



**Friday 20th March**

### **Red Nose Day/Comic Relief**

Thank you to all the children for coming to school in red, bringing and buying cakes and taking part in the teddy tombola and ultimately supporting Comic Relief. What a lovely lunchtime the children all had. We will let you know the final amount raised next week. Thank you also goes to Mrs Wornham and the school council for arranging this.



### **Cross Country**

On the 18th of March we took a team of 8 girls from year 5 & 6 to the cross-country county finals. The race was held at Radley College in Oxford. It was a great achievement for the girls to qualify for the finals, and it proved to be a very exciting event. The team put in every effort and managed to be placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 5 & 6 girls race. [Congratulations](#) to all the pupils that took part and a special congratulations to Martha who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the race.



## Year 3 and 4 Performance

If you have ordered tickets on ParentMail they have been sent home with your child today.

## Coffee Morning - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) focus - Wednesday 22nd April

We would like to invite you to join us on the morning of Wednesday 22nd April for a coffee morning and information session about the SEND processes in Oxfordshire and what this looks like at Woodcote. We are pleased to announce that we will be joined by our Educational Psychologist, Abigail Hills. This will be held in the hall after morning drop off - we hope to see you there.

## Facebook permissions & Code of Conduct

Please can we remind you to complete the Facebook permission and Code of Conduct forms on ParentMail if you haven't already done so. Many thanks.

## Primary Times

The Easter edition of the Primary Times is available in the school entrance, please do help yourself to a copy. It has some lovely ideas for what to do during the Easter holidays.

## Improved weather

Now that the sun has finally shown its face please can we remind you to send your child to school with a named sun hat and apply sun cream at home.

## Road Safety information

The poster is titled "Road safety" in the top right corner. The main headline reads "Teaching road safety should start early. It's never too soon." Below this, there is a QR code and the text "The Footsteps guide and videos for parents/carers has some great ways to help get started." To the right of the QR code is a small image of a child and an adult walking on a path, with the text "Following Footsteps and help your child become a safer and more confident pedestrian." Further right is a graphic of a traffic light with a red light and a green light, and a video player interface showing the "Footsteps" logo and a play button. At the bottom, there is a yellow box with the text "Or you can contact the road safety education team at [roadsafety.education@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety.education@oxfordshire.gov.uk)". The footer includes the Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service logo and the Oxfordshire County Council logo.

Road safety

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## From Last week's 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.

### **FOWPS**

Our school needs the PTA and the PTA needs you to keep running!

In July our secretary Rachael Marrison will be stepping down. She is a dedicated and valued member of the team and has been in the role since September 2022! Thank you Rachael. You are a star! We will miss you.

The role of secretary is a vital one as a trustee of the PTA. We need someone to join our team and take on this rewarding role. You can read more about what it entails

here: <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/blog/quick-guide-to-pta-roles>

Next term would be an ideal time to start allowing an adequate hand over period and opportunity to shadow Rachael.

We're a friendly team and look forward to welcoming you.

Unfortunately, if we can't fill this role, the PTA will be forced to shut down.

If you can help us keep the PTA and its vital fundraising going please get in touch.

Email Caroline at [fowps-pta@googlegroups.com](mailto:fowps-pta@googlegroups.com).

### **Class Updates**

<b>Acorns</b>	<p>The children have enjoyed the story <i>The Rhyming Rabbit</i> by Julia Donaldson. This is our focus book, alongside <i>Rhyme and Rhythm</i> for Monster Phonics and a focus on the sound 'r'.</p> <p>We created rainbows on St Patrick's Day using rollers and paint spots. Come inside to see them; they are hanging up high with the butterflies.</p> <p>On Thursday, we enjoyed a trip to the wildlife area on the school field. We found all sorts of things, including woodlice, beetles, toad spawn, cobwebs, daffodils and blossom.</p> <p>Please continue to send in wellies for outdoor play and a waterproof coat which can get wet and messy when playing in the sand and water. Thank you</p>
<b>Oak</b>	<p>Oak class have enjoyed the sunshine this week and have been having lots of fun pouring and measuring with water and sand outside. In phonics we have been learning the digraphs sh and ng. In maths we have been getting more confident at counting up to 20 and counting groups of objects up to 20 too. We have been thinking about strategies to use when we are not sure what to do and the children are very enthusiastic about the 4 Bees; Brain, Board, Buddy, Boss. Ask the children if they can explain it to you! On Thursday we LOVED our adventure to the moon. The bumpy wriggly boxes were a highlight as was the moon landing picnic- we were grateful that we still had gravity!</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend, hopefully see some of you at the coffee shop.</p>
<b>Hornbeam</b>	<p>This week we have been learning the alphabet. We have focussed on the letter names and not just the sounds that they make. We have been sorting words depending on their starting letter as well as conducting a 'treasure hunt' around the school looking for different letters. In maths, we have been focussing on number lines up to 50, learning how to count on/back as well as estimating where numbers should be in relation to others. In DT on Tuesday, the children began to build their own marble runs, this is the culmination of this terms project after researching, designing and practicing building. In Re we have learnt about the Jewish festival of Pesach, how Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and</p>

