



Friday 24th April

We have had another fun filled week of learning in school, the children have also been enjoying the sunshine during their playtimes. Please can we remind you to provide your child with a named sun hat and apply suncream at home before arriving at school.

Year 6 Junior Citizens trip – Thursday 30th April

If you haven't already done so please can we remind you to settle the payment item on ParentMail by Monday 27th April. Thank you.

SEND coffee morning

Thank you to those of you that attended the SEND coffee morning on Wednesday, we hope that you found it informative. If you would like any of the information we discussed, please email the office.

Reception 2026

If you have a child due to start in reception class in September 2026 please ensure that you accept their place on the Oxfordshire County Council website by Thursday 30th April

Term dates 2026 2027

Term dates are now attached for academic year 2026 - 2027.

The Schools Triathlon on Sunday 7th June @ the Oratory School

We have been informed that there is still time to sign your child up but be quick!

RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT
POWERED BY YOUNG PEOPLE

You are invited to
THE SCHOOLS TRIATHLON

Oratory School **Sunday 7th June 2026**

Registration Deadline **Friday 22nd May 2026**

Register Here

Registering

1. Create a team of four children, then choose your team name!
2. Select one parent to register your team's interest in the event via the link above (you will need all participant names and their parent/guardian's email)
3. You will receive an email to confirm if your team has or hasn't been successful 3 weeks after the deadline date given above
4. If your team is given a place, we will email all parents within the team to invite them to register their child for the event

Fundraising & RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT

Each participant must fundraise a minimum of £60, with a target of £100. You can set up an online JustGiving page or download a sponsorship form. Your fundraising supports Restless Development: a global charity who champions the collective power of young people to create a better world. Watch this video to learn more!

Head to our FAQs for more info and to find out what's included!

Year Group	Swim	Cycle	Run
Year 3 & 4	50m	1000m	750m
Year 5 & 6	50m	1000m	750m
Year 7 & 8	50m	2000m	750m

As a relay, each participant completes these distances.


Facebook permissions & Code of Conduct reminder

There are still a few families who have not completed the Facebook permission and Code of Conduct forms on ParentMail, please can the forms be completed as soon as possible. Thank you.

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>We welcome our new family, who started this week.</p> <p>We have enjoyed learning how to hold a pencil and have been practising drawing circles and lines, with great success.</p> <p>We also “planted” some children at the front of the school (see photo!). They are all growing so well and getting ready for their next big move to big school. They have been a delight to work with—using lovely words and gestures and showing kindness to one another.</p> <p>We made bread, which the children enjoyed for a snack and they also took some home. It was rather delicious! The children were able to see how yeast helps the dough to grow.</p> <p>Next week, we will be focusing on the colour green, the sound o, the number 3, and the story <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i>.</p> 
Oak	<p>This week we enjoyed our class visit to the garden centre. Jill told us all about the garden centre. We looked at all the different coloured flowers and plants and all the other interesting things. We loved smelling the herbs and going in the greenhouse. Thanks to Jill and Mike at the garden centre and to the parents who helped us. The children listened beautifully on the trip and were really sensible on the walk using their road safety skills. We have been learning about the life cycle of a bean and planted our own beans to observe. In phonics, we have been learning the digraphs 'ow' as in cow and 'oo' as in book. It is a bit trickier to read digraphs so any help at home would be great. We have also been looking at our tricky high frequency words and enjoyed playing bingo with them. We sent the words home to you before Easter so any practising to read these, that you can do at home, would be amazing. In maths, we have been thinking about all the pairs of numbers (number bonds) that make ten.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend.</p>
Hornbeam	<p>This week Hornbeam have been greatly enjoying lots of hands-on learning! In maths, we have been learning all about weight and mass. Firstly, learning about balancing scales, the heavier end goes down and the lighter end goes up. The children have then had free access to weigh different items within the class and compare them to other items. The adults in class dare not sit down too long for fear of being weighed! In Science we have been looking in detail at plants to learn about their structure, looking for the roots, stem, leaves and flower on different types of plant. In English, we have been retelling the story of 'Where the Wild Things Are', picking out key points and writing it in our own words. Finally, in History we were looking at our favourite toys, what they look like, what they're made of and how they work. Next week the children will be learning about toys from the past so be prepared for lots of questions at home!</p>

