



Friday 1st May 2026

We round off another busy week in school and hope that you all have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 5th May.

Wish Lists

As many of you are aware other schools use Amazon Wish Lists to help support their school and classes. In a time where funding in Education is becoming ever tighter, we have decided to set these up for our classes. Each teacher has created an Amazon Wish List with items that would help enrich learning and day-to-day activities for our children. There is absolutely no expectation to purchase anything, it's simply there for families who may wish to contribute. Every little bit makes a difference, and we're grateful for the wonderful support of our school community. If you'd like to take part, simply click your child's class link, choose an item, and Amazon will deliver it straight to the school. We will continue to update the lists with topical items linked to the curriculum and resources needed. Some lists are still being worked on and we will use the class Whatsapp groups next week to let you know when they are ready.

[Woodcote Primary School, Generic items](#)

[Acorns Preschool](#)

[Oak Class \(Reception\)](#)

[Hornbeam Class \(Year 1\)](#)

[Beech Class \(Year 2\)](#)

[Ash Class \(Year 3\)](#)

[Rowan Class \(Year 4\)](#)

[Maple Class \(Year 5\)](#)

[Willow Class \(Year 6\)](#)

Boccia tournament

We took a group of 12 children to a Boccia tournament at Langtree school on Wednesday afternoon. The children, some who had never played Boccia before, played exceptionally well and, best of all, they all really enjoyed themselves. Well done to all of the children that took part.

Class Updates

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Acorns | This week, we've wrapped up our "Growing" theme and are getting ready to move on to investigating insects. However, we had an exciting early surprise when one of our stick insects shed its outer skin right before our eyes, emerging a little bigger! The children were fascinated. They love helping to clean out the |
|---------------|---|

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| | <p>tank and watching the insects wobble across the table—especially when they try to climb up their arms!</p> <p>We've also made a change to our weekly get-together, moving <i>Wheelie Wednesday</i> to <i>Monday Mingle</i>. This gives more children the opportunity to take part, as not everyone attends every day. We always enjoy spending time with Oak Class—it's a fantastic transition opportunity. The children are already becoming familiar with the staff, which is a great benefit for a smooth and confident move to "big school."</p> <p>As part of Green Week, we explored a variety of shades of green, using herbs and plants to create beautiful paintings. The children also made their own beanstalks, adding the letters of their names onto the leaves. We enjoyed listening to different versions of <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i>—although one version caused quite a stir when a certain harp was missing!</p> <p>Next week, we'll be focusing on the colour yellow, the "O" sound, and we'll be reading <i>Superworm</i> by Julia Donaldson. If children would like to wear something yellow for a bit of fun, they are very welcome to join in!</p> <div data-bbox="555 667 1248 1052" style="text-align: center;"> </div> |
| Oak | <p>We have been busy planting lots of seeds this week and thinking about the different parts of a plant and what they do. The children have loved playing in our role play florist's shop too. We have also been learning about how to make healthy food choices for our bodies. In Phonics, we have been learning the digraphs 'ee' and 'ur' as in fur. In Maths, we have been comparing numbers and putting them in order. As it is getting sunny now and we spend a lot of time playing outside in Oak class please can the children all bring in a named sun hat. Suncream needs to be applied before school as we are not allowed to apply it in school. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!</p> |
| Hornbeam | <p>This week has been a lot of fun in Year 1. In English we have been rewriting the story of 'Where the Wild Things are', which is now called 'Where the dinosaurs are' the children have shown great imagination and creativity when planning and writing their stories. In Maths, we have continued with measurements, this week focussing on capacity and volume. Measuring how many cubes can fit inside different containers and comparing the size of the containers. In science we have learnt about how plants grow and what they need in order to grow ahead of next week where we will be planting our own sunflowers!</p> |
| Beech | <p>The children have enjoyed designing and drawing their own dragons. We created a display outside Beech classroom of these with our dragon descriptions, so please come and have a look if you have time. In Maths, we used marshmallows and Jaffa cakes to find fraction of shape and number. In Science, we started to investigate what a seed needs to germinate and grow healthily. We plan to start planting some different seeds and bulbs next week to brighten up our school grounds. In PSHE, we gave each other compliments and wrote them on hearts to add to our class book. In History, we began to learn about William the Conqueror and why he needed to build castles when he became king. Please learn the spellings on page 8 of your spelling books.</p> |

