



**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

We hope that you all had an enjoyable half term we were so lucky with the weather. This week has not been so sunny but it has not stopped the children from enjoying time outside. The children in year 6 were very excited for their residential trip to Liddington, we are looking forward to hearing all about it. We have all had a great start to this half term.

### **Travelling book Fair**

On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday next week the Travelling Book Fair will be in Maple class from 3.15pm. They always bring an exciting range of books and this time they are doing a 3 for 2 offer. Payment will be by cash or QR code. We hope that you are able to support this event as the more money we can raise from the sale of books the more books the school will receive in return. Thank you for your support.

### **Class photographs**

Please can we remind you that the school photographer is in school on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please can all children be in full school uniform including their school jumper or cardigan.

### **Class Updates**

<b>Acorns</b>	<p>A big thank you to all the parents who attended our Parents' Evening. You should all have received your Woodcote Primary School booklet and roadmap. If you have not received these, please see Jayne. We hope you found the information useful and informative.</p> <p>This week, we have been focusing on <b>healthy living</b> and making positive choices. This work builds on our Healthy Smiles accreditation and has provided lots of fun learning opportunities for the children.</p> <p>The children thoroughly enjoyed making fruit salad – and enjoyed eating it even more at snack time! We also held a food-tasting session, followed by creating a colourful “Crown of Foods” featuring everything they had tried. We were incredibly proud that every child was willing to give each food a go.</p> <p>The surprise favourite was <b>lemons!</b> As for Brussels sprouts, opinions were definitely divided – the children either loved them or hated them! Experiences like these can really help picky eaters. Even touching, holding or exploring unfamiliar foods can help break down barriers and build confidence. As we often say, <i>“I’d like you to try it, but you don’t have to like it.”</i></p> <p>To complement our healthy living theme, we have also been enjoying the story <b>Eat Your Peas</b>. It’s a funny book with an important message, and the children have loved it.</p> <p>Next week, we will be reading <b>Grandma’s Beach</b>, exploring different shapes, learning about the colour blue, and practising the <b>‘j’ sound</b>.</p> <p>We look forward to another exciting week of learning!</p>
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<p><b>Oak</b></p>	<p>The children have all been telling us enthusiastically about their half term breaks. We have really noticed how their confidence and independence has grown. This week we have been revising some of the digraphs so that we can read and write them confidently. We have worked hard on th, ng, qu ch and sh. In maths we have been looking at pairs of numbers to make ten and different ways that a number can be represented eg 7 can be made from 5 and 2. Half the class really enjoyed their first forest school session with Rowan's mum on Monday and the other half will take a turn next week. We are so grateful to her for doing this with us. We have also enjoyed using our new fairy tale role play area, dressing up and telling lots of stories. We are sending home a sheet with all the key dates and events for this half term as it is a very busy half term! On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June we will have a stay and play session from 8.35 to 9.00 We thought this might be a nice opportunity for the children to show you their books and the things they have done. We are planning to do some castle making. If you have any kitchen roll tubes you could send in we'd be very grateful. Have a lovely weekend.</p>
<p><b>Hornbeam</b></p>	<p>The children have returned to school and have dived straight into our new topics. In Maths we have been learning about fractions, specifically halves, we have been cutting shapes and objects in half and then working out that to find half of an amount we need to share it between two equal groups. In English we have begun learning about traditional tales. Our chosen tale is 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' this week we have been learning the story and exploring the appearance of the characters.</p> <p>In geography we have been looking at maps of the UK, learning the names of the 4 countries and describing their location in relation to one another using key compass points. Finally, in science we are learning about different materials, this week we have learnt to distinguish between an object and the material it is made from.</p>
<p><b>Beech</b></p>	<p>Beech class listened to the story of The Three Little pigs and enjoyed acting out the story in groups. We then had lots of fun asking questions to the wolf. This helped us to remember the story really well and we retold it with our partner. In science, we started learning about materials. We sorted different materials and described their properties using scientific vocabulary. In maths, we started learning about statistics. We learnt how to read and analyse tally charts. We then created our own tally chart and gathered some data from our classmates. We have also continued our learning on time, telling the time past the hour in 5 minute intervals. Please practise this at home to help the children build their confidence.</p>
<p><b>Ash</b></p>	<p>This week, Ash class have been learning tennis skills in our P.E. lessons, looking at controlling and returning the ball. Our PE lessons continue to be Swimming on a Tuesday, for a further 3 sessions this term, and Tennis on Thursdays. Children will need a waterproof coat for walking to and from swimming, and should the warm weather return, a sunhat for both sessions, along with usual swim/P.E kit.</p> <p>In our science lesson, we have started our work on Rocks, Soils and Fossils and have been identifying natural vs. man-made rocks and their uses. And in our continued History topic this term, we have moved from the Stone Age to the</p>