Beech	Beech class wrote some amazing descriptions of dragons including adjectives and exciting verbs. In maths, we have been finding fractions of shape and number. We are also working hard to learn our times tables. A 5 times table practise booklet is going home this week. If it is completed, children can achieve a team point. In science, we learnt about how seeds are dispersed and then sorted different seeds into groups with our partner. We started an investigation about germination. We will be making some careful observations next week. We also continued our history topic about castles, thinking about why castles were built a long time ago and the features that a strong castle needed to have. We will be building our own castles later this term using junk modelling. If you have any suitable materials (cereal boxes or other cardboard boxes, kitchen roll tubes/pringles tubes etc) please do hang onto them! Please practise page 7 in your spelling books this week.
Ash	This week Ash Class has been busy in Maths lessons, counting in fractions on a number line and comparing fractions by looking at the denominators and numerators. In Science, last week, we 'planted' broad bean seeds in transparent cups to investigate how seeds develop and to record the changes. This week, the seeds have started to develop and change a lot more, with many developing roots. In Art, we have started to look at Stone Age cave art: creating our own cave wall of hands in the style of Cuevas de las Manos, discovered in Argentina.
Rowan	In Maths, we have continued our learning about tenths and hundredths. We have been practising how to recognise and write decimals, as well as marking them accurately on a number line. The children have begun to show confidence when explaining their thinking. In Science, we have been researching different habitats and the animals that live in them. Using this knowledge, we created detailed fact files in English lessons, including key information about how animals survive in their environments. Our History lesson focused on Boudicca and the Iceni tribe. We explored who they were and learned about their battle against the Romans. The children were particularly interested in discussing why the revolt happened and what life was like during that time. In Music, we listened to soundtracks from superhero films. We explored how different instruments create different moods, focusing especially on brass instruments and how they can make music feel heroic and powerful. We have also been practising mindfulness breathing techniques, helping us to stay calm and focused throughout the day. To celebrate St George's Day, we read the story of St George and learned about how he defeated the dragon. The children enjoyed discussing the legend and what it represents. Well done to everyone for their hard work this week!
Maple	It's been another fabulous week here in Maple Class! In English we have taken a break from our work on Time-Slip stories to focus in on clauses, phrases and sentence types. We're really keen to have this knowledge locked down before the end of the year so we'll be spending time on it each week! Maths has seen us exploring word problems that use all four different operations. We're starting to easily spot vocabulary in questions that points to which calculation we will have to complete. In Topic we spent some time exploring the different roles women took on during World War II and how the world has hopefully changed for the better since then! We also got the chance to play some dodgeball and then learned how to play capture the flag in our PE lessons. We wrapped up the week learning a new song on our ukuleles!
Willow	This week we have been focusing on the areas of the curriculum that we feel we need one more look at before SATs - this included: volume, BODMAS, fractions, statistics including pie charts, passive and active voice and different spelling rules. Please revise over the weekend and then we can add any other areas you want to work on next week to our list. In Computing, we have been using excel to list and order items and create spreadsheets. Please make sure PE

kits stay in school all week so we can go for a run during the week. Named sun hats and water bottles - just a little reminder!

The children in Oak class had an enjoyable visit to Woodcote Garden centre earlier this week.



The Children in Year 1 have been learning about weighing and measuring.



Important dates

Monday 4 th May	Bank holiday – school closed
Wednesday 6 th May	Year 6 Residential meeting @ 5.30pm
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May	SATS week
Friday 22 nd May	Year 2 & 3 Cake Sale
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Summer Half Term
Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th June	Year 6 Residential to Liddington
Wednesday 10 th June	Braiswick School Photographers in school(Class photos)
Friday 12 th June	Summer Big bounce arrange by FOWPS – more info to follow.
Friday 19 th – Saturday 20 th June	Year 5 Sleepover – more details to follow

Tuesday 23 rd June	Sports Day
Thursday 25 th June	Back up Sports Day
Wednesday 1 st July	INSET day – School closed
Tuesday 14 th July	Acorns Sports Day
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term, 1.00pm finish – dress in home clothes
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

Our first FOWPS coffee shop of the term will take place on Saturday 9th May from 9.30-12.30. As always, there will be a lucky dip, tombola and second hand uniform sale. If you are free to lend a hand on the day, or have time to bake a cake to donate then please contact fowps-pta@googlegroups.com, or let a member of the PTA know! Any cake is welcome, they do not need to be "Bake Off" standard!

We're also looking for donations for our summer raffle - anything is gratefully received, however items/vouchers do need to be **in date and unused**. Could you or your company donate a voucher or an item for a hamper - please let a member of the PTA know?

Friday 12th June - the return of the BIG BOUNCE! Please get in touch with a member of the PTA if you can help either with planning the event or volunteering on the day. "

Community Coffeeshop

Saturday
9:30am - 12:30pm

9th May

The Old School House

All proceeds going to Friends of Woodcote Primary School PTA (FOWPS)

Lucky Dip, Tombola & Secondhand Uniform Sale

If you are free to lend a hand on the day
or would like to bake a cake to donate,
please contact fowps-pta@googlegroups.com
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Thank you!



FOWPS
Family Fun Fundraising.

Other News/Information

Madden Swim school information attached

Comets Football

Please see the attached flyer for more information