



**Friday 12<sup>h</sup> September**

### **Meet the Teacher**

Thank you to everyone who stayed for the meeting on Monday. We hope you found it useful. If you didn't manage to make the meeting time and/or have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

### **Busy Bees After School clubs**

We have a few spaces left in some of our clubs.

Cookery Club members have enjoyed making apple turnovers, chocolate mousse, cheesecakes, veggie bolognese and other very tasty recipes. Hurry – only a few spaces left!

Languages Club is fun and games, literally! No writing just songs, games, laughter and enjoyment. The children will speak French, Spanish and Japanese!

Cross Country Club the children will go out for runs with Mrs Harbord and Mrs Welsh – look out for them on your way home on a Thursday!

Construction Club is open to the younger members of the school. Mrs Proctor will be guiding the little builders as they make their creations.

### **Young Voices, O2 Arena London, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 (Years 5 and 6)**

Information has been sent out this afternoon regarding the Young Voices Trip. Please refer to Parentmail for further information, thank you.

### **Footsteps**

Please see the attached important information.

### **Harvest Boxes**

Once again Year 6 children will be doing harvest boxes to deliver within the village. If you have any spare shoe boxes, please can you send these into school. We also need donations of in date non-perishable items of food to fill the boxes. All donations are appreciated. Thank you

### **Lunches & snacks**

As you are aware, children in KS1 are provided with a healthy snack, usually a piece of fruit each day. All other children need to bring in their own healthy snack to school. Packed lunches should also not include sweets. We do have children that have **nut allergies** so please do not send your child in with anything that has nuts in. Thank you.

### **Fidget Toys**

Please do not send in large "toys" as fidget toys. We are aware that some children need to have a small item to help their concentration but this week we have noticed that many of these fidgets are now very large and often make a lot of noise. Please could children, who have been recognised as needing these and it has been discussed with their teacher, only bring in something small and fairly discrete. It is actually becoming more disruptive with the larger and noisier toys and some children (even those with the toys) are not able to concentrate. Fidget toys are genuinely good for aiding concentration where there is a sensory need – they should not be a toy for distraction please.

### **Magazine**

The autumn edition of the Primary Times can be found in reception, please do come and help yourself to a copy.

**Photographs** – A reminder that the school photographer will be in school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Children should be dressed in full school uniform including a school sweatshirt or cardigan. Younger siblings are invited from 8:15am to be included for a family photo.

**Lunchtime Supervisor job vacancy**

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**

<p><b>Oak</b></p>	<p>Oak class have all been amazing this week completing their first full week of school. They have listened beautifully and been able to follow instructions really well. This week we have been learning about the letter s and the sound it makes. We had a go at writing it down in our books today. The children might want to show you, or tell you some words they know with the letter 's' in. When we write the letter 's' we say "Over her head and curl around" to remind us how to write it. We have also been busy listening to the story of Goldilocks and learning the song too.</p> <p>Today a class library book which your child has chosen will be coming home. This is for you to share and enjoy with your child over the week. Please return this book each FRIDAY morning and we will change it for a new one. Reading books will follow in a few weeks when we have taught enough of the letter sounds. We will have a story sharing time on FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER. Any parents who are free can come along at 3.00 to share a story with us.</p> <p>Secret Readers- any parents who would like to volunteer to come into school one day at 3pm to share a story with the children would be amazing. The children love to have a secret reader turn up to read a story to them. Please speak to us if you would like to.</p> <p>We will be doing PE every Friday this term. Please can all children have a named PE kit in a bag in school ready for next Friday. We hope you have a lovely weekend!</p>
<p><b>Hornbeam</b></p>	<p>What a week we have had in Hornbeam! The first full week of the year and we have made it to the end, with some very tired children! However, we are so proud of the way the children have approached their learning this week and thrown themselves into it! In English we have been using the book 'Our Classroom Family' as inspiration for our writing thinking about all the qualities a family have and how we can apply that to our classroom to create 'A classroom family' the children have written about what makes them unique and have included some rules that will form the basis of our family. Keep your eyes peeled for our display in the window, with plenty of the children's work. In maths we have been looking at counting skills, counting within 10 and being able to count different objects, recognising where mistakes have been made (listing the first object as 0) and using tens frames to represent different numbers. The children have all applied themselves well! On Tuesday with Mrs Thorne, we began looking at art. Using Mrs Thorne's special pencils to create different thickness of lines and adding some shading to objects to make them more realistic. Then on Thursday we were joined by Mrs Pearson, who helped us learn about the human body, identifying different parts of the body as well as the function they perform.</p>
<p><b>Beech</b></p>	<p>Beech class enjoyed acting out the story of Jack and the Beanstalk in English this week. We then ordered the story and then used drama to help us describe Jack's character using adjectives. In maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of place value using real objects. We are starting to revise our</p>

