



Friday 27th February

We hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break, it was lovely to see a glimpse of the sun earlier this week, let's hope it comes out again soon.

Red Nose Day - organised by School Council

School Council are busy organising events for Red Nose Day on Friday 20th March - thank you to all those who have donated Teddy bears already (remember they need the CE or Lion Mark for British Safety Standards).

On the day, they would like to encourage pupils to wear red for a £1 donation. They are also organising a Teddy Tombola for Friday 20th where you can purchase a ticket for 50p (or £1 for 3 tickets) and have the chance of winning lots of fabulous teddy bears. As well as all of this, they are also organising a Cake sale for Friday lunchtime. Cakes will be available for a range of prices from 20p, 50p to £1.

All Teddy donations by Friday 13th March please (this gives us the chance to wash them ready for the tombola).

Dogs

A reminder that only assistance dogs and dogs being used for educational purposes are allowed onto school premises. This includes the front area of the school grounds and the front garden.

Polar Bear Walk

It was fantastic to see so many pupils join the Polar Bear walk this morning to raise awareness of the effect of Global Warming on Polar Bears. Huge congratulations go to Freya for organising the event.



Netball tournament

On Wednesday 25th February nineteen of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils headed over to Langtree School for a netball tournament against Whitchurch School. We entered three teams who represented Woodcote Primary School excellently.

Each team played 5 matches, working hard to travel down the court, making good passes and scoring goals!

Congratulations to our C team who won their tournament and gained a trophy and a medal each. The Olympic Value awards went to Luna and Mya for showing great determination. Katie and

Alex for showing a wonderful positive attitude and Ben and Emily for great play and encouraging their team mates.

We were very proud of all the children that took part as they all put in a huge effort and played with fabulous team spirit.



Busy Bee Clubs


Debating Club has now opened up to year 4 and there are a limited number of places left. Please sign your child up if you think that they may like to join. There are also spaces available on some of the other clubs too. If we do not have enough children taking part then the club may have to stop running.


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>Hurray, the sun came out, and we made the most of it. We played outside all day, all the children played so well together, making a walkway out of stepping stones, plates, wooden blocks and anything they could find. We went for a Spring walk looking for signs of spring, especially at the blossom outside the library, then came back into Acorn class and made our own Spring display from Cherry blossom pictures symbolising renewal, prosperity and the arrival of spring, finishing our Chinese New Year celebrations. Yoga is our theme for PE this term. I was very impressed by the children's attention and ability; they loved.</p> 
Oak	<p>We hope you all had a good half term. The children have come back happy and ready to learn. We have been so impressed with their listening skills and helpfulness this week. We have been busy learning the sounds w and x and practising writing simple phrases. Lots of the children could independently write 'a cat on a bed' and 'a duck and a hen'. In maths we have been looking at the number 7 and have been starting to think about subtraction. We have had fun exploring food this week, making fruit rockets, tasting noodles and making and eating banana bread. On Monday we are planning to go for a walk around the village to look at old and new buildings. Just a reminder that our next stay and play morning is on Friday 13th March from 8.35-9. We hope you have a lovely weekend.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>Hornbeam have come back to school full of energy and vigour! We have been able to get straight into our new topic 'Amazing Animals'. In science we have been learning the names of some common animals and have introduced the 5 animal kingdoms: mammals, fish, birds, amphibians and reptiles. In English, the animal theme has continued, we are learning to create a piece of non-fiction writing, in preparation for our visit to Rushall farm. After the visit, we will be writing our own non-fiction report about one of the animals there. In Maths, we have been learning about doubles and near doubles, playing games, rolling dice and building numbers using tens frames and rekenreks. Finally, in DT we have begun to research our next topic, marble runs. The children have been playing with and building marble runs this week in preparation for creating their own in the following weeks.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class have been learning about the features of folktales this week. We have read some folktales and acted out the story of 'How the Crane got its Crown'. This is a folktale from Uganda, and it links nicely with our geography work this term. In maths, we have been solving some tricky problems involving multiplication. In PSHE, we had a circle time about the importance of medicines and how to stay safe with medicines at home. Your child should have received a curriculum map and homework menu. If you have any questions, please do come and chat to one of the year 2 team.</p>

