



**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

**World Book day**

We will be celebrating World Book Day in School on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Please can they also bring the book into school so that we can talk about it in class.

**Before and After School clubs**

All club bookings will go live from 6.00pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December on ParentMail. We have a new Environment club which will be focusing on the environment around us and what we can do to help nature and save the planet! Spaces are limited for all clubs so please do book early to avoid any disappointment.

**Computing club**

A reminder that After School computing club has now finished for this half term.

**Book Club books**

If your child has a Book Club book at home that they no longer want please can you return it to school as we will use these for other children. Thank you.

**Spring Parents Evenings**

A reminder to book a parents evening slot for next week via ParentMail. Please note that if you have recently been in for a Pupil Profile Review you don't need a meeting but you will be very welcome should you wish to come and meet your teacher again.

**NCHMP Year R and 6**

Children in reception and year 6 took part in the National Childhood Measuring programme earlier this week. A leaflet was set home with your child which had a QR code enabling you to access the results.

**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**

<b>Acorns</b>	The Acorn class enjoyed taking a walk around the school to see what all the older children were up to. They loved seeing the many celebrations of the Winter Olympics. We talked about different sports and watched an ice hockey game. During PE, Carla set up an ice hockey pitch, and the children were given sticks, with football socks used as pucks. It was interesting to see just how competitive some of them were! A big thank you to Beau Harmer in Year 4 (an ex-Cabin girl), who brought in her hockey equipment. The children were especially impressed with the ice skates.
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	<p>Charlotte showed the children how to ski jump, and each child then had a turn at jumping. We used blocks to measure the distance — seven blocks were the longest jump! We even had a scoreboard, making it a great maths activity. On Thursday, Jayne made cheese scones. We thought they looked like hockey pucks (hopefully not as heavy!). A smaller group also went off to Rhyme Time in the library with Katie. What a busy and exciting week for Acorn class!</p>
<b>Oak</b>	<p>What a busy week. The children enjoyed visiting the library, learning about the old building and looking at all the books. If you haven't visited the library please go along as the children are keen to show you and borrow some books. A big thankyou to everyone who came to stay and play on Wednesday morning. The children loved having you in school with them. On Monday the children got weighed, measured and had their sight checked. There is a leaflet in their bags about how you can access the results. Also, this week the children joined their house groups on Monday and Thursday afternoons and learnt all about a country and a winter Olympic sport which they shared in assembly on Friday. The children really liked working with older siblings and with children from different year groups. In phonics, we have been revising all the sounds we have learnt so far and in maths we have been counting backwards from ten and then twenty. Everyone has found this quite tricky so see if you can have a go at home. It is Oak class and year 6's turn to run a cake stall at the end of the day next Friday (13th). The money raised will go to buy things the classes need and also helps out on the cost of class trips. Please can Oak parents bring in small cakes to sell (Brought or homemade and nut free) We also need parents to help selling the cakes, please let a member of the Oak team know if you can help.</p>
<b>Hornbeam</b>	<p>This week Hornbeam have greatly enjoyed reading the story 'Ol Frog', we have been learning about rhyming words and creating our own rhyming ladders by changing the starting letter of each word (e.g. cat, hat, bat, rat etc.). There has been much laughter and amusement over the last week. In maths, we have progressed onto adding numbers within 20, we started by using tens frames to physically add more before moving onto number lines, where we can draw each individual jump. In art, Mrs Wibberly taught us all about warm and cool colours and we created artwork in the style of Kandinsky to show the contrast between them. Finally, on Monday and Thursday afternoon the children headed off into their teams as part of our curriculum enrichment. This year we have used the Winter Olympics as a stimulus. On Monday, we had a geography focus where each house team learnt about a different country in the Winter Olympics before Thursday, when each team learnt about a different sport. I have been so impressed when the children have come back to the class with the knowledge and information, they have retained.</p>
<b>Beech</b>	<p>Beech class have been working hard to research different world habitats. We worked in teams to sort plants and animals and used the internet to start to plan our shoe box habitats. In English, we wrote about a woodland habitat. It's been lovely to see how much progress the children have all made with their writing. We loved working in our teams this week to learn more about the Winter Olympics. In phonics, we have been reading and spelling words with a soft c.</p>
<b>Ash</b>	<p>Well, our trip to the Ashmolean Museum has to be the highlight of our week in Ash. On Wednesday, we spent the day exploring the treasures of the museum. We visited the art galleries to see a real-life Monet painting and other Impressionist art, to link to our learning last term. On our way, we saw a 17<sup>th</sup> century tapestry of Oxfordshire and spotted Woodcote on there. In line with our Egyptian history topic, we went on an Ancient Egyptian trail (also seeing Guy Fawkes' lantern on our travels) and finished our day with an Egyptian workshop, led by the museum staff in the Ancient Egyptian galleries. To complete our week, we have been researching and writing a biography of Howard Carter back in class and working on multiplying and dividing by 4. Next week we will have an Egyptian day in class to complete our studies of Ancient Egypt. If you have an old Barbie type doll (male or female) that we could</p>

borrow, we need a couple of extra figures to use in our activities next week it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Our class trip to the Ashmolean



**Rowan**

This week, we have been working towards writing a non-chronological report about a country we researched, focusing on using prepositional phrases and improving our joined-up handwriting. In maths, we explored perimeter in rectilinear shapes and continued to practise our times tables. On Monday and Thursday afternoon, we spent time in our house teams learning about the Winter Olympics, the countries that take part, and the different sports involved. There was a wide range of activities to get stuck into, including playdough totem poles, pastel art, ice sensory play, colouring, research tasks, making flags, cooking, baking or decorating cakes, outdoor and indoor sports, cutting and sticking, designing team outfits, and watching short clips of Olympic events. We also watched an ice hockey match together in class. We discussed the Olympic values of friendship, respect, and excellence, and we will be working to demonstrate these in school. A special thank-you to Beau for bringing in her ice hockey kit and sharing her knowledge with us.

