



**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

### **Transition Day**

On Tuesday, all children spent the day in their September class, meeting their teacher and getting to know the classroom. The day was a great success and all children had a good time. There will be plenty more opportunities across the next couple of weeks of term for children to continue to visit if they feel they need to. Every child helped to make a display ready for the September term in their new classes. If you would like to speak to the teacher before the end of the summer term, please do drop in, we would be happy to arrange a convenient time.

### **Meet the Teacher Meeting**

In September we will be holding our annual meeting where parents can pop in and hear all about the plans for the year. It's a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have and to get a copy of the curriculum for the year. Please save the date – 3.30 on Monday 8th September.

### **Globefit Summer Holiday Club**

There are still spaces both paid and free places (for Pupil Premium children) on the holiday club which is being held at Woodcote Primary School. Please click on the link for more information.

<http://www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs>

### **Cake Sale**

A reminder that years 3,5 and 6 will be running a cake sale after school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. All nut free cake donations are much appreciated to make this event a success. All money raised is shared amongst the classes and used for trips, resources etc. Thank you for your support.

**Summer Reading Challenge** – Explore nature with a FREE children's reading challenge at your local Oxfordshire library! 5 July to 6 September 2025. The 2025 Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden, celebrates adventure, fantasy and the great outdoors. Tap into a world of imagination through reading and exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature. Finish the challenge and get your own medal and certificate! Flyer also attached.

### **Access Your Child's Health Screening Results – Reception and Year 6**

A reminder for parents of children in Reception and Year 6, please read the ParentMail sent out on Wednesday regarding results of the National Childhood Measuring Programme (NCMP). Any queries then please contact [ncmp.enquiries@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:ncmp.enquiries@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)

### **Oral Health Newsletter**

<https://oralhealthnewsletter-cds.my.canva.site/july-newsletter>

### **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

<b>Oak</b>	<p>Oak class really enjoyed their taster day in year one on Tuesday. They were a little nervous beforehand, but all came in on Wednesday morning very enthusiastic about their time in year one. We are so proud of them! This week we have been thinking about all the different changes that happen. The children have been able to give lots of different examples. We have also been practicing a bridge hold when cutting up different fruits with a knife. The children really enjoyed this activity so it might be a good one to try at home during the holidays. In maths we have been learning how to write simple addition sums using + and = signs. The children have all mastered this really well and have loved making up their own sums using small pictures of creatures with different numbers of legs. In phonics we have been using our writing skills to make some 'all about me' posters for Mr Neal. Have a good weekend.</p>
<b>Hornbeam</b>	<p>This week in Hornbeam the children have been busily retelling the traditional tale, Three Billy Goats Gruff. On Monday, we looked at how to introduce exclamation marks into our writing to signal when a character is shouting or surprised - perfect for when the troll declares that he wants to eat each goat! In Maths, we have been focussing on numbers up to 100, building numbers with base ten and then comparing them to see which one is greater. In topic, we have been learning about human and physical features in the UK, deciding which features are manmade, and which are natural. Finally, in computing we were using the Earl robots, to plan a route before coding them to follow the route.</p>
<b>Beech</b>	<p>In maths this week, we explored symmetry. We enjoyed using mirrors to find lines of symmetry and then created symmetrical patterns and pictures. We also explored the amount of time in a day and created bar graphs to show how much time we spend doing different activities. In English, we played a conjunctions board game to help us to remember how to use conjunctions in a sentence. In phonics, we have been learning homophones. We drew little pictures to help us remember the spellings. We started building our houses for the three little pigs. We will test their strength and durability next week with a hairdryer and a watering can! In History we learnt more about the people who live in castles and their roles. We created our own job adverts! Beech class loved meeting their new teacher this week. We prepared an 'all about me' sheet and wrote down lots of questions to take with us. Everyone is feeling much better about being ready for September.</p>
<b>Ash</b>	<p>After a very hot start to the week and a transition day to Year 4, Ash Class have investigated the permeable properties of different rocks in Science this week by planning their own fair tests, measuring and recording results. And in PSHE they have learnt some basic first aid to deal with bleeding and calling for help through role play. Thankfully all pretend, as the children excelled at imagining some serious injuries in the session!</p>
<b>Rowan</b>	<p>Yesterday, we had a fabulous visit from the Oxfordshire Museums Learning Service for a workshop about Romans. We saw and handled authentic Roman artefacts that have been found here in Oxfordshire, such as a sandal, Roman coins and pottery. We tried on Roman clothes, including a soldier's uniform. We learnt about an easy way to make a DIY Roman costume which may come in handy for our Roman day next Thursday! A tunic can be made from a pillowcase (cutting or unpicking the thread to make holes for the head and arms) and a toga can be made from a sheet. A shawl/scarf can be used for a palla (see photos of our excellent models demonstrating this type of clothing). The children also really enjoyed their move up day on Tuesday and were talking excitedly of playing the ukulele. Have a lovely weekend everyone.</p>
<b>Maple</b>	<p>Our week has mostly involved assessments, play rehearsals and a transition day, where your children really impressed their new class teacher! We've loved seeing how your children have progressed in the play. We're seeing some great</p>

