



Friday 12th June 2026

Our Year 6 pupils returned from their week long residential at PGL Liddington with smiles on their faces but they were really rather tired after all of their adventurous activities. They built rafts, learnt survival skills, did rock climbing, went on zipwires, learnt to play Disc Golf, climbed the vertical challenge as well as learning to be resilient and courageous.

Another of our highlights of this week will be the fabulous Summer Bounce. Blessed with far better weather than was forecast. Organised by our fabulous PTA FOWPs. There will be Bouncy Castles, Wiggle Cars, Crochet, Giant Lego as well as delicious refreshments and music, there will be something for everyone. We would like to thank our PTA members, dedicated staff, volunteers and local businesses for their support. Money raised from this will go back into school funds.

Knight Frank Schools Triathlon

Last Sunday, 4 boys from year 4 competed in a triathlon at the Oratory School. Alex, Freddie, Kiko and Rufus swam 50m, cycled 1.5km and then ran 1km to raise nearly £500 for Woodcote Primary School and the Restless Development Charity.

They all did fantastically well and were very supportive of one another, as they completed the various activities.

Thanks to everyone who sponsored them or bought an ice lolly at the sales after school.



Governor Update

We have a vacancy for a School Governor. Please contact Nicola Baker, our Chair of Governors if you have any questions or are interested.





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No matter your background, age or job role, you can become a School Governor and make a difference to the lives of young people in our community.

And it is not just parents who can apply!

Being a Governor helps you develop your own skills, all while having the opportunity to make a meaningful impact and be part of our warm and welcoming school community.



Please get in touch

We'd love to hear from you and answer any questions, please contact
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Free School Meals

Please see the ParentMail which was sent on Wednesday 10th June outlining changes to Free School Meal entitlement. If you wish to apply for your child, forms must be returned to the school office by no later than Wednesday 24th June. Children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 are still entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) and the completion of a form is not required.

Suncream

If your child needs suncream please can you ensure that this is applied at home before your child arrives at school, this is not something that we can do in school. Thank you

Globefit

A summer holiday camp run by Globefit is being held at Woodcote Primary School for 4 weeks during the school summer holidays. If you are interested please sign up early to avoid disappointment.



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Summer Term Primary School Nursing newsletter

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Class Updates

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| Acorns | <p>The children have been busy creating a special surprise for their dads or a special person in their lives to help celebrate Father's Day next week. Invitations have been sent out for Acorn dads and grandads to join us for a traditional Father's Day lunch of pork pies and ginger beer. This is a wonderful opportunity for dads to meet their children's friends and get to know other families in the Acorn class. They still have another seven glorious years of standing in the playground after a hard day's work, waiting to collect their loved ones from wonderful Woodcote Primary School!</p> <p>If you have not yet RSVP'd, please do so by Monday.</p> <p>As always, we continue to enjoy outdoor learning in all weathers. Please ensure your child brings a sun hat, raincoat and wellies every day. We also ask that sunscreen is applied before school each morning. Children in Acorn Class are permitted to reapply sunscreen during the day, so if you would like your child to do this, please hand the labelled sun cream to a member of staff each morning. Thank you for your support.</p> <p>Show and Tell continues to be a great success. The children are excited to stand up and share their news, photographs and special items with their friends.</p> |
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| | <p>Please continue to send photos via Tapestry or provide interesting items for your child to talk about. These opportunities help to develop communication skills, build confidence and encourage thoughtful questioning.</p> <p>Next week, we will be exploring rhyme and rhythm, learning about the 'z' sound, and investigating space in our maths activities and reading our Brilliant Dad.</p> |
| <p>Oak</p> | <p>Group B Oakies were fabulous outdoor explorers on Monday. They explored the life cycle of birds and found many bugs! In PSHE we were learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and the subject of butterfly eggs expanded into bird eggs - did you know birds have an egg tooth to help themselves hatch? It was then commented on that human babies cannot do this but they do grow from eggs and eggs can be frozen in hospital. There was then a misconception that this meant babies were frozen in hospital and left there. We explained that the eggs are frozen and that the eggs have not grown into babies. We will revisit this discussion but please let us know if your child has any questions you would like us to address.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> |
| <p>Hornbeam</p> | <p>This week has been very busy in Year 1 and the children have all done us exceptionally proud in the National phonics screening check! Aside from phonics the children have continued looking at the story of 3 Billy Goats and have been showing us their exceptional range of language when rewriting the story. In Maths, we have moved from looking at halves to investigating quarters and understanding that a quarter is 4 equal pieces. In our wider curriculum areas, the children have enjoyed taste testing different flavoured smoothies in preparation for making their own in the coming weeks. In Science, we have continued looking at different materials and how they can be used and in RE we have begun looking at our favourite stories, leading on to learning stories from the Bible and the Torah.</p> |
| <p>Beech</p> | <p>Beech class enjoyed hot seating the character of the wolf in English this week. This helped us with our writing to include lots of interesting adjectives. In Maths, we learnt how to read and draw pictograms. We then answered some tricky questions about our data. We have continued practising telling the time, working on telling the time to the hour. We had a great time planting some of the plants we had grown in the front garden. We all did a bit of weeding too while the sun was still shining. In preparation for our trip next week, we learnt how people became a knight. We worked in groups to act how to become a page, a squire and then a knight. We also learnt some facts about King Stephen and Empress Matilda.</p> |
| <p>Ash</p> | <p>Last Friday, we arrived in school to a bit of surprise news; the Year 3 chairs had gone on strike. Unfortunately, Ash Class arrived in class to find their chairs out of use. We received a letter from the chairs explaining why they had gone on strike and had to write some persuasive letters to get them back. Thankfully, the children wrote some amazing letters using the emotive and persuasive language they learnt last term and the chairs returned to use for the afternoon. Luckily, the chairs have remained back in action this week and with our chairs being used sensibly to help our handwriting, we have written some character descriptions of Blue John, based on our English book of the same name, with a focus on using action verbs. In our Maths lesson this week, we have been working on Geometry, learning about vertical, horizontal, parallel and perpendicular lines</p> |

