



Friday 18th July

What an incredible year! In assembly today we watched a slide show of photos from the year and it was fabulous to see the plethora of events and fun we have had.

To name a few: we have had sports' teams take part in cross country, tennis, football, boccia, swimming galas, athletics, quadkids, tag rugby and of course our own sports day. This year more children than ever have taken part in sport and we have been so proud of them!

The trips have been super – the most recent trip to the Science Centre in Winchester was loved by all the children. The opportunity to explore and experience science was inspiring and produced so many smiles! Where else have we been..... Pizza Express, The Stables, Rushall Farm, Swan Upping, The Cotswold Wildlife Park, Ufton Court, Youlbury, Young Voices at The O2 and Wallingford Museum – to name a few!

We have also been visited by so many, to remind us of a few of those - Reading Museum, Santa from his helicopter, The WW2 Experience, The High Sheriff of Oxford and a number of parents who came in to talk to us about their work and some incredibly generous volunteers for mystery readers, general help, trip support and hearing children read in classes across the school.

The performances and open events have been great fun.....KS1 Nativity, Greek museum, Maths Evening, Hoodwinked, Olivia, the Science Open Afternoon and Carols on the playground, again, just a few. We love to welcome you into school. Thank you for supporting these.

FOWPS have kindly held 3 discos, the Summer Bounce and Christmas Fair. They have paid for the visiting pantomime of Jack and Beanstalk, the coaches for our whole school trip and various technology and other equipment across the school. Without their help, we would not be able to provide these things for the pupils. Their help and your support of their events is very much appreciated.

We wish our year 6 children all the very best as they move on to their chosen schools. We are so proud of their progress and hope they are too. They have great futures ahead of them and it has been an absolute pleasure to be a small part of that. Good luck everyone!

The **end of year awards** were tricky to decide upon. There were so many worthy winners this year. They were presented this week to the following children:

- PE Awards for Sportsmanship went to Maud and Stanley W for always being positive in sport, encouraging others and coaching them through.
- The progress shields for progress across the curriculum were awarded to Noah in KS1, Rasim in LKS2 and Oliver P in UKS2
- The Literacy plate for progress was awarded to Alex B and the cup for the most gifted writer was awarded to Tabitha
- This year a new award was added. A tiny cup for a Reception child to recognise progress from their starting point and this was awarded to Harper.

Well done to all the award winners. The awards are yours for the year and then must be returned to school for the 2026 awards to be decided.

Goodbye to Miss Hawker and Hello to Miss Phillips

Sadly today we must say farewell to Miss Hawker who has taught in year 2 on a Thursday and Friday for the past 16 months. Miss Hawker has been a fabulous team member but has been offered a position teaching IT in schools and running IT clubs in holidays. We will miss her but hope that she might be coming back to work with us here. Best of luck Miss Hawker.

Mrs Welsh is going to move classes and take up a new and exciting challenge working alongside Mrs Morris in year 2 from September. Miss Phillips will be working with Mrs Peacock in year 4 on a Thursday and Friday. Miss Phillips is a teacher who has been working in education for 19 years and has taught almost every year group in primary schools. She is better known to you all as Carla from The Cabin Preschool! We are delighted she will be joining the team and are already looking forward to September.

Chair of Governors

We would like to extend a huge thankyou to Mrs Helen Pearce Harvey who is stepping down as Chair of Governors after 5 years. Helen has been incredibly supportive of the school and has given her time so willingly. Our 2024 Ofsted is clear that, under her leadership, Governance of the school is strong. As a chair of governors, she has set a very high bar! Thank you Helen! Helen will still be a governor during the recruitment period required to appoint a new Headteacher and will then step down from the board. Mrs Nicola Baker, who many of you will know as Ava's Mum, is taking up this role. Mrs Baker has many years of experience working with schools and we are delighted that she has stepped forward to be the new Chair of Governors.

All of us at the school wish you all a very happy summer break and we look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Class Updates

Oak	<p>The children all really enjoyed their trip to the science centre on Tuesday and we were so proud of their behaviour and listening skills. They loved exploring all the hands on exhibits, going to a workshop about rockets and seeing all the stars in the Planetarium. All the staff in Oak class would like to thank you all for the lovely gifts. We have loved working with you this year and sharing your children's learning journeys and we are so proud of all of them and thankful to you for all the help and support.</p> <p>We hope you all have a lovely summer break!</p>
Hornbeam	<p>This has been our final week together in Hornbeam but we have had lots of fun and celebrated! The learning never stops and this week we have been investigating time. Looking at analogue clocks and learning how to tell the time to the nearest hour and half hour, a task which has seen the children thrive. In English we have been writing letters, firstly to students who have left us and secondly to Pizza Express, thanking them for hosting us at the start of the term. In Science we have rounded off the year with a fantastic whole school trip to Winchester Science centre. The children were in awe at many of the wonderful exhibits and interactions they were able to have, but the most popular attraction by far was the planetarium. In geography we have been comparing London to Brasilia (the capital of Brazil), looking for similarities and difference across both cities. Finally, at the end of the week we took the opportunity to reflect on how far we have come this year, what we have learnt and what obstacles we have overcome. Next year will be a new exciting opportunity for all of us, but we will always reflect fondly on the year passed.</p> <p>On a personal note, from all of the Hornbeam team would like to thank you all for your gifts and kind words at the end of the year. It has been great to have such supportive and understanding parents and as a result the children have truly flourished.</p>

