



Friday 11th July

A Wonderful Performance

Congratulations to year 5 and 6 who put on two very successful performances of Olivia this week. They supported each other so well and it was great to see such confidence and team work up on stage. This is always a highlight for our eldest children, and this year was no exception! Well done to them all!



Whole School Trip

We are all looking forward to our trip to Winchester Science Centre on Tuesday. We need to leave promptly so please ensure you are on time to school. Your child will need to bring a rucksack containing their packed lunch, a water bottle, a sunhat and any sun cream should be applied at home. All hot meals ordered with ABM need to be cancelled and if you are ordering an ABM packed lunch please order by midnight on Sunday 13th July. If your child is likely to be travel sick, please give them their travel sickness tablets before school and please let their teacher know. We aim to be back within school time. We will text you if there is any reason that is likely to make us late.

After School Busy Bee Clubs

A reminder that All Busy Bee After School Clubs and Before School clubs finish this week. Breakfast and Chill club continue until the last day of term.

Last day of term

The children are invited to wear home clothes on the last day of term, Friday 18th July. The school finishes at 1:00pm.

Young Voices – Year 5 & 6 – Friday 23rd January 2026

Please can we draw your attention to the ParentMail form which has been sent out today regarding Young voices. Please can you complete the form by next Wednesday 16th July. Thank you.

From Last week's 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.

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>

Class Updates

Oak	<p>Oak class have done a great job of keeping cool and calm in the heat this week. They all enjoyed watching the year 5/6 play and spotting their buddies and they have been busy making thank you and good luck cards for them. We have also been busy retelling the story of 'We're going on a bear hunt' and the children wrote their own sentences independently. Any writing practice that you can do with the children at home over the summer will be a great help in preparing the children for year 1 and will help to make sure that they don't forget all their brilliant writing skills which they have worked so hard at this term. Can they help you write a shopping list? Can they see how many 3 letter words like cat and dog they can write in a minute? Could they keep a holiday diary writing a sentence about what they have done to take in to show Mr Neal? In maths we have been learning to take away with a fun story about monster musical chairs. The children did a great job of writing their own take away sums! We have collected in all of the library books and will not be issuing new ones. We will also collect in all the reading books next week. If you would like to continue reading the monster phonics books over the summer, you have the online library that you can access. The library in Woodcote is also a great place to go to look at and borrow books and they have a summer reading challenge which the children always love to do.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend. We can't believe there is only one week of term left the year has gone so fast!</p>
Hornbeam	<p>We have continued to work hard in Hornbeam this week. In our maths lessons this week we have been working with money, learning how to recognise different notes and coins and then counting money to reach a certain amount. In English we have been writing independently.</p> <p>Using a short video as a prompt we have then created our own stories based upon this. During Science we focussed on our senses, recognising how each sense helps to protect us. Finally, in Geography we have been learning about local landmarks in our area and discussing whether they are a human or a physical feature.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class loved testing the houses they made for the three little pigs. We poured water on them and then blasted them with a hairdryer to test their durability, strength and to see if they were waterproof. Everyone's houses</p>

