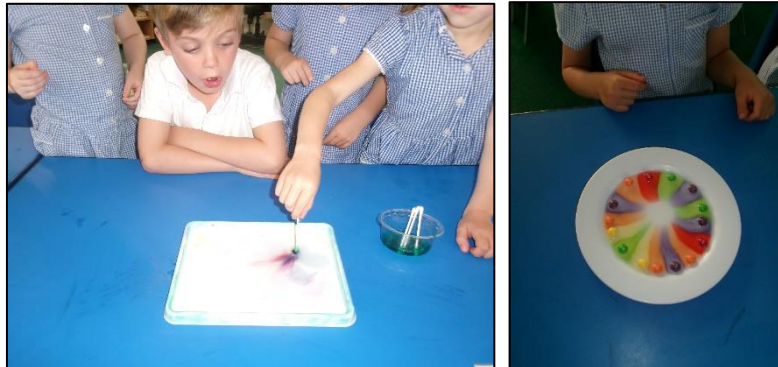
Class Updates

Oak	The children have all been using their questioning and investigating skills for science week. They have explored, colour mixing, cornflour, magnets, finding out what floats and sinks, making flapjacks to explore how materials change and looking at the chemical reaction when you mix vinegar and bicarbonate of soda together. Watching the gas bubbles was lots of fun. There are lots of ideas online for simple fun science activities to do with children which might be good to try at home in the summer holidays as they have all loved investigating and it is great for encouraging conversations. The children have all been brilliant at remembering to use their listening skills this week and have been great at tidying up too. We have enjoyed reading the story of the little red hen in phonics and making flags ready for sports day. We have been reminding the children to drink plenty in the hot weather and have been talking about ways to stay cool. Have a lovely weekend.
Hornbeam	This week has all been about awe and wonder in Year 1. As part of science week, we have decided to conduct a range of different investigations throughout the week. We have used 'magic milk', 'colourful skittles' and self-blowing balloons. The children have greatly enjoyed conducting the experiments and worked scientifically throughout. We have also had a science focus during our English lessons this week, the children have been learning about Marie Curie and why she was such a significant person in science (the first femal Nobel Prize winner). The children have written short biographies to share with everyone during the open afternoon.

	<p>On Monday, we ventured over to the Oratory for a Quadkids tournament. Despite the hot weather, the children all done their very best and although we didn't win the team competition many of our children did experience individual success. Great job guys!</p>
Beech	<p>We had a great week celebrating science week. The weather has been beautiful, so we took advantage of the sunshine and went on a hunt for insects and invertebrates in the school grounds. We created a tally chart of all the creatures we found and then made Venn and Carroll diagrams to sort our data. After that, we created a footprint trap in the front garden. We used a cardboard box, carbon powder mixed with oil, white paper, cat food and some bird seed to investigate which animals visit our school garden. In class on Monday, we investigated how water travels from the roots to the leaves of a plant. We used carnation flowers, lettuce and water mixed with food colouring to create our experiment. We also enjoyed exploring science through art. We used sycamore leaves to create chlorophyll art, wax crayons to create leaf rubbings and air-dry clay to make pots with leaf prints inside. What a fabulous week!</p>
Ash	<p>This week in Ash, we have been looking at mass in kg and grams in maths and weighing items around the classroom. And for practical science we have revised some topics we studied earlier in the year to make light mazes. The children enjoyed building their mazes with lego or junk modelling and thinking about where to place the mirrors to reflect the light through their mazes. We have also carried out a jelly friction investigation, which we are looking forward to sharing with you.</p>
Rowan	<p>We enjoyed our visit from the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire this week. He spent time talking to us about his role, costume and the history of the role. It was very interesting. He also invited the children to help him with his project, bringing a voice of the young people of Oxfordshire and how they see the future in the county.</p> <p>We have also carried out some science work on evaporation, and the water cycle.</p>
Maple	<p>It has been another busy, busy week here in Maple Class! We've had three new events going on this week that have absorbed a lot of our time. First, it has been 'practical science' week and so we've been busy exploring properties of materials and testing as many as we can. We tested for magnetism, flexibility, transparency and whether a material is soluble or not. We finished off the week by exploring reversible and irreversible changes. Next we were lucky enough on Tuesday to have a visit from the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire. He came to tell us about his job and to ask our opinion about ways we could improve Oxfordshire. Finally we have now started rehearsals for our school play "Olivia". We're really impressed by how many of your children are already beginning to memorise the lines and think about their performances.</p>
Willow	<p>This week we have made the most of the sunshine, practising for sports day and completing wildlife surveys around the school. We have also begun our rehearsals for our play, we've been impressed by how well the children have learnt their lines so far. Please come and speak to us about costumes, if you have any issues. Can these be in school by Thursday 26th June as this will give us enough time to resolve any problems. Please label the bag with your child's name and provide a coat hanger for storage. Thank you to those who have offered additional props/costumes for other children, we'll let you know asap what we need.</p>
Lunchtime news	<p>Following a short spell of changeable weather, we enjoyed playing on the field in glorious sunshine. KS2 displayed their cricket skills & teamwork whilst KS1 excelled at tennis. Children without hats sat in the shade, drawing, reading, and building nests from fallen leaves and twigs. Several drowsy bees were spotted, brought to the attention of supervisors & moved to safety outside the perimeter</p>

	fence. Children remembered to keep calm so as not to disturb them. A thoughtful boy in year 2 rescued a spider from someone's hair and gently placed it on the ground without hurting it. He earned a special Lunchtime Reward sticker for his kindness to people & animals & a huge round of applause from his classmates.
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The children in year 1 really enjoyed taking part in the Science experiments



Important dates

Tuesday 24 th June	Sports Day KS1 – Arrive 1:15 for 1:30pm start KS2 11:00 am on the School Field
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 5 & 6 play
Thursday 10 th July	Year 5 & 6 play, followed by Bingo evening for year 6 & parents
Friday 11 th July	Years 3, 5 & 6 Cake Sale
Tuesday 15 th July	Whole school trip to Winchester Science museum
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

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Summer Bounce today.

Other News

Howbery Park is inviting entries for the 2025 'Art in the Park' competition on the theme of 'Wellbeing in Nature'. Participants are being asked to interpret how the natural

world benefits physical or mental health, with prizes on offer for the best 2D artwork in different age categories.

The winner in the ages 4-11 category will receive a £50 prize, plus £250 for their nominated school or youth group to spend on art supplies. Entrants must create their artwork on a postcard measuring 148 x 105mm, which they can post or hand in at the business park. All entries will also be included in our exhibition taking place on the 7-10 October 2025.

Participants in the competition are free to interpret 'Wellbeing in Nature' as they wish, but are encouraged to visit Howbery Park for inspiration. There are many relaxing spaces in our parkland, riverbank and woodland areas, and it's a popular place for people taking part in activities to benefit their physical wellbeing, such as outdoor yoga, playing volleyball or paddleboarding.

The park is open to the public on working weekdays and children can pick up a blank postcard from the Manor Café to create their masterpieces (the café is open from 8am-4pm).

Offering wellbeing opportunities is an important part of Howbery Park's ethos. It invites the local community, alongside people working on site, to take part in nature-related events or to relax, wander, or exercise in its grounds.

The deadline for entries is 31 August 2025.

Full details, and terms and conditions are on the Howbery park website: <https://howberypark.com/art/>



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★ **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

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)

All proceeds going to Friends of Woodcote Primary School | @ArtistsHarvest | @denizenmusic