



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, and a very Happy New Year to all our children, families and staff! We hope the Christmas break brought time for rest, joy and special moments together. As we begin this new half term, our school is once again filled with the sound of laughter, learning and curiosity, and it has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm and smiles.

This half term promises to be an exciting one, full of new topics, creative projects and opportunities for everyone to shine. We are proud of the way our pupils continue to show kindness, resilience and a love of learning, and we look forward to working closely with you as we support them to grow and succeed. Thank you, as always, for your continued support – here’s to a positive, inspiring and rewarding term ahead for our whole school community.

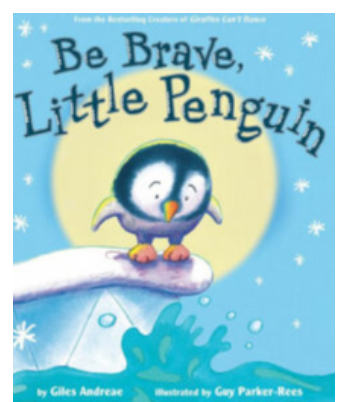
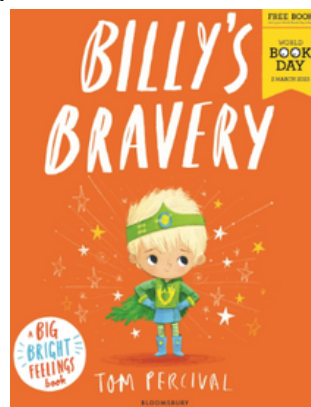
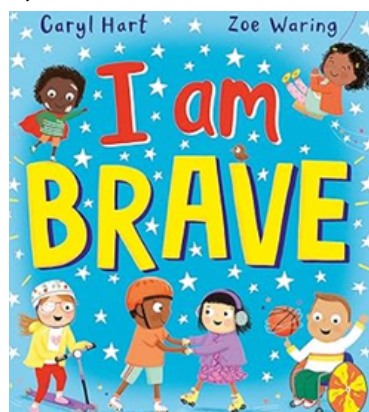
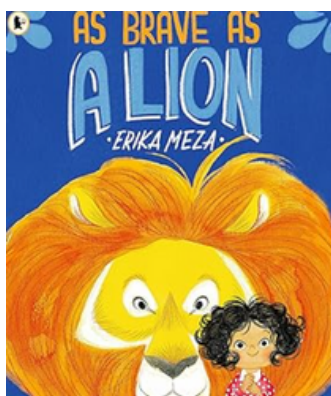
This Term’s Value: Bravery

This term, our whole school will be focusing on the value of bravery. We will be exploring what bravery means and how it can be shown in everyday life, both big and small.

Through assemblies and class discussions, children will have the opportunity to share their thoughts, hear inspiring examples, and reflect on times when they—or others—have shown courage. We hope this focus will encourage all our pupils to take positive risks, face challenges with confidence, and celebrate their achievements, no matter how small.

Key dates for the next 2 weeks:

<p>Jan 19th</p>	<p>World Religion Day</p>
<p>Jan 21st</p>	<p>Year 2 Hampton Court Palace</p>
<p>January 27th</p>	<p>Year 4 The Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock</p>
<p>February 2nd-6th</p>	<p>Residential Kilvrough Manor</p>
<p>February 3rd</p>	<p>Public speaking competition- St Amands</p>



Welcome

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new families who have recently joined Wantage Primary Academy. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and hope you are already beginning to feel at home.

At Wantage Primary Academy, we value strong partnerships between school and families, and we look forward to getting to know you and working together to support your children as they learn, grow and thrive. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our staff if you have any questions or need support—we are excited to begin this journey with you.

Staff News

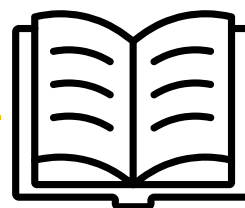
We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Stewart back to Wantage Primary Academy following her maternity leave. It has been lovely to have her return to school, and we know the children and staff are delighted to see her back as part of our team.



We are also excited to welcome Mrs Smith, who has recently joined us as a new member of staff. Mrs Smith will be supporting children across the school, and we are sure she will be a fantastic addition to our community. We look forward to working with her and hope you will join us in giving both Mrs Stewart and Mrs Smith a very warm welcome.



Club Friday Launch



We are delighted to introduce Club Friday, an exciting new addition to our school week! Every Friday, for the final half hour of the day, all children will have the opportunity to take part in an extra-curricular club within their key stage. This time is designed to give pupils the chance to explore new interests, develop skills and enjoy learning in a relaxed, fun-filled environment.

The range of clubs on offer will include yoga, board games, art, sports and much more, ensuring there is something to inspire every child. Club Friday is all about creativity, teamwork and enjoyment, and we can't wait to see the children discovering new passions and talents as we end each week on a high note.

To make Club Friday as simple and inclusive as possible, all club bookings will be organised and managed within school. There is no need for parents or carers to sign up or make any selections in advance. Every child will be allocated a club within their key stage, ensuring that all pupils are able to take part and enjoy this exciting opportunity each week.

See pictures of the children engaging in their new clubs below!

Club Friday





Green Travel Day

Next week, on Friday 23rd January, WPA will be having the first of our Green Travel Days for this school year. As part of our school's Climate Action Plan, this special day aims to encourage all students, parents and carers to choose eco-friendly ways to travel to school, like walking, cycling or using a scooter.

Participating in Green Travel Day will help to reduce our carbon footprint and to promote a healthier lifestyle. It will be an opportunity to enjoy some fresh air and morning exercise together.

Such small yet impactful actions will help future generations, when we join hands to make our community a cleaner and greener place.

We look forward to seeing our paths filled with enthusiastic walkers, cyclists and scooters on the day!

FREE ESOL ENGLISH CLASS

Families Learning Together

**FREE 10 week course for
Parents and Carers at
Wantage Primary Academy**

- Practise your English speaking
- Learn new vocabulary
- Improve your reading and writing skills
- Get to know other families

Day: Mondays

Time: 11:00am - 12:45pm

Dates: 12th January - 23rd March
(No session Monday 16th February
as it is half term)

Where?

Wantage Primary Academy,
Rutherford Road
Wantage, OX12 7GQ



To book a place please contact Mrs Holly Cripps (Family Support Worker) in person or email:

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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!



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