



**Friday 15th May 2026**

### **SATS week**

This week our Year 6s took their Statutory Assessment Tests. We were incredibly proud of their work ethic, positivity and focus during all of the tests. They also really enjoyed coming into school earlier for breakfast. A huge thank you to everyone who supported them and also the Governors who supported the staff with administering the tests throughout the week.

### **New lunch menus**

New lunch menu choices will be available from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, a copy is attached.

### **Comic Relief**

A bit late in the day but we are delighted to let you know that we raised with your help an amazing £412.50 for Comic Relief.

### **Cake Sale now ice lolly sale**

Next Friday being the last day of this term Year 2 and 3 will be holding an ice lolly sale after school instead of the advertised cake sale. This will be cash only.

### **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. You can see the children are delighted to see their new resources.



[Woodcote Primary School, Generic items](#)

[Acorns Preschool](#)

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

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## **Class Updates**

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| <b>Acorns</b>   | <p>Thank you for our Amazon gifts. It was like Christmas and made us feel really appreciated. The children will enjoy using the items. We started this morning with new paint brushes, painting stones and turning them into ladybirds while counting the spots as we went.</p> <p>We have read <i>What the Ladybird Heard</i>. The children do enjoy a good “baddie” story and seeing justice done.</p> <p>Receiving and sending footballs in PE was great fun. We used the field this week, as the children really enjoy being outdoors. Please can I ask that all children have trainers, or suitable footwear other than Crocs, as they are difficult to run in. This applies not only for Tuesdays, but throughout the week. A raincoat is also very helpful.</p> <p>The Bee-Bots came out this week. These are a great way to encourage listening and following instructions, and the children found the activity very exciting. They also learned how to programme instructions and think carefully about what they wanted the Bee-Bots to do.</p> <p>We also made handmade shakers to help tap out numbers 1–5 and follow a beat. This is all good preparation for reading at big school.</p>  |
| <b>Oak</b>      | <p>Oak class have enjoyed retelling the gingerbread man story this week and writing their own speech bubbles. Baking gingerbread people was lots of fun though we were a little worried that they might escape. In phonics we have been learning the digraphs 'oi' and 'oa'. In maths we have been counting up to 100 and thinking of ways to count larger groups of objects that we can't use our subitising skills for. The children were very excited when some items from the Amazon wish list arrived. We are all so grateful to the families who donated them. It is amazing to have some new resources and activities for the children to use. We hope you have a lovely weekend.</p>  |
| <b>Hornbeam</b> | <p>This week in Hornbeam we have been very green fingered!! In science we have been learning about different types of trees, Deciduous or Evergreen. Then we have been sorting different leaves depending on their characteristics. The theme continued in English where we read our new class text 'The Tiny Seed' written by Eric Carle, we learnt what a seed needs to grow and the optimum growing conditions. This is in preparation for our annual 'sunflower' growing competition which will begin next week. Away from horticulture, the children have been learning how to share items equally between, 2, 5 or 10 different groups, using concrete resources to physically separate different items. In Phonics we are drawing towards the end of our recap sessions, in preparation for the screening check in June!</p>   |
| <b>Beech</b>    | <p>Beech class started writing leaflets all about castles this week. After researching the features of castles, we wrote some sentences including conjunctions and lots of interesting facts. We are going to be building our castles next week in DT; please send in any cardboard boxes/kitchen roll tubes etc next Wednesday. The children should have an idea of what they would like to use. In maths, we have</p>   |

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|                       | <p>been learning about unit and non-unit fractions as well as finding equivalent fractions. We have also continued with learning to tell the time with a focus on o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to (many thanks for our fabulous new clock to help with this!) Please encourage your child to practise telling the time at home. In science, we did lots of planting this week. We are growing cress, basil, coriander and basil. In PSHE, we talked about how to be respectful to our friends and teachers.</p>   |
| <b>Ash</b>            | <p>This week, Ash Class have finished reading our class book for English, The First Drawing, and have been planning retelling the story in the first person. In French, we have been learning about Les Fruits and looking at which words are feminine and masculine. And linking back to our Stone Age topic, in Art, we created and tested out our own 'Stone Age' paints using turmeric, berries, chalk, charcoal and soil and in History, we learnt about Skara Brae, a neolithic settlement in Orkney.</p>   |
| <b>Rowan</b>          | <p>This week in Year 4, we travelled back to the Roman invasion. We wrote diary entries from the perspective of people living through the Roman arrival and explored the different religions of the time. We had a great time designing our own gods by mixing the characteristics of Roman deities with those of the British Druids, even inventing their own unique powers.</p> <p>In Maths, we opened a pretend cafe to start our topic on money. We practiced placing orders, using toy money to make totals, and calculating costs using column addition. We made sure to keep our decimal points in the right place and kept up our speed with times table practice. Finally, in RE, we learned about the Christian belief in the Trinity.</p>  |
| <b>Maple</b>          | <p>It's been another great week here in Maple class! English has seen us starting to plan and write our own time-slip stories using many of the clause and phrase skills we've been exploring. In maths we've begun the march into decimals, this week exploring how we can link tenths and hundredths as fractions with their decimal counterparts. We also got the chance in maths to use multisided dice to practice our mental skills, even going so far as to invent our own games!</p> <p>Meanwhile, Science saw us looking at a new topic, Properties of Materials. We began to look at the different properties a material might have such as magnetism, flexibility or transparency. Later in the week we continued to look at propaganda posters in Topic, this week choosing our designs and looking at how to produce sufficiently chunky lettering to fit on the page. Ultimately, we will be using watercolour paints to complete our posters which will go up on display for the rest of the year!</p> |
| <b>Willow</b>         | <p>This week has been about two things - SATs and Breakfast! The latter seemed to be discussed more by the Year 6s than the actual tests. We are incredibly proud of how well the children approached the week and their positive attitude to the tests, they felt confident in all that they did. In Art, we completed our Islamic art printing which was a nice change from revision. In French, we have practised our everyday conversation and had a little fun singing about 'Un elephant' We now turn our attention to our end of year play and residential. PE kits - please make sure these come into school on a Monday and go home on a Friday, this includes trainers. A huge thank you for our Amazon gifts – it was like Christmas and we were delighted with the Pritt sticks.</p>  |
| <b>Lunchtime news</b> | <p>In between sunshine, hailstorms and chilly winds children practiced their running skills along the newly painted white lines on the field. Across year groups we played cricket alongside tennis and alternative ball games. We are delighted to see our year 6s grow in confidence, looking after our youngest children with whom they play a variety of games. We are encouraged to see them rise to the challenge when taking on more grown-up responsibilities. In recognition of their behaviour, working as a team and setting a good example when lining up they were rewarded with extra playtime this week.</p>   |

