



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully busy week it's been here at school! The classrooms have been full of energy and enthusiasm as the children have thrown themselves into their learning and activities. From creative classroom projects to outdoor adventures and special events, it's been fantastic to see everyone working hard, supporting one another, and making the most of every opportunity.

As we come to the end of another vibrant week, we're so proud of how much the children have achieved and how they continue to embody our school values every day.

Thank You – Parents' Evening

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. It was wonderful to meet with so many of you and share the progress, achievements, and next steps for your children. Your support and involvement make such a difference to your child's learning journey, and we really appreciate the time you took to engage with our school community.

Remembrance Day

This week, our school came together to mark Remembrance Day, taking time to reflect on the importance of peace, gratitude, and remembrance. The whole school gathered for a very special assembly led by our Year 6 pupils, who delivered a thoughtful and moving presentation.

They spoke beautifully about the significance of Remembrance Day, shared poems and stories, and led us all in a moment of silence to honour those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom. Their maturity, respect, and empathy truly shone through, and we could not be prouder of them.



Key dates for the next 2 weeks:

Tuesday 18th November	Year 3 & 4 Cinema Trip
Wednesday 19 th November	Year 5 & 6 Cinema Trip
Thursday November 20th	Trip to the River and Rowing museum in Henley (YR4)
Thursday November 20th	Community coffee morning
Friday November 21st	Coffee morning SEND (SEND parents)
Thursday November 27th	Christmas tree light switch on and WPA choir singing





Odd Socks Day – Celebrating Anti-Bullying Week



This week, our school took part in Odd Socks Day to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. It was wonderful to see so many bright, colourful, and wonderfully mismatched socks around school! The day was all about celebrating what makes each of us unique and reminding everyone that being different is something to be proud of.

Throughout the week, classes have been taking part in discussions and activities about kindness, respect, and standing up for others. It's been fantastic to see our pupils showing such understanding and empathy towards one another.



Children in Need – Wear Something Spotty!



Today, our school was a sea of red as we joined in to support BBC Children in Need!

Pupils and staff alike showed their generosity and spirit by coming to school dressed in their brightest clothes, spots, and accessories—all to raise money for a fantastic cause.

It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved and showing such kindness and enthusiasm. Through your generous donations, we've helped to make a difference to children and families across the UK.

A big thank you to everyone who took part, donated, and helped to spread smiles throughout the day. Together, we've shown that even small acts of kindness can have a big impact!

FoWPA news



What's Happening This Month

Parkrun takeover & bake sale, Sunday 16 November @ 9am

FoWPA will be at Kingsgrove Junior Parkrun this Sunday with a bake and refreshment sale at the start/finish line. Come for a sweet treat 🍰 whether you're running, walking or cheering! Cash & card accepted.

Christmas Cards


The children's Christmas card designs are coming home this week! Each preview card includes a QR code to order online via School Print World. Please order by **Tuesday 19 November** for **FoWPA to receive a % back** – you can still order after, but the school won't get the kickback.

Fundraising Successes

Move-a-thon Success!


Our Move-a-thon raised an amazing **£542.75!** Thank you to everyone who took part and got active! Congratulations to our winners:

-  Chloe MacKenzie (Reception)
-  Gustave Baillif (Year 1)
-  Theo Martin (Year 2)
-  Rose Smith (Year 4)

 Special mention to Rhoda McInroy (Year 2) for her roller-skating photo, winning Most Unusual Form of Exercise!

We hope all our winners enjoy their prizes.

Book Donations Needed

 We're continuing to build the school's Reading for Fun collection! If you have good quality chapter or picture books to donate, please drop them off at the school office.

Coming Up in December

There's plenty of festive fun ahead!

 Our **bauble decorating competition** will make a return

 We'll be selling **refreshments** at the end-of-term **performances 17-19**

December

 Look out for our **Christmas Selfie Scavenger Hunt** to enjoy over the holidays

Get Involved

We've moved our WhatsApp into **Communities**, making it super easy to stay in the loop and support FoWPA events! If you were in the old group, check the **pinned post** for the link to hop across.

New here? **Scan the QR code** below or email pta@wantageprimaryacademy.org for more info.





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SEN Coffee Morning

Friday 21st November

8.45am in the hall



Family and Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 20th November

**BE
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YOUNG
CARERS**



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Oxfordshire

CAMHS
Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Service



Active
Oxfordshire

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and other local villages!**

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Wantage

Barnards Way Post Office, Campbells Opticians
Charlton Garden Centre, Co-op Kingsgrove
Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Wantage Health Centre

Grove

Smiths DIY, Co-op

Post boxes will be in position from
**10am Saturday November 29th to
5pm Friday December 19th**

Postage costs **40p** per card and should be deposited into the post boxes along with the cards. We aim to deliver as soon as possible but we may not be as quick as Royal Mail. All post will be delivered between Sunday 14th December and Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve).

All proceeds go to the local Scout Groups.
Should you need any details please call 01235 760889.

Registered charity no's: 300516 and 277162



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NURTURE HUB DONATIONS NEEDED



We're on a mission to turn our **Nurture Hub** into a cosy, home-from-home space for our pupils and we'd love your help!

We're looking for good-condition donations of:

- Quality construction toys
- Role play items (e.g. play kitchen or home area furniture)
- Dressing-up clothes (all ages)
- Children's bookshelves or storage units
- Cushions and beanbags in good condition
- Cooking equipment (jugs, bowls, wooden spoons)

Donations can be dropped off at Wantage Primary Academy school office during normal opening hours





BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED

We're on a mission to expand our Reading for Fun collection and we need your help!

We're looking for good-quality picture books and chapter books to inspire a love of reading in our pupils.

Have any books your children have outgrown?
We'd love to give them a new home!



**DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED AT THE SCHOOL
OFFICE DURING NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS**

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JOIN IN THE FUN AT OUR WPA TAKEOVER EVENT
SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER



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