Beech	Beech class enjoyed watching Casper, Jacob along with the other musicians during their Irock performance on Monday. All the children did so well! On Tuesday, we had a great day at the Winchester Science Centre. It was such a fantastic day! The children enjoyed a session in the planetarium followed by lots of hands-on, practical science investigations and a workshop. We loved Swan Upping with year 6 on Thursday, despite the sharp downpour! What a great opportunity for all the children to get to experience. A huge thank you to the families who gave the year 2 team gifts at the end of term. We are truly grateful and would like to wish you all a fabulous summer!
Ash	We have had a great last week and enjoyed our trip to Winchester on Tuesday. We wish you all a lovely summer and thank you for all of the kind gifts and cards, from all of the Year 3 Team.
Rowan	The children had a fabulous time at Winchester Science Centre. There was so much to grab their interest, and it was hands on. The Planetarium was enjoyed by all, the trip around the stars and then to Neptune and back. Well worth it to visit again if you have the time in the holidays. We would just like to say what a pleasure it has been teaching your lovely children this year, thank you for all of your support. Thank you very much for the generous gifts and well wishes. Have a fabulous summer break everyone!
Maple	Well, that's it, Year 5 done and dusted! We've had a lovely final week with your children including a brilliant trip to the Winchester Science Centre on Tuesday. Your children blew me away with their choices and behaviour and really showed how brilliant Woodcote can be. On Thursday we got the chance to pop over to Langtree to take part in their sports activities with their Active Leaders and again, your children impressed, joining in with everything in listening to all the advice and guidance the Year 10s were giving. We also got the chance to send a small team of children earlier in the week to take part in a Mastermind event. They joined in admirably (against teams made up primarily of Year 6 children) and showed all the knowledge and skills they've gleaned over the years. We just wanted to wrap up by saying a huge thank you for all the kind words and generous gifts you've given over the last few days and we're looking forward to seeing how your children continue to thrive next year! Have a great Summer!
Willow	Wow what a week we've had in Year 6! We had a fantastic time at Winchester museum and then at the Cotswold Wildlife park on Wednesday, a very well deserved treat for the Year 6s. It was wonderful to see you all at the Leavers Assembly and share the stories of your children's time at Woodcote. As they move onto Secondary school and their next adventure we are very proud of all that they've achieved and the amazing young people they have become. Swan-Upping was a little damp but great fun and it's not every day that you get to see 4 amphibious cars travelling down the river whilst being passed by the swan markers. We wish you all a fantastic summer and thank you for the wonderful gifts, Mrs Wornham, Mrs Jones, Mrs Gent & Mrs Hood-Cree
Lunchtime news	With so many children out on school trips, the Lunchtime Supervisors were offered a wonderful opportunity to spend time at Cabin. They met the children who would be moving up to Oak Class in September & with whom they played games & had lunch. It was great fun! Later in the week we all cheered and sent best wishes to our yr6s who are about to embark on their exciting journey to secondary school. It was an emotional moment as we gave them a good send off. We then wished each other happy holidays at the top of our voices! Looking forward to seeing everyone in September & sharing our stories

The whole school trip to the Winchester Science Centre was a resounding success.



Despite the changeable weather the children had a great time at Swan Upping, its a lovely event for the children to experience.



Important dates

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 2025
Monday 8 th September	Meet the Teacher – 3:30pm
Saturday 4 th October	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop
Friday 17 th October	FOWPS Disco
Saturday 15 th November	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop
Friday 12 December	FOWPS Christmas Fair

FOWPS NEWS

Thank you so much to everyone who has bought second hand uniform via the Facebook Page over the last year or donated money at the uniform giveaway last week. We have raised another £154, on top of all of the coffee shop sales of uniform. Please do consider donating any blue uniform only (jumpers, cardigans, PE tops) to FOPWS to sell on and larger sizes are always in huge demand! Thank you again.

This year your PTA has worked hard to provide events that are fun for children, good for our school community and raise vital funds to support the enrichment of our children's education. But we need your help to continue in the new school year. Many hands make light work and it is fun and rewarding to be involved. But there are simply not enough committee members to maintain our current pace.

We desperately need help with the following:

- Researching and applying for funding and grants
- A disco coordinator
- Creating social media posts and writing this weekly newsletter

If you would like to get involved, please get in touch. Speak to your Class Rep or email: fowps-pta@googlegroups.com or text Caroline on: 07879676421.

Thank you and have a lovely summer.

After School Club

The Staff and Committee of the After School Club would like to thank parents for their support over this school year and wish all parents carers and pupils a wonderful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Job opportunity

An opportunity has arisen for a Finance and Administration assistant to support the club working flexible hours from home. Please see the attached Job advert. IF you are interested in applying, please contact Liz Gupta at woodcoteasc@hotmail.co.uk or text 07929 432217 with questions or to request an application pack.