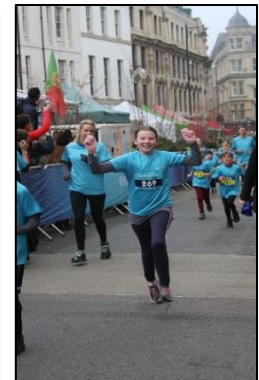




Friday 17th October

Oxford Schools Challenge

It was an absolute pleasure to take 34 pupils to the Oxford Schools Challenge as part of the Oxford Half Marathon on Sunday morning. Although it was a very early start (we met at 7.30am!) it was fantastic to see everyone so excited and eager to go for a run. Children from Oak class, all the way to Year 6, took part and we were supported by 9 fabulous parents who ran, jogged, walked and even sprinted with the children around the course - thank you so much, we literally couldn't have run without you!



Parents' Evening

The sign-up for parents' evening is filling fast – please book in if you have not already done so. Parents' evenings are next Monday and Thursday.

If you have had a Pupil Profile Meeting in the past few weeks, you do not need to attend parents' evening, unless you would like a second discussion with the teacher.

Breakfast club news

In the case of a very late or an emergency booking, we have a new email address to which you can send a request for a place for your child: Breakfastclub@woodcote.oxon.sch.uk . Please wait for a response to the email – we need to be able to provide the correct staff ratio for the number of children with us each day.

This email should be used for these purposes only, otherwise places should be booked on ParentMail in the usual way.

Breakfast Club starts at 7:15am and food is served until 7:45am. Every morning the children are given the choice of cereal, toast, bagels, waffles or porridge and a selection of fresh fruit. To drink, the children have the choice of fruit juice, milk or water. Chill Club joins from 8am and both clubs finish at 8:30am in time for the start of the school day. Different activities are available for the children to choose from each day.

Flu immunisations

A reminder that the School Health Nursing Team are in School next week on Tuesday 21st October to deliver the Flu Immunisations. Whether you wish for your child to have their Flu vaccine or you do not, please complete the form on ParentMail at least one full school day before the session. After this date you will find the online system will not work.

Verbal Abuse towards school staff

The paragraph below was in the newsletter only 2 weeks ago. This week we had another incident of verbal abuse towards a staff member leaving that staff member very upset. This is our workplace and we are all doing our best in what sometimes can be very tricky circumstances. We kindly ask that you read this again.

We would like to remind some parents that speaking to staff in an aggressive or abusive way is not tolerated and does not show the children how to behave. We are unfortunately getting more frequent bursts of poor behaviour from parents, directed towards staff who are doing their best. We remind you that you would not tolerate being spoken to in anything but a respectful manner and ask that you return this more pleasant behaviour

Cake Sale on Thursday 23rd October

Please can we remind you that there is a cake sale after school on Thursday. The sale cannot go ahead without the donation of cakes so we would be grateful for all your nut free cake donations. All money raised at this event goes back to the classes. Thank you for your support.

Scooter

There has been a scooter left outside the school for several days. Does it belong to your child? If so please can you collect it? If not claimed we will have to find it a new home. Thank you

From Last weeks' newsletter

School Photographs

We hope that you are pleased with the school photographs that were sent home earlier this week. All orders must be placed online or returned to the school office by no later than Tuesday 4th November.

Year 6

A reminder that the closing date for applying for your child's secondary school place is Friday 31st October. Please click on the link below:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications>

