



Friday 16th January

Careers week

Thank you to all of the parents who kindly gave up their time this week to come and speak to the children about their occupations. It gave the children lots to think about and the feedback was that they asked some very interesting and thoughtful questions including how much do you get paid? The week culminated with the children coming to school on Friday dressed up as what they might like to be when they are older, we had children dressed as vets, archaeologists, digger drivers, a plumber, police officers, an RSPCA officer, a face painter, teachers including a deputy head, scientists, a cleaner, artists and the list goes on. We would like to thank everyone for supporting this event.



Young Voices – years and 6

A communication outlining the final details will be sent out next week.

Bag2School Collection on Tuesday 20th January

A reminder that we have a collection on Tuesday morning so all donations will need to be dropped off the day before. Thank you for your support. Details of what can be donated can be found by clicking on the link

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Lost property

Despite it only being the second week of the term we have a mountain of lost property in school, please do come to the office to check if it belongs to your child. Please can we also remind you to label all items that come into school. We have also had a pair of ear buds handed in, please pop to the office if they are yours.

From Last weeks newsletter

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.

Class Updates

Acorns	<p>This week, our focus has been on instrumental sounds. The children have learnt the names of lots of musical instruments, including a glockenspiel, which many of the children were able to pronounce. They have become quite rhythmical as we play instruments along to our favourite Nursery rhymes,</p> <p>We have also been looking at the letter sound o, mixing and exploring colours, the colour blue and have enjoyed Ridiculous, a story about a Tortoise that goes out in Winter, another new word they keep repeating.</p> <p>Please can I remind you that we will play out in all weathers, it's bad clothing, not bad weather. Make sure we have enough changes to keep them warm.</p>
Oak	<p>Oak class have loved hearing about all the different jobs that people do. An enormous thankyou to everyone who has been in to share what they do with the children! In phonics we have been learning the sounds r and h and using our phonics skills to read and write simple phrases. The children have also been putting pictures from the story 'How to catch a star' in order. In maths we have been thinking about one less for numbers up to 5 using lots of different action songs.</p> <p>On Monday the children are doing activities, linked to Shrove Tuesday, for world religion day. If the children have a named apron that they can bring in that would be great. Also, if anyone has a small frying pan at home that we could borrow for the day for playing some games that would be amazing.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>We have had a great week in Hornbeam learning about lots of different careers and talking openly about what we want to be when we are older. A massive thank you to all the volunteers who have come in to talk to us about their jobs - the children are so lucky to have had such fun and eloquent visitors!</p> <p>Aside from careers week we have continued to write about aliens, moving on from Beegu, the children each have their own alien and have been writing character descriptions describing their appearances. Our focus has been on forming a full sentences and attempting to use the word and to join two clauses together. In maths we have focussed on numbers from 13-20 with the emphasis being ten and a bit, building numbers on tens frames and identifying groups of tens and ones.</p>
Beech	<p>It has been a very busy and interesting week in Beech Class. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different careers of some of our parents this week. Thank you! It has also been fabulous to hear about some of the different careers the children would like to do, including art, music, working with animals, working in the police, and construction, to name just a few! A huge thank you also to Reverend Benskin who gave up his time to come and share some fascinating artefacts and special items from the church, to help us learn more about Christian celebrations. In our maths lessons, we have been adding and subtracting multiples of 10. In science, we sorted animals and plants into</p>

	different habitats and talked about which can be found in urban and woodland habitats. In PSHE, we read Ravi's Roar and discussed how we can feel calmer when we are upset and angry. In geography, we are thinking about the big question 'are all continents the same?' Have a lovely weekend everyone.
Ash	This week, we have very much enjoyed having our parent visitors to talk about their jobs for Careers Week. In History, we carefully examined museum artefacts, from a museum box we have received in school, to understand more about life in Ancient Egypt. In Art, we have been designing our own Queen Nefertiti style self-portraits, with a focus on repeating patterns and including digital media in our work. And in Maths, we have been looking at equal groups as part of our Multiplication and Division module. We hope you all have a good weekend.
Rowan	Rowan Class have had a busy and exciting week of learning. In English, we have been learning about fronted adverbials and practising how to use them effectively in our writing. In Maths, we explored length, using a range of practical activities. Our music lessons focused on listening to classical composers Mozart and Beethoven, where we discussed tempo and volume and how different pieces of music make us feel. During PSHE, we reflected on our own talents and compared them with others in the class, realising that although we are all different, we can still be great friends. We were very lucky to have a visit from a graphic designer, who shared insights into their career and showed us some exciting projects — the children loved listening and learning about the variety of work involved. We ended the week in style by dressing up as our chosen careers, with scientists, vets, sports people, hairdressers and even a racing car driver making an appearance!
Maple	Well, it's been Career's Week here at Woodcote and we have absolutely loved having so many parents dropping in to talk to us about what they do for a living. We've been visited by a teacher who told us about all the other things they have to do when they're not with the class! Then we heard from a CBT therapist who taught us some strategies for if we're feeling anxious and told us about how they work in the NHS. After that we were visited by a graphic designer who showed us their process from start to finish and allowed us to ask thousands of questions. Then finally we were told all about construction and some of the huge projects people can work on. We even got the chance to see a bridge being demolished and then replaced! We wrapped up our week coming to school dressed as the role we'd like to be when we grow up. Turns out we have lots of vets, doctors, writers and archaeologists in our midst, along with a few budding YouTubers! We've loved talking about our plans for the future and it's been wonderful getting a glimpse at where your children may end up.
Willow	This week we have loved having visitors from such a large range of occupations, thank you to all those parents who came in. We learnt so much. As we get ready to go to the O2 next Friday, we have been practising our songs and dance moves - please make sure the songs are practised across the weekend too. In Maths, we have been learning about ratio and how this links to fractions. In English, we began our class story of the Girl of Ink and Stars and have written adverts enticing you to come and visit Joya! In Topic, we have learnt about Tectonic Plates and how these work, we'll continue this next week and link it to earthquakes.

What fun the children in Acorn class have been having!



Important dates

Tuesday 20 th January	Bag2School collection 9.00am
Friday 23 rd January 2026	Young Voices – Years 5 & 6
Wednesday 4 th February	Year 3 trip to the Ashmolean – please check ParentMail for details
Saturday 7 th February	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop & Second hand uniform sale
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	Spring half term
Monday 2 nd March	National Offer Day for Secondary school places
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day in School – dress up as your favourite book character
Saturday 21 st March	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop & Second hand uniform sale
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holiday – School closed
Thursday 16 th April	National offer day for reception class September 2026
Monday 4 th May	Bank holiday – school closed
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Summer Half Term
Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th June	Year 6 Residential to Liddington
Wednesday 1 st July	INSET day – School closed
Monday 20 th July	INSET day – School closed
Tuesday 21 st July	School summer holidays begin – school closed
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET day
Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET day

FOWPS

No news this week.

Other information

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY


FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
MOST SUITABLE FOR 5-16 YRS

SCIENCE BAZAAR

Saturday 21 February 2026


9:30am - 11:30am Relaxed autism-friendly early opening
11:30am-4pm Open to all


Fun activities, hands-on workshops, experiments, talks, show, competitions and cafe


BOOK TICKETS

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