



Friday 19th June 2026

This week we announced that, from September, we will need to merge some of our younger classes due to the financial challenges facing the school.

This decision has not been made lightly. It has followed many months of careful consideration, numerous meetings and discussions, and visits to other local schools that have already gone through a similar process. Our priority throughout has been to ensure that we can continue to provide the highest quality education and support for all our children.

We understand that many parents have concerns, and that is completely natural. We are grateful for the support and understanding that so many families have already shown. Several parents have asked how they can help, and there are a number of ways you can support the school:

- Support and attend PTA fundraising events.
- Volunteer your time and skills to help with fundraising activities and school events.
- Encourage family, friends, and local businesses to support school fundraising initiatives.
- Consider making a voluntary donation to the school or specific projects where appropriate.
- Help raise awareness of the challenges schools are currently facing and advocate for the importance of investing in education.
- Continue to support your child's learning and maintain a positive partnership with the school.

Every contribution, whether through time, expertise, fundraising, or financial support, makes a real difference and helps us continue to provide the best possible opportunities for our pupils. The overwhelming feeling from our parent community has been one of support for the school and our staff, for which we are extremely thankful. During a period of significant change, your understanding, encouragement, and trust are greatly appreciated and serve as a reminder of the strength of our school community. Thank you.

SPORTS DAY CHANGE!

As you may be aware there is now an Amber weather warning for Extreme Heat in place for next week. With the children's safety in mind, we will move the KS1 sports day to the morning beginning at 9.30am. KS2 will remain at the same time but please remember, as we are using Langtree's facilities, we are unable to invite you to this. Parents are then welcome to watch the KS2 sprint races when we return to our school site and then join us for a picnic lunch.

Please remember, there are ***no hot dinners available on Tuesday***. Your child either needs a packed lunch or an ABM packed lunch which must be ordered by the end of today.

Please ensure your child has:

Suncream applied before school

A named sunhat

A named water bottle

School uniform

We have noticed that lots of different hair adornments have been creeping into school. Hair bands or ties should be small, discrete, simple, plain black, dark or navy.

Free School Meals

Please see the ParentMail which was sent on Wednesday 10th June outlining changes to Free School Meal entitlement. Every family has to reapply to check for eligibility. 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.

Travelling Book Fair

We are pleased to let you know that through the purchase of books from the Travelling book Fair you helped us raise £176.87 to purchase more books for KS1. Thank you for your support.

Scrunchie stall @ the Big Summer Bounce

Emily and Katie in year 6 would like to thank everyone who purchased a scrunchie from their stall last Friday at the Summer Bounce.

The money raised was for Ocean Ward in Southampton hospital, where Emily's brother was looked after.

They still have a few scrunchies left if anyone would like to buy one.

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.



Woodcote Primary School

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE
BECOME A SCHOOL GOVERNOR

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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Visitor lanyards

We are very lucky to have lots of visitors to School however we are running very low on the red visitor lanyards so if you have been into school and one (or two perhaps...) have made their way home with you for their own visit, please can you return them to the School Office, thank you.

Class Updates

Acorns	Roast on a Wednesday is always so popular. We should have shown you a before-and-after photo, but there was not much left! Thank you to the Langtree kitchen staff - we love your roasts. Plus, our little ones get to practise using a knife and fork: always learning. Thank you for our new hosepipe. Katie is relieved that she does not need to get wet when setting up each morning. The new ice-cream parlour has proven very popular this week. We have heard lots of lovely conversations and seen some strange ingredients and ice-cream mixtures, as well as plenty of role play, sharing, turn-taking and expressive play. We welcome Louisa, who is here for just over a week on work experience. We cannot believe she is back 12 years later - an ex-Cabin girl! She is teaching our children some rhymes in French, just as her mum used to when Louise was here A group of children are seated around a yellow table, eating from plates. There are several plates of food, including what looks like roast, and some children are using knives and forks. A group of children are gathered around a table covered with a pink and white floral tablecloth. They are playing with various toys, including a yellow toy phone and some blocks. A child in a red shirt is standing and talking to the others.
Oak	Another wonderful week for the Oakies- they were a credit to themselves, to you and to our school on the class trip to Wallingford. Their listening and attention at the museum was brilliant and they had so much fun exploring the exhibits whilst learning about the past. We then walked to Castle Gardens to explore the ruins which they loved - the old drawbridge and little doors were of particular interest! Thank you to all those who helped, and offered to help- we cannot do trips like this without you. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Stay and Play this morning too. Reminders: • Sun cream applied each morning, named sun hats and water bottle every day please. A light rain jacket is also useful. • Any card board tubes or junk suitable to build castles and towers would be much appreciated. Have a super lovely weekend.