	accents, some brilliant expression and children thinking about the actions they can do to go along with their words. It's also been brilliant seeing how supportive your children can be, helping out others who have forgotten a line or singing along with someone who is feeling nervous. Also, a big thank you for all your work getting costumes together. We've managed to get some photos this week and they all look brilliant! Next week sees us performing the show for all of you on Wednesday and Thursday and we can't wait!
<b>Willow</b>	This week we have put the finishing touches to our play. A huge thank you for the costumes, they look fabulous. Please make sure your ticket orders are in as tickets will be sent out next week. It was also fabulous to hear about everyone's transition day to their various secondary schools and seeing that many of their worries about moving on have been laid. We will continue to complete transition work to make sure that any further concerns are discussed. The sign-up sheet for the buffet, after the Bingo evening next Thursday, is up on the classroom door. If you're able to donate to this, please either ask your child to write down what you'll bring or let us know and we'll add it to the list.
<b>Lunchtime news</b>	With soaring temperatures many children found alternatives to sports. Three yr5 boys built a bug hotel from leaves, twigs & berries. They are looking forward to charting bug activity over the next few weeks. Four yr1 children held a mini music festival with singing & dancing. It was so entertaining that their performances soon attracted 40+ children with yr6 s lending exuberant vocal support and everyone joining in. We even had our own volunteer litter pickers!

Don't the children look super dressed in Roman costumes.



## **Important dates**

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 dress rehearsal
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 play doors open @ 17:45 for 18:00 start
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 play doors open @ 17:45 for 18:00 start, followed by Bingo evening for year 6 & parents
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 3, 5 & 6 Cake Sale
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school trip to Winchester Science Centre
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' assembly 9:30am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term, 1pm finish
Saturday 19 July	Cabin Community Coffee Shop and FOWPS Second Hand Uniform Sale.
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET day – school closed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET Day – school closed
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Children return/start the Autumn Term
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Teacher – 3:30pm

## **FOWPS Update**

Please remember to buy your raffle tickets: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events/> More prizes have been added this week, so do take a look and buy tickets before the live draw next Friday 11 July.

We have had an extremely busy end to the school year with many fundraising events and we couldn't have done it without everyone's support.

This term, FOWPS have been able to raise an additional £776 in match funding. Thank you to SSE and a generous parent. If your company offers charity match funding, please get in touch: [fowps-pta@googlegroups.com](mailto:fowps-pta@googlegroups.com).

The Big Summer Bounce raised just under £2,000 and we would like to say a special thanks to our new bounce partner - Artists' Harvest: <https://www.artistsharvest.co.uk/> and to our talented bands: Denizen, RemGems and Chazbags.

We sold out of ice lollies during our sale last Friday and raised £78.

Our Community Coffee Shop raised £274.

We have sold lots of second hand uniform, to our new Receptions parents, as well as at the recent Coffee Shop and this week's 'Great Grey Giveaway' event. There will be one final chance to get uniform before September, and that will be at Cabin's Community Coffee Shop on Saturday 19th July. Please come and support them.

We are also pleased to have funded the Year 6 Leavers Hoodies and the children seem to be delighted with them.