	<p>Bronze Age, learning about how bronze was made and how it changed the lives of prehistoric people.</p> <p>Please could we ask that toys (fidget or otherwise, unless agreed with a class adult/Senco) and stationery items are not brought in from home. A few have started appearing and some of these have been misplaced this week.</p> <p>Wishing you all a hopefully drier end to the week.</p>
<b>Rowan</b>	<p>It has been an incredibly busy week back after half term break. In our English lessons, we have been sharpening our descriptive writing skills by identifying and practicing the use of vivid adjectives. We are creating a detailed character analysis of Rumpelstiltskin after reading extracts from the story. Our scientific explorations have taken us inside the human body this week as we learned about the complexities of the digestive system, while in Religious Education, we found out about the history and significance of the church in Christianity. We also looked outward at our communities to learn about the importance of volunteering and how we can make a positive impact on the world around us. We are actively trying to find opportunities to volunteer at over the next few weeks. Finally, we have been exceptionally active in PE; alongside playing rounders, we've just started an energetic new unit on gymnastics.</p>
<b>Maple</b>	<p>We've had a great start to our final term of Year 5! In English we've started looking at War Poetry, exploring an animated short film that we've used to produce some very emotive poetry. We'll be continuing to work on different types of figurative language and ways to bring emotion into our poetry over the rest of the term. In Maths we've been continuing our work on decimals, this week looking at adding and subtracting decimals, including those that have a different number of decimal places. We also got the chance during the week to practice using watercolours. We explored how the amount of water will affect the richness of the colour, how we can blend colours and how to add a wash to our designs. We'll be using these skills going forwards in our propaganda posters that we'll be sure to put up on display as soon as they are done. We also got the chance to start running through our playscripts including our understudy roles. We're looking forward to the return of the Year 6's from residential so we can practice even more!</p>
<b>Willow</b>	<p>The children from year 6 have been on residential this week. We are looking forward to hearing all about it next week.</p>
<b>Lunchtime news</b>	<p>We were lucky to be able to play outside during rain free lunchtimes this week. Although Wednesday was cloudy and dull the children enjoyed singing and dancing to Mr Langley's favourite tunes. Some of our budding thespians took the opportunity to practice their lines for the upcoming play. Children who opt for hot dinners at Langtree were surprised and delighted to see the catering staff had decorated the lower dining hall with World Cup football flags and bunting. The excitement is building and we remain ever hopeful. Come on England!</p>

### Important dates

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Travelling Book Fair in Maple class from 3.15pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Braiswick School Photographer in school (Class/individual year 6 photos)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Big bounce arrange by FOWPS.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Welcome meeting for new reception 2026 children – 6.00pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 trip to Wallingford Museum - please refer to the ParentMail for more information
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Oak class trip to Wallingford Museum - please refer to the ParentMail for more information

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	FOWPS Disco – don't forget to purchase your tickets
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 – KS2 am & KS1 pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Back up Sports Day
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET day – School closed
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers assembly – 9.00am – all parents invited
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
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning for Reception 2027 intake
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning for Reception 2027 intake

## **FOWPS**

Don't forget to check out our events page for tickets to this terms summer activities: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events/index.cfm>

\*Big Bounce\*- 12th June

\*School Disco\* - 19th June (Year 5 tickets included with sleepover residential)

\*Summer Raffle!\* Friday July 10, 2026, 12:00

Our school events are always a highlight for the children, but they can't happen without the help of our amazing parents and carers. Even helping for an hour before, during or after events (clean up help is always appreciated!) can make a huge difference and helps us to create fun, memorable events which everyone enjoys. If you are able to lend a hand we would be so grateful, please sign up at: [volunteersignup.org/JDKT4](https://volunteersignup.org/JDKT4) and help us make these events a success!

## **Other News/Information**

None this week