



Friday 6th March

World Book Day

The children looked wonderful dressed-up today for World Book Day, we had such a variety of characters including Cinderella, Oompa Loompas, Harry Potter, Fantastic Mr Fox, Billionaire Boy, The Boy in the dress, Gruffalo and so many more. Thank you so much for supporting this very special day which the children always enjoy.



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Year 3 & 4 Football tournament

Last Friday we attended a year 3 and 4 mixed football tournament hosted by Cranford School. The children were impeccably well behaved and played some fantastic football. They supported each other and worked together and came out with various results. Well done to all of the children that took part.



Year 1 & 2 boys Football tournament @ Langtree

On Tuesday afternoon we went to Langtree with some year 1 and 2 boys for a schools partnership football tournament. The boys played well. The winners of the Olympic value medals were George and Ezzie for their sheer determination and football skills. Well done boys.

Uniform

Price Review

Our uniform supplier has informed us that some items have increased in price. We have reviewed their costs and some items have increased slightly. An updated uniform shop item is now available.

Acorn class uniform

School logo'd polo shirts and sweatshirts are now available to order via the payment item in Parentmail. Please speak to a member of staff if you require any help ordering.

Families magazine

The Easter edition can be found in the front entrance, please do help yourself.

From Last week's newsletter

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.

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

<p>Acorns</p>	<p>Thank you to everyone who dressed up on Friday, the children looked great. This week we have focused on pencil control, practising how to hold a pencil correctly and then tracing our letters and numbers. In phonics, our focus has been on instrumental sounds. The children have been listening to different instruments, learning their names and the sounds they make, which is great for developing listening skills. On Monday, we celebrated St David's Day by drawing still-life pictures of daffodils. If you look at the Acorns window, you will also see some lovely daffodil sun catchers.</p>
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	<p>A reminder that next Friday afternoon, we will be celebrating our Mummies and spoiling them with tea and cake. Please let Jayne know if you can attend with your child.</p>
Oak	<p>Oak class have enjoyed finally seeing the sun this week! We were so lucky with the weather on Monday for our spring village walk. We enjoyed looking at the daffodils, comparing old and new buildings and thinking about the things in the community that help us. Trying the chips was very exciting and we finished up with a trip to the park. A big thankyou to all who helped. In maths we have been learning how to double numbers. The children have learnt a doubling song to teach you. In phonics we have been learning the sounds y, z, zz and qu. These are all tricky to write so any practice at home would be brilliant. For world book day the children had fun working in their house teams on lots of story-based activities. Their costumes were fantastic too. We look forward to seeing you at stay and play next Friday 8.35-9am. The children will have some phonics activities on their tables to share with you. Have a lovely weekend.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>Year 1 have had a very busy and exciting week! We had a wonderful time on our school trip to Rushall Farm, where the children explored the outdoors and took part in a range of fun, hands-on activities (including meeting some of the farm animals, Mr Neal's favourite was the sheep 'Wool.I.Lamb'). In Maths, we have been practising counting up to 50, and in English we wrote our own fact files all about tigers. In DT, we began planning our own marble runs, thinking carefully about how to make them work, and we also had great fun working in our teams to celebrate World Book Day.</p>
Beech	<p>What an exciting week Beech class have had! In Maths this week we have been solving some tricky problems involving multiplication and division. In English, we used drama to explore speech and the use of inverted commas. We loved celebrating World Book Day in our teams, spending time enjoying stories and taking part in some fun activities, and of course dressing up as our favourite book characters on Friday. The children had a great time at Rushall Farm on Thursday. Everyone enjoyed taking part in all the activities including pond dipping, feeding the animals, the woodland walk, busy bees activity as well as a food chain game. We even had time for a bumpy tractor ride. What a great day!</p>
Ash	<p>This week in Ash, we have enjoyed our World Book Day activities in Teams and have been redesigning book covers for our favourite books in class. In Geography, we have started our new topic on Our European Neighbours, identifying European countries on a map and thinking about borders and geographical features for the continent.</p> <p>In Maths, we have been multiplying a 2 digit number by 1 digit; multiplying first the ones digit and then the tens. And of course, our play rehearsals are ongoing and we are planning to all know our lines and to rehearse without scripts from Monday. If children could please learn their lines and cues on when to say them, that will be a great help. Costume letters have been sent home this week. Please let Y3/4 class staff know if you have any questions.</p>
Rowan	<p>Children are continuing their rehearsals for the play at the end of term. Please continue to support your child with learning their lines. They need to know them without a script for Monday. You should have received a note about costumes, too. If you have any queries regarding this, please speak to Mrs Harbord or Mrs Peacock as soon as possible. We may be able to find something in our collection. Also, please ensure your child is practicing their times tables daily, 5 minutes on Times Tables Rock Stars, or quick fire repeats, questions etc. It is the speed of recall that is important.</p>
Maple	<p>This week saw us picking up where we left off last Friday, digging into some more newspapers. We've decided what stories we would like to write and have come up with our introductions. Next we'll be deciding on headlines, content and collecting quotes we can use throughout the stories. Maths has seen us</p>