	<p>passed the test! In maths, we have been finding number families and problem solving to find missing numbers. We've also continued to learn our 3x table and revised 3D and 2D shape properties. In English, we started planning our own version of the Three Little Pigs. We drew a storyboard of our plan, changing the characters and the houses, and then wrote our own version of the story. Because of the heat we have spent quite a bit of time doing calm activities and reminding ourselves about being kind and helpful friends.</p>
Ash	<p>In our penultimate week of term, year 3 have been busy working on Roman Numerals and time in maths, designing and making Celtic brooches to end our Stone Age to Iron Age topic, and learning about fossils. As we get to the end of the year, please could you check at home for any of the spare class sunhats, labelled 'Ash', as we have lost over 8 that were purchased for the class this year. And similarly, if you have any books from our Ash Class library or borrowed from myself or Mrs Scott, please could these be returned within the next week. Many thanks.</p>
Rowan	<p>We had a fantastic Roman Day on Thursday. The children were really excited to come in wearing their costumes, and they had all put in a lot of effort. They looked fabulous! We enjoyed making (and eating) Roman honey cakes, although we were surprised at the amount of honey they needed! We made Roman shields, thinking about the symbols they needed. In the afternoon, we made some clay pots, using the coil method. Thank you to Mrs Townsend who came to speak to the children about her job which involves archaeological finds which the children found extremely interesting. The children all had a fabulous day.</p>
Maple	<p>I have been incredibly proud of your children this week and I know you all share my feelings. Your kids put on a fantastic performance of our play Olivia for the school on Tuesday then two evening performances for all of you. Your children worked together, supporting each other with lines, singing alongside their friends and really showed how great they can be. Following the play we also got a chance to jump into a few other lessons. We wrapped up our topic on World War II and tucked in one final ukulele lesson before we boxed them up for next year's Maple Class! We're looking forward to one last week with all your children before the Summer break!</p>
Willow	<p>Wow! What a fantastic week we've had. It was absolutely brilliant to finally show you all the fabulous work your children have done in putting together their production of 'Olivia' From learning all of the lines, the song words to the making of all the props - we are so incredibly proud of them and their achievements! This week we also sent out their SATs results and, once again, are incredibly proud of how well each child did. Their learning journeys have been fabulous to watch and support during their years at Woodcote Primary- they can achieve anything they put their minds to. Next week is extremely busy and we're looking forward to each trip, plus our Leaver's Assembly on Thursday morning. A huge thank you for the donations to the Bingo evening - what a brilliant, if not hot, night! Friday is dress down day but we also do shirt signing too - please either come to school in your white school t-shirt as normal or bring it with you.</p>
Lunchtime news	<p>Despite the warm weather our year 6s needed to be persuaded to take off their leavers hoodies whilst playing cricket. It doesn't seem two minutes since they joined our school. Time really does fly by! Relaxing on picnic benches, two year 4s created an illustrated story book about dragons, wondering if they could fly & how they differed from dinosaurs. Three year 5 girls practiced their synchronised friendship dance, clapping hands, singing loudly, waving arms in the air & twirling under the trees. Oakies were eager to volunteer for litter picking & helped put sports equipment away - they received huge thanks & individual lunchtime reward stickers for their hard work.</p>

The children in Rowan class had a fantastic Roman day on Thursday, don't they look great!



Important dates

Tuesday 15 th July	Whole school trip to Winchester Science Centre
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' assembly 9:30am
Thursday 17 th July	Year 2 & 6 – Swan – Upping trip
Friday 18 th July	End of term, 1pm finish – children are invited to wear home clothes
Saturday 19 July	Cabin Community Coffee Shop and FOWPS Second Hand Uniform Sale.
Monday 21 st July	INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 22 nd July	INSET day – school closed
Monday 1 st September	INSET Day – school closed

Tuesday 2 nd September	INSET Day – school closed
Wednesday 3 rd September	Children return/start the Autumn Term
Monday 8 th September	Meet the Teacher – 3:30pm

FOWPS Update

Thank you to everyone that bought raffle tickets, if you have won a prize you will receive an email.

Other News

Howbery Park have just launched a new activity on the park for the summer. It's a trail of different animals and birds whose natural habitat can be found in some of the areas we have within our grounds, whether that's in a parkland, woodland or river setting. Free maps can be picked up from the Manor Café (open working weekdays 8am-4pm) and there are 16 animals, birds and insects to find on the trail. The trail will be available throughout the summer until the end of October should your children be interested in visiting.

Pangbourne College will be running two taster days in the Autumn for pupils who are looking at secondary school entry in Year 7 in September 2026. There will be a range of enjoyable and varied lessons and activities planned for the day to give the children a taste of life at Pangbourne, and to enable them to get to know the school and current staff. There are two dates to choose from, which are:

Option 1: Thursday 18 September 2025

Option 2: Thursday 9 October 2025

To book a place on one of these Taster Days, parents should please complete our [online booking form](#) as soon as possible to secure their child's place - and by Friday 12 September 2025 at the very latest. Please note that places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so we encourage parents to secure a place for their child as soon as possible as these events get booked up very quickly.