	<p>how today the Jewish community celebrate Passover as a celebration of this event.</p>
<b>Beech</b>	<p>We have had a very practical week in Beech Class! First, we made bird feeders in science. We hope the children have put them where the birds can enjoy them. In English, we learnt about the features of an instruction text and used drama to help us learn more about imperative verbs. We plan to write instructions next week about how to make a bird feeder. In DT, we have been evaluating different flatbreads and then making our own chapattis. In maths, we have been doubling and halving and finding the relationship between multiplying and dividing by 2. We have also been solving problems involving volume and capacity. In PSHE, we have talked about keeping ourselves safe and reflecting on what it means to be a good friend. We talked about boundaries and respecting each other's personal space.</p>
<b>Ash</b>	<p>Well, play rehearsals have been in full swing this week and we look forward to sharing our production of 'Grimm' with you next Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Back in the classroom, we have been reading Chapter 4 of our class English book, The Iron Man; drawing and describing 'the Space Being' in readiness to write our own story ending. In Science, we have been looking at transparent, translucent and opaque materials and thinking about shadows. And in P.E, we have continued to work on our balance and static shapes in our gymnastics lesson. No spelling homework was sent home this week but we have asked the children to do their usual TT Rockstars session (or equivalent maths homework). Hope you can all enjoy some sunshine over the weekend.</p>
<b>Rowan</b>	<p>We've been rehearsing at every possible moment, and the energy is building as we get ready to perform for you all next week. When we haven't been on stage, we've been busy mastering the "Behind the scenes" work of writing our own playscripts. The children have been focusing on using the correct layout and adding prepositions to make their stage directions really clear. In Maths, we've been tackling fractions of whole numbers. The children have been using everything from counting objects to drawing out their own diagrams to help them understand the tricky parts. We also had a brilliant time for Red Nose Day! The children all dressed in red, and the jokes were flying thick and fast as everyone performed their best material for the class. To keep the theme going, we even wrote special Comic Relief playscripts that had to include a joke. Thank you for your donations. A reminder that Dress Rehearsal is on Monday (please make sure costumes are in school).</p>
<b>Maple</b>	<p>English this week has been dominated by our newspaper articles. We've been learning how we can use word processing to create newspapers (columns, headers, pictures and headlines!). We'll be sharing some before the end of term so keep an eye out for those. We've also used some of this week for some end of term assessments, which you're children worked really hard in and have shown just how much they've learned. We wrapped up our core learning with some geometry in maths, exploring translation, reflection and negative coordinates! On Tuesday we got the chance to practice some water safety in the pool, learning exactly what to do if we fall in water while fully clothed, Wednesday saw us playing some netball games while Thursday we returned to our flags and our sewing. The flags are starting to look really good and will also be shared next week!</p>

<b>Willow</b>	It has been assessment week this week in Willow, well done everyone. As we approach SAT's, please encourage pupils as much as possible to keep working hard, we are so close!! English is an Independent Write this week – we have a picture stimulus of a person hanging from a cliff, let your imagination run wild!! In Maths, we were looking at Fractions, Decimals and Percentages – another short unit – knowledge has been amazing and really encouraging to see how committed pupils have been – amazing work. A small piece of Homework was loaded to TEAMS with a refresher on Divisions and Short Division – a few people need a bit of a recap. In PE we have been learning different Dances through the decades – so far we have visited the 60's, 70's (amazing flares!) and the 80's Hip-Hop. Electricity in Science, creating series and parallel circuits to see if we can control lights in a sequence. Spellings have already been loaded – 'ibly' endings. – test on Tuesday as normal.
<b>Lunchtime News</b>	We enjoyed playing lots of games in the sunshine this week. Children were excited to see so many ladybirds and bees and they were eager to learn how to care for them. As a result of consistent and excellent behaviour when lining up year 4s were awarded extra play.

The children from Acorns enjoyed visiting the wildlife area this week and even spotted some toad spawn.



### Important dates

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop & Second hand uniform sale.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 3 and 4 Dress rehearsal
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 and 4 play 6.30pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 and 4 play 6.30pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Acorns & Year 5 Cake Sale after school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	End of term – 1.00pm finish – home clothes in exchange for a £1.00 donation
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday – School closed
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Globefit Easter Holiday Club – places need to be pre booked.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	National offer day for Reception class September 2026

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Coffee morning – SEND Focus After School drop off
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday – school closed
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week
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
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Back up Sports Day
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET day – School closed
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Acorns Sports Day
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
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	All children return to school for the Autumn term

## **FOWPS**

**Bingo tonight!** Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm. Eyes down for 8pm. Tickets available on the door. Look forward to seeing you for a night of numbers, nibbles and giggles.

### **Coffee shop this Saturday!**

9:30 - 12:30 in the old school house. Home-made cakes, tombola and secondhand uniforms sale. Crafts is on in the library. Why not make a morning of it?

### **Easter Trail - Friday 27th.**

Join us on the rec after school for a fun Easter Trail. £2 to participate, includes a small prize. Thank you to Julia Kingsbury for organising!