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| | <p>and we have used these ideas when identifying the properties of 2-D shapes. See what lines your child can spot whilst they are out and about over the weekend. To finish the week, we looked at 3-D shapes and made different shapes using straws and marshmallows. Finally, in our Art lessons, we have been learning about Bronze Age beaker pots and creating designs based on the pots the children sketched last week. We looked at the process for making the pots and made draft play-doh models of beaker pots, using pinch pot skills and adding layers to the walls. Next week, we hope to make our final models in clay and add decoration. We hope you all enjoy a drier weekend.</p> |
| Rowan | <p>We have been incredibly busy in Rowan Class lately with a fantastic mix of creative writing, hands-on maths, and ancient history! In English, we've been mastering our tenses by converting present tense to past tense, and we even stepped into the shoes of a classic character to write our very own Rumpelstiltskin stories in the first person. During Maths we have been pushing our boundaries by extending our multiplication knowledge and bringing geometry to life by constructing 3D shapes from flat nets. Meanwhile, history took us back in time to Ancient Rome; we had a great time trying on togas, putting the finishing touches on our beautiful mosaics, colouring pictures of centurions, and researching fascinating facts about Roman life.</p> <p>Looking Ahead: The energy is high and the countdown is officially on—we are all incredibly excited for the Summer Bounce!</p> |
| Maple | <p>Though the rain has certainly attempted to dampen our spirits this week, it has certainly failed. English has seen us exploring some more war poetry including Wilfred Owen's famous poem, Dulce et Decorum Est. We explored all the different language he used and discussed some of the harder topics he included in his poem. In maths we've been working on percentages, this week thinking about how they link with fractions then how they link to decimals. We wrapped up our maths with some times tables practice using a variety of different types of dice to play a game. Meanwhile, in Art we've been working on our propaganda posters, using watercolours to add the sorts of faded colours they may have utilised when printing in the 1940s. We've also started our rehearsals for the school play, working on positioning on stage, sharing our lines clearly and beginning to learn all the songs. We're really excited to share it all with you in a few weeks' time!</p> |
| Willow | <p>We have welcomed Ms Denton, our teacher for this summer term into Willow class. This week, we have been sharing our adventures from our residential trip at PGL Liddington with some wonderful work in English to write a recount. Our topic for this term is Brunel. We have just started learning about him. A fantastic name, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, was an engineer, designer, and an all-round innovator. We have much more to investigate.</p> <p>We are busy rehearsing for our production of <i>Pirates of the Curry Bean</i> which will take place on the 8th and 9th of July. Ticket information will follow shortly.</p> |

Important dates

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| Tuesday 16 th June | Welcome meeting for new reception 2026 children – 6.00pm |
| Wednesday 17 th June | Year 2 trip to Wallingford Museum - please refer to the ParentMail for more information |
| Thursday 18 th June | Oak class trip to Wallingford Museum - please refer to the ParentMail for more information |
| Friday 19 th June | FOWPS Disco – don't forget to purchase your tickets |
| Friday 19 th – Saturday 20 th June | Year 5 Sleepover – see ParentMail for more information |
| Tuesday 23 rd June | Sports Day & family picnic |
| Thursday 25 th June | Back up Sports Day |
| Wednesday 1 st July | INSET day – School closed |
| Wednesday 8 th July | Year 5/6 performance – evening, exact time tbc |
| Thursday 9 th July | Year 5/6 performance – evening, exact time tbc |
| Friday 10 th July | Year 6 Leavers assembly – 9.00am – all parents invited |
| Tuesday 14 th July | Acorns Sports Day |
| Thursday 16 th July | Year 1 & 4 Cake or Lolly Sale - tbc |
| 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 |
| Tuesday 20 th October | Open Morning for Reception 2027 intake |
| Thursday 5 th November | Open Morning for Reception 2027 intake |

FOWPS

Thank you all so much with your help donating bottles and sweets for the raffle and generously giving your time to help us run the Big Bounce this evening, we're sure it's going to be a great event!

Tickets will be available on the door for £10/£6 for under 4's. We will have some seating available on the field and playground, but please consider bringing a picnic blanket for comfort and a refillable water bottle for thirsty bouncers. See you there!

Other News/Information

Gap Festival 2026 – Family Day, Saturday 13 June

Mend the Gap will be hosting a stand at the Gap Festival this Saturday 13 June as part of the Nature Zone in Rectory Gardens.

We'll be focussing on plants which can be found in the area with a fun activity for children, and we'll be sharing updates on Mend the Gap so far this year. If you are in the area, do come along. Find out more about the day: <https://www.thegapfestival.org/news/family-day-the-wonders-of-the-natural-world/>



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