



Friday 23rd January

This week we celebrated World Religion Day in our classes. Each class chose a religion and learnt about the key festivals and celebrations. We then shared these altogether in assembly. It was fabulous to see the links between the religions and understand that you can celebrate them throughout the world.



Paper Lotus lanterns made by the children in Year 3 for World Religion Day



Bag2School Collection on Tuesday 20th January

Thank you to everyone who bought in items for the bag 2 school collection. We raised £46.80.

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 and a ring handed in, please pop to the office if they are yours. If the school uniform items are not collected by the end of next week we will pass them onto FOWPS to sell at the second hand uniform sale on Saturday 7th February.

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>On Monday, we explored the topic of religion and learned about Christianity. We discussed that people who follow this religion are called Christians, and we linked this to the Christmas story and the birth of a baby named Jesus. We also talked about the cross as an important symbol and noticed how it can be seen in our local church.</p> <p>We then learned a simple song about Jesus and took part in a creative activity, making and decorating crosses using popsicle sticks and gems or sequins.</p> <p>This week, for our pre-writing activities, we traced around animals and listened to different sounds, focusing on the initial sounds in our names. For phonological awareness, in preparation for phonics, we made fresh playdough for our weekly Dough Disco session. This week, we danced along to <i>Old MacDonald</i>, a trusty old rhyme which always captivates the children's attention.</p> <p>In PE, children used the parachute to hide under whilst slithering and making hissing sounds like a snake.</p>
Oak	<p>Oak class loved learning about Shrove Tuesday on Monday and making pancakes. They were also very confident showing the rest of the school what they had been doing in assembly and can hopefully tell you, their recipe. In phonics we have been learning the sounds b, f, and ff. F and b are both a little tricky to write so if they can practice them at home over the weekend that would be great. In maths we have been thinking about the numbers 6 and 7 and what is one more and one less. On Monday Mrs Heath will be in the classroom as Mrs Proctor and Mrs Heath needed to swap a day last term.</p> <p>Stay and Play - On Weds 4th February parents can come into the classroom at drop off and join the children in their morning activities from 8.35-9am. We will also be doing another stay and play morning session on Friday 13th March at the same times. We hope you have a lovely weekend.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>This week in Hornbeam we have greatly enjoyed learning about Neil Armstrong as part of our significant explorer's topic. We have learnt about his life and career as well as his moon landing mission. In addition to this, in English we have been reading 'Man on the Moon', a book about 'Bob', who is responsible for the upkeep and care of the moon. In maths, we have looked at number lines and how to use them to solve problems and recognise numbers. Finally, this week's science experiment has been great fun, learning how to record a method. We have been learning how to make shaving foam rain.</p>
Beech	<p>It was world religion day on Monday at Woodcote Primary. Beech class enjoyed learning more about the Sikh festival of Hola Mohalla. We acted out the story of milk and the lotus flower, wrote a poem together and then created some beautiful colour splat artwork using Sikh symbols. In science, we went on a hunt for plants and animals in our school habitat. We learnt more about microhabitats and found minibeasts that live in and under a log. In maths this week we have been adding 2-digit numbers and using column method to add efficiently. We have also been measuring length in metres and centimetres. In English, we started writing a non-chronological report about stick insects, remembering to include all the correct grammar features. In computing, we researched lots of facts and pictures of stick insects. Have a lovely weekend everyone.</p>
Ash	<p>In Ash Class, we started our week learning about the Buddhist festival of Vesak for World Religion Day. We made paper lotus lanterns, often used for the celebration of the birth of Buddha. Paper folding continued in our History lesson, as we created fact pyramids from paper nets. And in PE, we have been learning ball control skills in our football lessons. Wishing you all a good weekend.</p>
Rowan	<p>In maths, practical work has included measuring parts of our bodies, the classroom, curved lines and small objects. As part of our Religion topic on Judaism, learning has focused on the Torah and how it was made and written,</p>

	including the process involved. In music, tapping sticks have been used to create a consistent beat while exploring rhythm and pulse, alongside listening to and experiencing the music of classical composers such as Johann Strauss. In English, sentence writing has been improved through the use of expanded noun phrases. During PE we have been learning various dances to modern and older music pieces.
Maple	It's been another remarkably busy week here in Maple Class! We started our week off with World Religions Day, a time where we get to explore religions from around the world and celebrate all the things that can bring us together rather than tear us apart. We've begun to explore Islam in Maple Class and spent some time looking at the five pillars of faith that guide Muslims in their journey through life. Plenty of other lesson and learning happened throughout the week, but it was really dominated by our trip on Friday to the O2 Arena to perform at Young Voices. Your children have been hard at work rehearsing and have sounded incredible in the practices. We've even seen some creative dance moves and British Sign Language going on! While I'm writing this on Thursday before we head off, I have no doubt your children will carry themselves brilliantly, show London what Woodcote children look like and put on an incredible show. We can't wait to see you all across a crowded arena!
Willow	This week Willow have continued to read The Girl with Ink and Stars, and the adventures of Isabella and Da - following an argument, her best friend Lupe has disappeared, the governor's boat has been destroyed, cattle slaughtered and the adults arrested! What will happen next? Informal language is covered on Page 27 - 29 (we have covered some in class). In Maths, we are looking at Ratio, the connection with fractions and scaled drawings. (revision book pages 53 - 56). The excitement for Young Voices grows and the rehearsals continue apace - I am sure it is going to be an amazing event at the O2. World Religion Day on Monday was amazing, we learnt about Hinduism and the meaning of Omnipresence - ask about the salt in the cup of water and its meaning. PE is Netball outside, so please remember to wrap up warm! Spellings have been set and will be sent out on Teams.

Made by the children in Acorns for World Religion day.



Important dates

Wednesday 4 th February	8.35 – 9.00 Oak parents invited to stay & play in Oak classroom
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 9 th February	Parents evening 15.30 – 19.00 – booking information to follow
Thursday 12 th February	Parents evening 15.30 – 18.00 – booking information to follow
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
Friday 13 th March	8.35 – 9.00 Oak parents invited to stay & play in Oak classroom
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 1st September	INSET day
Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET day

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No news this week.