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Ash | <p>This week, Ash Class have been looking at measurement of mass in our maths lessons, so any opportunity to weigh in kg and g at home would be great practice. In our Thursday P.E. lesson, we worked on our jumping and running skills in Athletics by using hurdles. And in Art, we have been drawing our own cave art using different media (charcoal and pastels). We hope you all enjoy the long weekend.</p> |
| Rowan | <p>The children have been acting like word detectives while exploring prefixes and suffixes, and they have also been working hard on their Mathematics, specifically plotting decimals on number lines and practicing their times tables. We took a trip back in time to see how Britain changed under Roman rule, which inspired us to be creative and make our own Roman mosaics. In Science, We spent time in the school front garden looking for invertebrates that we could classify as part of our science work. We found a variety of woodlice, worms and slugs. We also found a couple of large larvae, which we couldn't identify. Following contact with People's Trust for Endangered species (PTES), we are told they were likely to be moth larvae. In RE, we learned about the origins of Christianity. To round off our music lessons regarding films, we have been listening to and exploring the soundtracks from animated movies. Well done to the group that participated in the Boccia event—they had a wonderful time and represented the school very well.</p> |
| Maple | <p>We've spent the last few weeks trying to understand the sentences we write a little more. We've explored what makes a main and subordinate clause, the different types of conjunctions and how you might go about spotting simple, compound and complex sentences. Next week we're planning to explore different types of phrases too! Maths has seen us moving on from calculation to take a look at perimeter and area. We spent some time working on our measuring skills to ensure we can measure to the nearest millimetre, before using those skills to find the perimeter of a variety of different shapes. In PE, this week we've been playing dodgeball and capture the flag, games that require us to think about what our teammates are doing alongside our own roles. We also got the chance in Art to get out the charcoal sticks and have a go at sketching some different objects. Finally in Topic we've been continuing to explore World War II, this week looking at rationing and how people's diets in World War II were very different to our own today! We've also set some project homework linked to World War II that will be due the week after the half term break. Please do let us know if you're struggling to pick something to complete together and we'll give some suggestions!</p> |
| Willow | <p>Wow! We had a brilliant time at Junior Citizens this week, getting to practise making a 999 call was a little scary but we were very proud of how well everyone did. It was a nice break from all the revising that we've been doing too. In Maths, we've covered measures including weights and distances (focusing on conversions too - remember 8k = about 5miles). In English, we focused on our comprehension and also Subject, Verb and Object within sentences. In Science, we used Formula 1 to help us learn about forces and had a fun quiz about this. Please, if you're offering additional foods for the SATs breakfast, can you let us know what you are providing by 5th May or bring the item in then. There have been a lot of offers but we've asked pupils to check with parents first, fresh items can of course arrive on 11th May. Any questions, please just ask.</p> |

Important dates

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Monday 4th May | Bank holiday – school closed |
| Wednesday 6th May | Year 6 Residential meeting @ 5.30pm |
| Monday 11th – Friday 15th May | SATS week |
| Friday 19th May | Non School uniform day in exchange for a contribution to our sweets and bottle tombola |
| Friday 22nd May | Year 2 & 3 Cake Sale |
| Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May | Summer Half Term |
| Monday 1st – Friday 5th June | Year 6 Residential to Liddington |
| Wednesday 10th June | Braiswick School Photographers in school(Class photos) |
| Friday 12th June | Summer Big bounce arrange by FOWPS – more info to follow. |
| Friday 19th June | FOWPS Disco – more details to follow |
| Friday 19th – Saturday 20th June | Year 5 Sleepover – more details to follow |
| Tuesday 23rd June | Sports Day |
| Thursday 25th June | Back up Sports Day |
| Wednesday 1st July | INSET day – School closed |
| Tuesday 14th July | Acorns Sports Day |
| Friday 17th July | Last day of term, 1.00pm finish – dress in home clothes |
| Monday 20th July | INSET day – School closed |
| Tuesday 21st July | School summer holidays begin – school closed |
| Tuesday 1st September | INSET day |
| Wednesday 2nd September | INSET day |
| Thursday 3rd September | All children return to school for the Autumn term |

FOWPS

There will be a non-school uniform day in exchange for a contribution to our sweets and bottle tombola on Friday 19th May. **Please kindly make sure items are sealed, and within the use by date.** No nuts please.

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.

Friday 19th June - Disco with DJ Ethan! Bring your dancing shoes!

Don't forget the coffee shop on Saturday 9th May which is being run by FOWPS.



Other News/Information



FREE TO ENTER - SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK
THEGREATSCHOOLRUN.ORG



THE GREAT SCHOOL RUN OF HENLEY

17
MAY
26

AT STONOR PARK

SUNDAY 17 MAY • 9.30AM

CROSS COUNTRY RACES

FOR ALL LOCAL NURSERY AND
SCHOOL CHILDREN AGED 3-17
AND FOR THEIR GROWN-UPS
AND SCHOOL STAFF!



STONOR