	<p>number bonds to 10; it would be good if children could practise these at home. We have also been learning to count sides and vertices on 2D shapes. In science, we drew pictures of adult animals and their offspring. Thank you to the families who joined us on Monday after school. Don't worry if you couldn't make it. All the children were given the information to take home, and it is also on the school website on our class page. Everyone should now have a reading book and Monster Phonics spelling book. Please can children practise spellings from page 2. If you have any questions about this, please have a chat with one of the year 2 team.</p>
<b>Ash</b>	<p>This week in Ash, we have started to settle well into new routines. We continued with our poetry theme in English and have written Feelings -ish poems to accompany the drawings we created to go with our book -Ish. We shared our knowledge about Nutrition for our Science topic on Animals including Humans and we started our Geography topic on Rivers, using atlases to locate world rivers. Please note, our PE days have changed to Tuesdays and Wednesdays from next week.</p>
<b>Rowan</b>	<p>This week, we have begun working on our English project based around Fantastic Mr Fox. The children have so far enjoyed trying to tell me the story and we have discussed the characters of the farmers and Mr Fox. Next we aim to use adjectives to create a character description for a wanted poster. We had fun with a variety of musical instruments, tuning forks and water to explore sound and vibration in our science.</p> <p>Next week we will all be going swimming at The Oratory, so please make sure you have a towel, swimming hat and costume, and a coat for Tuesday. A separate ParentMail will be sent out with more information</p>
<b>Maple</b>	<p>We have had an outstanding second week here in Maple Class. In English we continued looking at our class book "The Dragons Hoard" and went deeper with our sentence writing by exploring compound sentences and co-ordinating conjunctions. In Maths, after exploring ancient numbers (Roman Numerals), we spent some time looking at place value and solidifying our understanding of larger numbers. Meanwhile in Topic we were exploring the many different names of places in our country that come from the Anglo-Saxons. We spent some time looking through atlases and could find plenty of 'hursts' and 'dons' but not that many 'stowes!' Finally we wrapped up our week with some more 3D modelling using TinkerCad (we'll hopefully print something next week!) and some more work on the ukuleles. We'll get some photos and videos up on the website as soon as we can!</p>
<b>Willow</b>	<p>Thank you to all those who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' event on Monday, it was great to see you all and answer all of your questions. The children have settled into the daily routine of school again really well but please help them at home by ensuring that they are doing their homework - reading, spellings and times table practice. Please also make sure they have PE kits in school all week. This week we have begun our Harvest poems, these will go into the Harvest boxes once we have covered them and decorated them. In Maths, we looked at nets of cubes so that we could create a net for our shoe boxes and then cover them, ready for painting. We look forward to seeing all of the pupils who have signed up for Junior parkrun on Sunday at Prospect park - remember be there for 8.50am at the latest</p>

### Important dates

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Yr7 Applications open for Secondary school places
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Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 School trip to Ufton Court
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Story sharing time @ 3:00pm – Oak class – Parents invited
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Individual photographs including younger siblings starts at 8:15am
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	FOWPS Disco
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening – times tbc
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Flu immunisations – more information to follow
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Open Morning 9:30am for Reception children September 2026
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents Evening – times tbc
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day – School closed
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Autumn Half term
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Closing date for Year 7 secondary school places closes
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning 9:30am for Reception children September 2026
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1&2 Christmas performance – pm, exact time to be confirmed
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Cabin & Oak class performance @ 2:00pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	FOWPS Christmas Fair
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term – 1:00pm finish
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026	Young voices – Yrs 5 & 6
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	National Offer Day for Secondary school places

## **OTHER NEWS**

Raring2go! Autumn Magazine

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/reading/autumn2025/>

**The Oratory School – Open morning** - flyer attached