**Maple**

This week saw the school splitting off into our teams so we could spend some time exploring the different countries and sports going on in this year's Winter Olympics. We looked at countries ranging from Japan all the way to Austria and sports from ski-jumping to ice hockey. This didn't stop us from continuing to work on a number of other subjects though! In maths we've been working on adding and subtracting fractions while English has seen us diving into different characters from our book 'The Longest Night of Charlie Noon.' In D&T, we created prototypes of our flags of Woodcote, using coloured paper and card to create a 1:1 scale template that we will be able to use to cut out our fabric. We wrapped up our week with some independent writing about a man who is making robots, a Scratch coding challenge in computing and some circle time where we discussed whether the internet is changing us or are we just growing up?

**Willow**

It has been assessment week this week in Willow and the pupils have handled it brilliantly, with calmness and assuredly. It's a pit stop where we get the chance to review learning and identify next steps on our journey towards SATs – we'll be able to provide feedback to parents next week at Parent's Evening if needed. We've still been busy with our other studies – for the Winter Olympics, each house has gathered together for two afternoons to learn about their selected country and sport – it's been great fun having a wide breadth of Year groups working collaboratively. In English this week, Willow have published their recount of their adventures at the O2 – making sure that their pieces flowed in chronological order over a number of paragraphs. They have also written an informal letter between two characters from The Girl of Ink and Stars. In Maths – we start looking at Algebra,

with a delve into function machines. In Science, we were looking at refraction, and experimented what happened to light through a transparent materials. In Geography, we reviewed latitudes and longitudes with an understanding of time zones – the pupils tried to locate places around the world and work out what time it was! Apologies that the Spellings didn't make it to Teams – combination of user error and technical fault! Sorry. Spellings cover the 'cial' and have gone into books – hopefully they have made it to Teams this week. Homework has been set and handed out – a SPAG piece and a Reading Comprehension, this will be handed out on a Friday for return the following Friday. Homework will build steadily in the approach to SATs and should be a useful review of prior knowledge.  
Have a fantastic weekend.

### Our Winter Olympics assembly



The children in Acorns loved trying out ice hockey.



The children from Oak class enjoyed their visit to the library earlier on this week.



## Important dates

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop & Second hand uniform sale. 9.30- 12.30 in the Old School House
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening 15.30 – 19.00
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening 15.30 – 18.00
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception and Year 6 After School Cake Sale 3.15 – 3.45 on the playground.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring half term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	National Offer Day for Secondary school places
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Week
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day in School – dress up as your favourite book character
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	8.35 – 9.00 Oak parents invited to stay & play in Oak classroom
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – Comic Relief
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop & Second hand uniform sale
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	End of term – 1.00pm finish
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday – School closed
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	National offer day for reception class September 2026
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday – school closed
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential to Liddington
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET day – School closed
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET day – School closed
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School summer holidays begin – school closed
Tuesday 1st September	INSET day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET day

## FOWPS

Please join us for tea and cake at the Old School House this Saturday. Home made cakes, tombola, lucky dip and second hand uniform sale. Thank you very much to our volunteers and bakers for making this possible. We look forward to welcoming you between 9:30 - 12:30. Flyer attached.

## Other News

### Free & Low cost fun filled February half term activities

Please find information about free and low cost activities for families during February half term. Families can book and find more information on the website below:

[South and Vale Holiday Activities](#)

### Cholsey Fun Run – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March



Have you signed up for  
**the Cholsey Fun Run?**  
Join us at the Rec, earn a medal  
and have some fun with your  
friends. For children up to 12yrs.

**Treehouse**  
10k, 5k & Fun Run  
29th March 2026

SIGN UP  
HERE

SCAN ME Starts at Cholsey Recreation Ground at 10am.  
<https://treehouse10k.org.uk>

The poster features a group of children and adults in blue and green running gear, some holding medals. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner.

### Atom Festival of Science & Technology



**ATOM** Festival of Science  
& Technology  
14th - 25th March 2026

Inspiring  
workshops  
for kids

Tours:  
History of Science  
Museum + UKAEA  
+ Harwell

Tue 17th  
March  
“Predators”  
Professor  
**Tim Coulson**  
FameLab  
Academy

Sun 15th  
March  
“Our Place in the  
Universe”  
The Peagram  
Lecture  
Professor  
**Brian Cox**  
CBE

**FREE**  
Science Market  
interactive event  
for all the family  
Sat 14th March

[atomfestival.org.uk](http://atomfestival.org.uk)

BOOK  
TICKETS  
ONLINE

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Townsend  
Harwell  
UK Atomic  
Energy  
Authority

The poster features a large image of a toucan bird and a portrait of Professor Brian Cox. It includes a QR code in the bottom right corner and logos for various partners at the bottom.

## **The Oxford & Cambridge Singing School**

**Oxford Course:** for those aged 7-13

**When:** 30 & 31 March 2026

**Where:** venue to be confirmed shortly

**How:** booking is via our website [here](#) . **We are a Not for Profit organisation. Bursaries are always available on our courses.**

**Concert** - There will be an informal concert at the end of each day to which families are warmly invited.

**Repertoire** will be music for Spring and Easter