<p>Ash</p>	<p>We hope you all had a good half term. This week in Ash, we have started rehearsals for our Year 3/4 play 'Grimm', getting to learn our lines and the songs.</p> <p>In English, we have read chapter 1 of our new class book 'The Iron Man' in guided reading lessons and have written a character description of the main character using some fantastic similes and onomatopoeic words. In Science we have started to think about light, discussing light sources and why the moon isn't a light source. And in Art, we have looked at the work of 2 artists (Alice Kettle and Hannah Rae), who combine painting and textiles, as part of our work on Seascapes.</p> <p>Following the Polar Bear walk to school today, we had a very special character in class to greet our walkers, Polo the Polar Bear. He was very pleased to see the money being raised to save his home.</p> 
<p>Rowan</p>	<p>This week we explored fractions, learning how to order and compare them, and practised using conjunctions, clauses, and subordinate clauses. In music, we studied how film soundtracks create mood, listening to scores from Jurassic Park, Avatar, and Indiana Jones to discuss tempo, dynamics, instruments, and the composers behind them. We also created magical enchanted woodland drawings, which inspired detailed setting descriptions using adjectives and similes. In PE we began tennis, and in RE we continued learning about Judaism and Christianity. Children are well in to rehearsals for their production at the end of the term. Please support your child with learning and rehearsing their lines at home by reading the parts on either side of theirs so that cues are known. We will help them with actions and use of voice expression as we work through together in school. We will let you know in the next week about any costumes we would like you to help with, so please look out for letters sent home with your child.</p>
<p>Maple</p>	<p>We've had a fabulous first week back here in Maple Class, diving into new English and Maths topics. In English we've started exploring newspapers, looking at examples we have in school and trying to identify features. We've also started looking at both direct and reported speech in order to use it in quotes in the future. In Maths we've started looking at multiplication, focussing mostly on the area methods to help us multiply by two-digit numbers. We've also had some time this week to work on our flag designs we created last half term. We have now collected all the fabric we're going to need and have started to sew the pieces together! We wrapped up our week with some computing work where we've been working on animation and then spent some time start to think about composition in our ukuleles! An exciting week!</p>

Willow	<p>Welcome back after the half-term break, it is wonderful to see the sun this week (although the rain has returned!!) the brief burst of spring was lovely! In English, we have been looking at 'The Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll, exploring nonsense language and the 4-line Stanza of the poem. The pupils finished the week writing their own versions and they are fabulous. In Maths, we've finished the unit on Algebra with a flourish – a quick 'end of the week' assessment showed that the learning has stuck for a majority and hopefully bodes well for SAT's. If they fancy a practice at home – pages 57 – 65 in the revision guides. We're looking at Electricity in Science, creating circuits but moving onto parallel and series circuits to see if we can control lights in a sequence. Should be fun! We are currently running an experiment in class from Operation Ouch – we're dissolving the shell off an egg using distilled vinegar! Gentle reminder – the Restless Earth projects are due in early March (details on Teams). Great News!! I have now successfully logged into Teams and will be dropping homework at random times – similar to High School to help pupils get used to monitoring their work. Paper copies will be available if needed – answers will also be in the classroom for self-marking. Spellings have already been loaded – a recap on 20 Statutory Words, test on Tuesday as normal. Have a great weekend.</p>
Lunchtime News	<p>After a refreshing break the children came back to school full of energy and interesting stories. We were able to play outside in glorious sunshine, a huge relief to year 4 boys whose football days had been postponed before the holidays due to persistent wet weather. Year 2 girls worked together to create a fun dance routine and sang their rendition of Beyoncé's Single Ladies! We tried joining in but couldn't remember the words and we all ended up in fits of laughter!</p>

Important dates

Monday 2 nd March	National Offer Day for Secondary school places
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th March	World Book Week
Thursday 5 th March	Year 1 and 2 trip to Rushall Farm
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day in School – dress up as your favourite book character
Tuesday 10 th March	Year 2 film afternoon – bring in your pjs and favourite teddy
Friday 13 th March	8.35 – 9.00 Oak parents invited to stay & play in Oak classroom
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day – Comic Relief
Saturday 21 st March	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop & Second hand uniform sale
Friday 27 th March	End of term – 1.00pm finish
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
Thursday 3 rd September	All children return to school for the Autumn term

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No news this week

Other News

OXFORDSHIRE PRIMARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS – please see the attached flyer for more information.