## Important dates

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| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                               | Year 2 & 3 ice lolly sale after school                  |
| 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 – flyer attached.    |
| 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 1 <sup>st</sup> 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

Thank you all so much for today's donations for the Big Bounce tombola, your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank you also to those of you who came along to the Coffee shop last Saturday and bought cake, coffees and second - hand school uniform, you raised a whopping £396.00

Big Summer Bounce, Friday 12th June. Tickets here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events/index.cfm>

Discounts for online bookings

Disco: Friday 19th June. Tickets online: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events/index.cfm>

Yr5 parents do not need to purchase a disco ticket for their child as this will be part of their sleepover, more details to follow separately on this.

Volunteer sign ups:

Bounce: [volunteersignup.org/JDKT4](https://volunteersignup.org/JDKT4)

Disco: [volunteersignup.org/EHBLY](https://volunteersignup.org/EHBLY)

## Other News/Information

Free & Low cost holiday activities during the May school holiday



**MAY FUN FAMILY CHALLENGE**  
**TUESDAY 26 MAY**

**WANTAGE AND WATLINGTON**

EXPLORE THE PARK, FIND THE MARKERS, COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE, HAVE FUN TOGETHER

For more information and to book visit [southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities](https://southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities) or click the QR code



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**26-29 May**

**Xplorer** 

**Fun Day** 

**Cricket** 

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| <p><b>Badminton</b></p>      | <p><b>Jr Gym Induction</b></p>    | <p><b>Pickleball</b></p>       |
| <p><b>Swimming</b></p>       | <p><b>YOU MOVE</b><br/> <b>Faringdon Fun Day</b><br/> <b>Wednesday 27th May</b><br/> <b>09:00-16:30</b></p> <p>    </p> | <p><b>Football</b></p>         |
| <p><b>Rollerskating</b></p>  | <p>To secure your place, visit and book at:<br/> <a href="http://southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities">southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities</a><br/>             or follow the QR Code</p>    | <p><b>Seated Exercise</b></p>  |

# CRICKET & SOFTBALL CAMP

27 MAY - ARDINGTON CRICKET CLUB  
28 MAY - DIDCOT CRICKET CLUB



## Building future champions

Come and bat, bowl, catch and throw your way through our May day camps.

Have fun and make friends with guidance from our qualified cricket coaches

10am-2pm, ages 8-12 only

£10 per child or £5 with YouMove card

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YOU MOVE



## Stoke Row Colour Run is this Sunday!

This is a fun run with a difference. Participants run around the 600m course as many times as they wish, passing different colour stations on their way where they get covered (by keen parents) in non-toxic coloured powder (corn starch dyed with food colouring) with an optional water gun station to make the paint really stick. Both the children and parents have great fun, and usually run further than they ever have done at any school cross-country! At the end, they collect a medal.

For those who don't wish to run, or have finished their laps, there will be a **bbq and cafe bar**. We hope that you will join us and look forward to seeing as many people as possible! So please invite your friends, family and neighbours to join as well.

We want the sun to be out, but as we found out before, a little wet helps the colour stick even better - so don't worry if there is some rain on the day as it won't stop the event. In case we do get sun, we have an optional water gun station you can run through. Please note, it is best to wear a light colour t-shirt to get the full impact, the paint is washable but there may be a small amount of staining, so please choose clothing appropriately. We will have some plain white t-shirts available on the day.

All participants must complete the entry and waiver form either on the day at the following link in advance: <https://forms.gle/pKWSbay9Yf4tmse18>. There is a payment link on the registration form.

**\*Please note:** You may turn up on the day without already registering but only pre-paid entrants will be guaranteed to receive a medal.

### DETAILS:

When: Sunday 17th May. Race starts at 11.30, registration opens at 10.45

Where: Stoke Row Recreation Ground, off Newlands Lane, RG9 5PR

Entry per person: £8.00, Entry per two people: £14, Entry for three people: £20  
Accompanying adults and pre-school siblings are free (unless they would like to register and receive a medal) .

*Approximate* timings:

10.45 - arrive

11.15 - musical warm up start

11.30 - kick-off

12:30 - race finishes

Cafe Bar and BBQ available throughout

Still don't understand what a colour run is? See this [video](#) for an example!.

If, for any unforeseen reason, we need to cancel the event, we will give as much notice as possible. Please check the email address you give on the entry form or contact [sr.colour.run@gmail.com](mailto:sr.colour.run@gmail.com) on the morning of the event if you are in any doubt.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Stoke Row Colour Run Team