	<p>continuing our work on multiplication, this time exploring the column method. We've made a good start, but will be continuing to work on this skill over the next week or two. We got the chance on Thursday to continue with our D&T, practicing our sewing skills with our flag designs. We've started attaching different pieces of fabric together using our prototypes and we're hoping to have them finished by the end of the term. We wrapped up the week with World Book Day. We had Pippi Longstockings, Alex Riders, Charlie Noons, multiple Roald Dahl characters and even one Bob! We had a great time together in our teams and are already planning for next year!</p>
<p>Willow</p>	<p>A wonderful week in Willow – we've started reading The Hobbit – J.R.R Tolkien – a fabulous, if familiar book and film. Exploring the language used to describe the Hobbit hole and the first meeting between Bilbo and Gandalf. For grammar, we've been revisiting punctuating speech and the rules involved, making sure of our accuracy. In Maths, we've been working with decimals, looking at rounding, adding and subtraction, multiplying by 10, 100 and 1,000 – a useful skills that some found a little tricky as it's been a while! I have been logged into Teams and dropping homework at random times – similar to Secondary School to help pupils get used to monitoring their work. Well done to those who have kept an eye out. Answer sheets are in class for checking. 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! The egg-shell experiment completely dissolved the shell, leaving the membrane sack to touch and feel – mixed feelings about it from the pupils. Reminder – the Restless Earth project is due next week – Tuesday and Wednesday for presenting their work. Spellings have already been loaded – soft 'c' - test on Tuesday as normal.</p>
<p>Lunchtime News</p>	<p>In addition to outdoor play the children enjoy a sociable packed lunch with their friends in the hall or a hot meal at Langtree. Our Lunchtime Supervisors help the children with their cutlery and encourage them to eat well. We hear lovely comments from Langtree staff about the consistent good behaviour & happy voices of the children and we are grateful for the use of the facilities.</p>

Year 1 and 2 had an enjoyable day at Rushall Farm.



The children from Oak class enjoyed stopping for chips on their Spring walk.



Important dates

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 13 th March	Acorns mums invited for Afternoon tea
Monday 16 th March	IRock concert
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day – Comic Relief
Friday 20 th March	Bingo night organised by FOWPS 19:00 – 23.00
Saturday 21 st March	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop & Second hand uniform sale
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 3 and 4 play 6.30pm
Wednesday 25 th March	Year 3 and 4 play 6.30pm
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

FOWPS

We have a coffee shop planned for Saturday 21st of March. Please get in touch with Caroline on 07879676421 or your class rep if you can bake, donate or help on the day. We can't do it without you.

BINGO!

Don't forget to get your tickets for the night. Details and booking here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events/index.cfm>

If you can lend a hand on the night please sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/DKJ3A>

Other News

If you are able please support tomorrow's Coffee Shop as it is being run by Sophia, year 5 and Harry year 3.



2nd Schools and Grassroots fixture of 2025-26 Season!

You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 2nd Schools and Grassroots Fixture of 2025-26!

When?

Reading vs Plymouth Argyle
Saturday 14th March, 3pm kick off

Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

To redeem, please visit <https://tickets.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique voucher code: **#WoodcotePrimary** in the basket for each ticket. You can do this once you have logged in and selected your tickets which will be discounted by 50%.

How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique voucher.

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Voucher codes are valid up until midnight the night before the fixture.

If you have any questions about this offer, please email sales@readingfc.co.uk or call 0118 968 1313.

Come on URRRZZ!!

The Great School Run of Henley



Madden Swim School – information can be found on the attached flyer.