



Friday 14th November

Once again it was an absolute pleasure to see the whole school paying their respects to the soldiers of Woodcote who have given their lives in war. Each class laid their poppy wreaths and we heard the words of In Flanders Fields recited so clearly by year 6. Every child stood still and silent for 2 minutes and we were so proud to be there together with some members of the public who joined us for the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month.



In Craft club the children enjoyed sewing poppies for Remembrance Day.

Children In Need

Thank you to all the children who dressed in yellow and those of you who provided cakes for the lunchtime cake sale. We raised an amazing £236.00 which will be sent directly to Children In Need.



Second Hand Uniform

We are delighted that so much uniform is bought second hand or handed down to younger siblings or friends. This is absolutely the right thing to be doing for our planet. However, we now have over 20 jumpers or cardigans in lost property. We cannot return these to anyone because we have no idea who they belong to. They either have no name at all (these can often be new items of clothing) or names of pupils who left some time ago. Please make sure you write your child's name into the label somewhere. Any named item is taken straight back to the child. Expecting your child to know that an incorrect name actually belongs to them does not always work when the clothing ends up in completely the wrong part of school, which does happen! Please check your child's uniform this weekend and help us to ensure it doesn't get lost at school.

Message from Mr Neal

Thank you to all the staff, parents and children across the school for their well wishes after the birth of baby Joshua and their kindness in the gifts that we have received. We have been overwhelmed by people's kindness and generosity.

School photographs went home this week, we hope that you are pleased with them.

Christmas Lunch

This year Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 17th December. This is a wonderful event where all the children come together to have a Christmas meal served by members of the school team. On this day there are no other lunch choices provided by ABM Catering other than a vegetarian option. Please sign your child up on ParentMail school lunches.

Free online monthly drop-ins for parents and carers of children diagnosed with autism or suspected autism.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Term 2 Primary Schools Health Nursing newsletter

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/lofytcGNWRIJ0t8y?ref=email&loc=play>

Parental Contributions to support the school

Thank you very much to those families who have kindly donated to the school it is very much appreciated. You can still donate via ParentMail.

Parkrun

We look forward to seeing the children at the junior Parkrun on Sunday 16th November.

Class Updates

Oak	Another happy week in Oak class. The children really enjoyed walking to the war memorial on Tuesday for Remembrance day and listened and followed instructions brilliantly. We were so proud of them. They loved running on the field too as we practised for the park run on Sunday. This week we have been learning the letter g. It is quite a tricky one to write so any practice at home would be great. In maths we have been looking at the patterns we can make with the number 5 and have been learning to use the word altogether when we are thinking about how many items we have. We have noticed that some of the children are seeming quite tired so some early nights might be good. Have a lovely weekend.
Hornbeam	This week the children have been working hard on their firework poems and were excited to share some of them in sharing assembly this afternoon. The children have been learning about nouns, adjectives and verbs and trying to use examples within their writing. In Maths, we have moved onto subtractions, looking at finding the missing part of a number by counting what the total is, how many we have and how many more we need. In computing we spoke about the uses of a computer, how people can use it for work, communication, playing