Class Updates

Oak	<p>Another busy week in Oak class- the children have learnt the letter n and have been very engaged playing schools and hospitals in the garden. They have also enjoyed setting up a stage and making up their own plays. We have spent time looking at all the leaves in the garden, making pictures and collages with them and painting some autumn trees. They have got very good at remembering the days of the week and we have been talking about the date too. We hope you are enjoying sharing the reading books or activities with the children. Please remember to bring in their folder with the book/ activity in and the signed reading record on Monday. We are so pleased with how happy and settled they all are in school as it nears the end of their first half term. We hope you have a lovely weekend.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>This week in English we have been looking at Little Red Riding Hood. We have learnt about nouns, adjectives and verbs and composed our own sentences. In Maths we have been working hard on number bonds to 10. This has been challenging for some, so any support with this at home would be fantastic. In PSHE we have been working on friendships and what makes a good friend.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class wrote some beautiful autumn poems this week. After going on a senses walk, we wrote poems including a range of adjectives. We then edited our writing and wrote the poems up neatly. They are all displayed on our proud walls in Beech class. We enjoyed adding actions to our poems and performed them to the class. In maths, we have been finding missing numbers on a number line and practising our 2x table. We have also been sorting 3D shapes according to their properties. In science, we researched healthy and unhealthy foods using laptops. Please practise the spellings on pages 21 and 22 of your orange spelling book. Some of these will be ticked to show you which to practise, but feel free to practise more of them if you would like to.</p>
Ash	<p>We have been busy this week in Ash class making junk models of a river journey and plan to add colour and labels to them next week. Thank you for all the 'junk' donations for our models. In English, we have started to write river poetry using the descriptive phrases that we have been working on this term and in Science we had a special visitor, Mrs Benskin, to talk to us about her work as a nutritionist. She helped us to understand why we need a foundation of a healthy diet but with some treats sometimes.</p>
Rowan	<p>We have been continuing our work on sound by investigating how the volume of sound changes the further away the sound source is. We practiced our measuring skills, prediction writing, and used a datalogger to record the level of sound in decibels. Although our predictions were not all right, we were able to suggest reasons why this might be. Our class story Monday to Wednesday is The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. As part of our Victorian studies we've been exploring what life was like for poor children during this time. We've read vivid extracts describing the harsh realities of Victorian London and watched scenes from <i>Oliver Twist</i> to spark discussion about the clothing, surroundings, and treatment these children experienced. A powerful Victorian painting from 1874, showing homeless people, inspired our own creative writing. We've also been practising our times tables skills and even taken part in a traditional Victorian-style PE lesson! Please continue to read frequently with your child and practice those times tables. Use Hit the Button or Times Tables Rockstars to develop speed of finger and recall.</p>
Maple	<p>It's been another exciting week here in Maple Class! Though we've obviously done some writing (more work on our Norse myths) and Maths (column addition</p>

	and subtraction), the highlight of our week has definitely been Bikeability. Your children spent Wednesday morning practising their riding on the playground, playing games and attempting to squeeze between cones while still controlling their bicycles. After lunch they then went out and about on the roads around Woodcote. They took turns leading the way around the village and showed excellent control in their riding. Thursday saw more practise going on, including travelling up and down some of the hills and learning what to do at trickier junctions. The instructors had excellent things to say about your children and they should be proud of the care and focus they had while learning this tricky skill! Hopefully we get to see some more bikes in our bike rack after this week!
Willow	This week began early for some of us as we popped into Oxford on Sunday morning for the Oxford Schools Challenge, we were incredibly proud of our Year 6s and how well they helped to show the younger children what they needed to do. As school resumed on Monday, we focused on completing our autobiographies, ready for sharing next week. We were also delighted to receive lots of thank you cards and letters from the recipients of the Harvest boxes. We were very impressed by the high standard of handwriting and also that some of the recipients had designed and made their own cards. Our focus this week has been on assessments and seeing just how much we have learnt in Year 6 already. Thank you to all those who attended the Residential drop-in session - please remember, if you have a question about this trip, just pop in and ask. Today you should receive the deposit payment email. There is no spelling homework this week. Please make sure you've signed up for parents evening next week, unless we've already had a meeting.

Year 5 enjoyed their Bikeability course.



Important dates

Monday 20 th October	Parents Evening – 15:30 – 18:00
Tuesday 21 st October	Flu immunisations
Wednesday 22 nd October	Open Morning 9:30am & 11:00am for Reception children September 2026

Thursday 23 rd October	Year 2/3 Cake Sale – remember your nut free cake donations.
Thursday 23 rd October	Parents Evening – 15:30 – 19:00
Friday 24 th October	INSET Day – School closed
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October	Autumn Half term
Friday 31 st October	Closing date for Year 7 secondary school places closes
Tuesday 4 th November	Open Morning 9:30am & 11:00am for Reception children September 2026
Thursday 6 th November	FOWPS AGM @ 7:30pm in the school hall
Saturday 15 th November	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop
Friday 5 th December	FOWPS wreath making workshop in school
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1&2 Christmas performance – pm, exact time to be confirmed
Thursday 11 th December	Cabin & Oak class performance @ 2:00pm
Friday 12 th December	FOWPS Christmas Fair
Thursday 18 th December	Year 1 & 4 Cake sale
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term – 1:00pm finish
Friday 23 rd January 2026	Young voices – Yrs 5 & 6
Monday 2 nd March	National Offer Day for Secondary school places

FOWPS News

Other News

Supporting Goring Library and Local Charity



Scarecrow trailmap £1 GORING Entry £5 to host a Scarecrow

SCARECROW TRAIL

26th October
2nd November

Pop in to local shops for more info!

Two ways to take part:

- 1: Create a scarecrow and be part of the trail.
Pop in to the shops in Goring and grab an entry form and register (by 20th Oct), we will put your stop on the map for the hunt.
Then you need to get creative and build a scarecrow that visitors can come and view and vote for and you can win some lovely prizes!!
- 2: Pop in to your local Goring shops to get a trail map, go around the hunt and vote for your favourite, return the forms to Inspiration. Hope you have fun and enjoy the Spooky displays.

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