Hornbeam	Hornbeam class have enjoyed writing their own traditional tales this week. After learning the story of 3 Billy Goats Gruff last week, we have adapted it to create our own versions, 'Three fluffy rabbits'. The rabbits have to cross a dangerous field, avoiding the mean fox to get to the lush allotments on the other side! In Maths, we have been focussing on counting, stretching ourselves to count all the way to 100, we have played lots of number games and used plenty of resources to help us understand. In Phonics, we have been learning about syllables and polysyllabic words, including many of our names. In DT, we practised our knife skills, prior to making our own smoothies. We learnt what the different parts of a knife are called, how to hold a knife correctly and most importantly, how to chop without losing any fingers! Having practiced on play-doh this week we are ready to take on soft fruit in a couple of weeks.
Beech	We had a fantastic trip to Wallingford on Wednesday, using the public bus, visiting the museum and Castle Gardens with a stop in the Kinecroft for lunch. The children were all brilliant and we learnt lots about the castle. We continued to learn about statistics in maths this week as well as some times tables practice. In English, we used speech marks in our writing and included alternative words for said. In science, we started thinking about how to make a house for the Three Little Pigs. We plan to make these next week. Please could you bring in any junk modelling stuff for Monday 22nd June (plastic, foil, boxes, bubble wrap etc). We plan to test these once they are complete to see if they are strong enough to withstand the huff and puff of the wolf!
Ash	This week, Ash class worked really hard in their water safety swimming lesson, learning about what to do if they fall into deep water. In maths, we have been working on money, looking at converting pounds and pence and giving change. And in French, we have been learning 10 ice-cream flavours, just in time for the hot weather. We hope you all have a good weekend.
Rowan	This week, Rowan have begun work on time. They are converting between digital and analogue clock times, and solving problems converting between units of time. In English they are continuing to work on their Rumpelstiltskin writing, this week focusing on the part the Miller's daughter played. She came to visit, and the children were able to ask her questions about her life, feelings about her father, and what she has for breakfast.

	Sports day next week, please make sure your child is prepared with PE kit, hat, suncream on, and a water bottle. Continue to read, and practice times tables.
Maple	We've had another tremendous week here in Maple Class. English has seen us continuing to look at war poetry, this week thinking about similes, metaphor and personification as tools we can use when writing. We'll be writing our own poems from next week and will gladly share the outcomes as soon as we can! Maths has seen us looking at finding the volume of 3D shapes. We've been using blocks to construct shapes of our own with a given volume, then represented these shapes using isometric paper. With Keir Starmers announcement of a ban on social media for under-16s, we also took the time to debate the pros and cons in class. Even before we started, your children had a good understanding of the ways social media can be a benefit as well as a problem, but it was fascinating hearing all the different opinions and rationales in both directions! In PE, we took part in a variety of different activities designed to help us practice for Sports Day next week while some of our other afternoons were devoted to rehearsing for the upcoming school play! We wrapped up our week with our WW2 day and sleepover. During the day we got the chance to experience class as it would have looked in the 1940s including experiencing air raid sirens and building our own gas mask boxes. While the sleepover has yet to happen when you're reading this, I have no doubt your children all fell asleep instantly, stayed asleep for a solid 9 hours and then let me have a lie in before they got up!
Willow	This week in Willow we had a visit from Mrs Belcher from Langtree Secondary school. This gave us all an opportunity to ask questions about the school day and to reassure us about any concerns that we may have had. She explained some of the expectations such as packing our bags the night before and ensuring that we have a snack. Mrs Belcher informed us that lunch for Year 7's isn't until 13:20 and so it is really important that we can top up our brain energy with a healthy snack at break. The production rehearsals are continuing. By the end of this week, we need to have memorised our lines so that we are 'off-script'. This will enable us to focus on blocking our movement and actions and really rehearse 'in character'. Ticket information for the performances will be sent out shortly. On Wednesday, we practiced some of the events that will take place in sports day. Reminding ourselves of techniques in how to throw the javelin and the shotput. The competition looks set to be good!

The children in Year 5 enjoyed dressing up for our WW11 day, don't they look great!





The children from Beech class thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Wallingford Museum earlier this week.



Important dates

Tuesday 23 rd June	Sports Day & family picnic
Thursday 25 th June	Back up Sports Day
Wednesday 1 st July	INSET day – School closed
Monday 6 th July	IRock concert
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 3 trip to Ufton Court – for more information please refer to the ParentMail sent out this week
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 – 9.30am – 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 to everyone that attended the summer bounce, we hope that you all had a really good time.

We look forward to seeing lots of you at the Disco later on today – don't forget your water bottle!

Other News/Information

None this week