	<p>games and many more fantastic examples. In PSHE, we had a focus on the difference between, being unkind, teasing and bullying and emphasising that bullying is rare and only when a behaviour is being consistently repeated. In History we learnt about the importance of remembrance day, we looked at people who visited the cenotaph, the significance of the poppy and why we have 2 minutes silence.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class enjoyed writing and editing their shape poems. They all look great and are now displayed on their “proud” walls. We wrote reflections on poppies and created a class wreath to take with us to the remembrance service. We then enjoyed taking part in the whole school 2km run around the rec. Well done to Ava and Ellie for creating a warmup for everyone. In science, we learnt about food groups and created a balanced, healthy meal. On Wednesday, we enjoyed a well-earned class treat of watching a film in our pyjamas. We have been learning our 2x, 5x and 10x table this week. We have also been learning to recognise the value of different coins and finding the totals of amounts of coins. If you have the opportunity, please encourage your child to practise this.</p>
Ash	<p>In Ash Class this week, we have been working on column addition and subtraction in our maths lessons, adding 2-digit numbers and exchanging ones and tens. In Computing, we have been thinking about cyberbullying and how this links to anti-bullying week this week. And in Science, we have created life size skeletons of the human body, helping us to recognise and use some of the main bones and their scientific names.</p> <p>As part of our D.T. project this term, we are researching, designing and ultimately making healthy sandwiches, using our Nutrition knowledge from last term. Please can you advise if there have been any recent changes in dietary requirements or allergies/intolerances since starting Year 3 so we can help plan with these in mind. Many thanks.</p>
Rowan	<p>We visited the War Memorial and placed our purple horseshoe in remembrance of the animals that served during the wars. This special act helped us think about the importance of Remembrance Day, and we also wrote thoughtful reports about everything we’ve learned and reflected on the poem On Silent Hooves.</p> <p>In maths, we practised column subtraction, and we enjoyed a practice Park Run on the village green! Our creativity continued in the kitchen as we made delicious coconut ice, and we finished the week by dressing in yellow for Children in Need. We even completed some Pudsey-inspired maths activities and wrote acrostic poems to celebrate the day.</p>
Maple	<p>It's been another busy week here in Maple Class. In English we've begun exploring non-chronological reports (an information text that is not written in time order). We've designed our own bizarre creatures that could be found in our current book, The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan, and we'll be writing reports on them over the next few weeks. Maths has seen us start our work on Multiplication and Division by diving into an exploration of multiples and factors. We were really impressed by how many of your children have a solid knowledge of times tables as this really helps when working in this area of mathematics. In Topic we spent some time decoding and writing in Norse runes while Science saw us continuing our work from last week and exploring all the different phases of human life from prenatal all the way to old age. We also got the chance this week to head down to the war memorial and spend some time remembering all the fallen soldiers and people that have fought in wars to protect us. Your children showed a great deal of respect and got the chance to leave a wreath made up of some stunning drawings of poppies that they had produced. They'll hopefully be up on the website by the time you read this!</p>

Willow	<p>What an action packed week! We were incredibly proud of our Year 6s as they recited 'In Flanders Fields' at the war memorial on Tuesday and then read the names of those who did not return from war, a poignant moment. We also managed to dodge all the showers to go and complete our practise parkrun ready for Sunday at Prospect. In Maths, we reminded ourselves of the difference between short and long division methods and how this is repeated subtraction and the inverse of multiplying. In English, we listened to the myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur', making comparisons with other stories we knew and modern life. We then put our acting skills to the test and performed different parts of the story, thinking about how characters were feeling. We will use these ideas as we begin to plan our own scripts. The children have decided they want to open a museum for the day which will showcase their work so ... Diary Date - Greek Museum open afternoon for parents - 16th December (time tbc) Please check Teams/bags for their project homework! Thank you to everyone who has paid their deposit for residential - numbers have now been confirmed with PGL.</p>
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Important dates

Saturday 15 th November	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop & second hand uniform sale – please do support this event.
Wednesday 19 th November	Year 5 trip to Earth Trust – details sent via ParentMail
Friday 5 th December	FOWPS wreath making workshop in school from 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Years 1&2 Christmas performance – pm, exact time to be confirmed
Thursday 11 th December	Cabin & Oak class performance @ 2:00pm – more information to follow
Friday 12 th December	FOWPS Christmas Fair & Grotto
Monday 15 th December	KS2 Carol concert – time to be confirmed
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 6 Greek Museum open afternoon for parents – time tbc
Wednesday 17 th December	Wear your Christmas jumper to school day
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th December	Year 1 & 4 Cake sale
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term – 1:00pm finish
Thursday 15 th January	Deadline for September 2026 reception class applications
Friday 23 rd January 2026	Young Voices – Years 5 & 6
Monday 2 nd March	National Offer Day for Secondary school places
Thursday 16 th April	National offer day for reception class September 2026
Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th June	Year 6 Residential to Liddington

FOWPS News

Congratulations to our 100 club winners

The winners are as follows:

September - Amy Wheeler

October - Amanda Berks

November - Jane Stevenson

Our next draw will be at the Christmas Fair and the lucky winner will receive £200!

We'd like to thank all our 100 clubs members for your support. The PTA is sad to announce that December will be our final draw and we will be closing the 100 club. Unfortunately we don't have the resources to maintain it. If you are a current subscriber, please cancel your subscription or standing order in January.