



**Friday 8th May 2026**

### **A fond farewell and good luck**

We were sorry to say farewell to Mrs Jones this week, she will be greatly missed in school. Mrs Jones has worked across the school in a number of roles over the years and has been an incredible member of the teaching team. She has moved on to a new role supporting families for the charity Kinship. We know that she will be fabulous in her new role and all wish her well.

### **Facebook page**

As some of you have already seen, our school Facebook is now live. Please keep an eye out for all of the amazing activities happening in school that will be posted on here.

### **PE kits**

Please can we remind you that all children must have a named PE kit in school.

### **Year 6**

Please can we draw your attention to the Parentmail which was sent out yesterday from Oxford Health. Also an email went out with information for the school residential trip which is taking place from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. We'll see the Year 6s at 8.30am on Monday.

### **Wish Lists**

A big thank you to everyone who has already taken a look at our class Amazon Wish Lists. These lists are completely optional, but they're a simple way to help top up classroom resources throughout the year. Teachers will continue to update them with items linked to current topics and day-to-day needs, so feel free to check in whenever it suits you. Your support is always appreciated by our staff and children.

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## Class Updates

<b>Acorns</b>	<p>We have welcomed two more little girls this week, and they are very excited to learn.</p> <p>We are so pleased that most of our Acorns will be growing into Oakies next year, having gained their places here at Woodcote Primary.</p> <p>This week, we have really enjoyed the story of <i>Superworm</i>, making our very own bugs from corks and using plastic worms to paint pictures of wiggly worms. We also managed to plant some beetroot and sunflowers in the front garden. We do love a little potter around the school! The children have been listening out for the initial sounds in their names and recognising them too. Maths was lots of fun, using drums to count numbers and drum out the syllables in their names. Breaking down sounds in this way is a great pre-reading skill.</p>  
<b>Oak</b>	<p>A shorter but just as busy week in Oak class. We have been so pleased with all the children's reading; they are becoming more and more fluent! In Phonics, we have been learning the 'ai' and 'or' sounds and the children have been doing their writing more independently which is great. In Maths, we have been recognising quantities without counting and working out what is one more and one less. The children enjoyed painting beautiful purple pansies which we will use to decorate the classroom. On Friday, we were very excited to have a secret reader. If anyone else would like to be a secret reader please let us know. Have a lovely weekend.</p>
<b>Hornbeam</b>	<p>Despite this week being shorter, it has been no less busy! This week we have finished writing our own story, 'Where the dinosaurs are', based on the book by Maurice Sendak (<i>Where the Wild Things are</i>). The children have worked very hard to correctly form sentences, including nouns, adjectives and verbs where possible. We hope to share these with you very soon! In Maths, we have been learning to count in multiples, I was blown away by the ability of the children to count in twos and tens although counting in fives did prove to be a bit trickier. Finally, In science this week we have been debating an age-old question, 'Is a tree a plant or not'. A good discussion with the children sharing many good opinions, eventually we concluded that it is (sort of). On the basis that it is alive and has roots although it has adapted somewhat.</p>
<b>Beech</b>	<p>Beech class have been researching the features of castles this week using laptops. We have also been learning about the features of a non-chronological report, so that we can create leaflets all about castles, next week. In maths, we continue our learning about fractions and have started learning about time. In science, we made some careful observations of our plants and were surprised by the beans growing in the dark. We have also planted a range of bulbs and seeds ready to brighten up our new wildlife area. The Beech class team would like to say a huge thank you to all the families who donated to our Amazon wish list. We are delighted to have received some wonderful things for our class!</p>
<b>Ash</b>	<p>This week in Ash Class, we have looked at plant reproduction in our science lesson and have dissected and labelled flowers to show the reproductive parts.</p>

	<p>In History, we have moved along our Stone Age timeline to now visit the Neolithic period (New Stone Age) and considered the differences for Stone Age people pre- Neolithic and in Neolithic times. In Maths, we have continued our measurement learning, looking at the measurement of capacity and volume in litres and millilitres. Any opportunities to measure volume at home over the weekend would be really helpful.</p> <p>In addition, we all said a sad goodbye and a big thank you to Mrs. Jones on Wednesday and wished her lots of luck in her new job.</p>
<b>Rowan</b>	<p>This week, we headed outside to the front school garden to act as environmental researchers, assessing whether the space provided a positive or negative habitat for local wildlife. After identifying what was working and what wasn't, we came up with a variety of creative ways to improve the area to better support nature. Back in the classroom, we shifted our focus to the tropics, researching and writing down interesting facts for our Rainforest fact files. Our history lessons took us back to Roman Britain, where we explored the lasting legacy, the empire left behind. We discovered that we have the Romans to thank for bringing garlic, chickens, grapes, and onions to our country. We also found out that many of the A-roads we use today were originally built by Roman engineers and that any town name ending in 'Chester' or 'caster' marks the site of an original Roman camp. To bring our learning to life, we spent time crafting our own cardboard gladius swords to pair with the scutum shields we made a few weeks ago.</p> <p>In Maths, we took a hands-on approach to fractions by interviewing staff and students across the school to collect data. We then practiced converting these fractions into decimals by dividing the numerator by the denominator. To wrap up our week of numbers, we began using the computers to simulate times tables speed tests, helping us get used to answering questions quickly under real test conditions.</p>
<b>Maple</b>	<p>One more week of Year 5 down, plenty more to go! We've been continuing our focus on SPAG in English, this week turning our hands to expanded noun phrases. We'd explored these in the past, but it was good to have a refresh and see how much our sentences and vocabulary choices have improved! In Maths, we've been working on finding the area of composite rectilinear shapes, this week looking at ways to split them up into rectangles in order to solve the problems. Meanwhile, in Science we have wrapped up our work on the Artemis II mission and will be sharing some of our PowerPoint presentations soon, while Topic has seen us exploring both the Blitz and evacuation, looking at the different experiences many children had living in wartime London. We wrapped up the week with a circle time session where we talked about some of the things that might worry us and what we can do when we are feeling worried.</p>
<b>Willow</b>	<p>This week has been about two things: revision and breakfast! We spent the first part of the week planning what we would like to eat each morning for our breakfast. We soon realised that some supermarkets were more expensive than others and how much maths goes into shopping. A huge thank you to those who have offered extras like ketchup, marmite, loaves of bread and even money to boost the budget - all very much appreciated. The second half of our week was about the final part of our revision - this has made us feel confident that we are ready for whatever next holds. Remember, you need to be at the front entrance of the school for 8.30am. Have a restful weekend, revise if you want but also enjoy the sunshine.</p>

## Important dates

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 2 & 3 Cake Sale
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
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Braiswick School Photographers in school(Class photos)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Big bounce arrange by FOWPS – more info to follow.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	FOWPS Disco – more details to follow
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Sleepover – more details to follow
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
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term, 1.00pm finish – dress in home clothes
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

Coffee shop and 2nd hand uniform sale **tomorrow** from **9.30-12.30** at The Old School House, we hope to see you there.

*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](mailto:fowps-pta@googlegroups.com)  
or let a member of the PTA know.

**Thank you!**

**FOWPS**  
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### Other News/Information

None this week