

It's hard to believe we've already reached the end of the first autumn term! The past few months have been filled with learning, laughter, and plenty of exciting moments. From new topics in class to special events and celebrations, our children have shown wonderful enthusiasm and kindness throughout the term.



Key dates for the next 2 weeks:

Harvest Celebrations

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and families who joined us for our KS1 and KS2 Harvest Assemblies. It was wonderful to see so many of you there supporting the children as they shared songs, poems, and reflections about the importance of gratitude and giving.

We are also incredibly grateful for your generous donations to the Wantage Food Bank. Your kindness and support will make a real difference to families in our local community. Thank you for helping us celebrate the spirit of harvest in such a meaningful way!



Open Book Afternoon

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Open Book Afternoon. It was lovely to see so many of you taking the time to look through your children's work and celebrate their progress and achievements so far this year. We also appreciate the valuable conversations you had with teachers—your engagement and partnership play such an important role in supporting your child's learning journey. Thank you for your continued support!

November 3rd	Autumn 2 resumes 8:40am.
November 4th	Year5 Swimming lessons every Tuesday until December 9 th
November 7th	Autumn reports to parents
November 10 th	Anti-Bullying week. Odd sock day!
November 11th and 12th	Parents' evening meetings



Show Racism the Red Card Day

Our pupils proudly wore red to support Show Racism the Red Card Day! The children took part in discussions and activities to help promote kindness, respect, and equality for everyone. Together, we're standing up against racism and celebrating the importance of inclusion in our school community.



Bassistry Workshop

This week, our pupils were treated to an incredible Bassistry Workshop, where they explored the power of rhythm, music, and movement! The session was full of energy and creativity, as the children learned how music can bring people together and express ideas in exciting new ways. The workshop was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop their confidence, teamwork, and musical skills – and the smiles on their faces said it all! A huge thank you to the Bassistry team for inspiring our young musicians.



Year 3 Trip

Last week, our Year 3 children travelled back thousands of years to the Stone Age during their fantastic trip to Hill End in Oxford.

The day was packed with hands-on activities that brought history to life!

The children became hunter-gatherers, building dens for their tribes and practising their aim by throwing spears at wild boar. They ground grains into flour, cooked sweet bread over the fire, and foraged for fruit and berries. Everyone enjoyed making their own Stone Age axes and exploring an authentic roundhouse, imagining what life might have been like for people long ago.

It was a brilliant, fun-filled day of learning and adventure—one our Year 3s will remember for a long time!



Congratulations



A big well done to
Darcy, Oscar, H

🎉 Friends of WPA – What’s Happening This Term!

Lots happening this autumn! Here’s what’s coming up 🍂

🏃♀️ Move-a-thon – October Half Term

Get sponsored for your minutes of movement over the half-term break – walking, dancing, cycling, hula hooping, it all counts!

Prizes for most movement minutes per year group and most unusual exercise (email photos to pta@wantageprimaryacademy.org).

Forms coming home in book bags this week. Return forms and money to class teacher by Wednesday 5th Nov.

📦 Donations Needed

Having a pre-Christmas clear-out? We’d love to give your unwanted items a new home! We’re collecting picture and chapter books, as well as bits for the school Nurture Hub – good quality toys, dressing-up clothes, cushions, and kitchen items are all welcome.

📍 Drop donations at the school office during normal opening hours.

🎄 Christmas Cards

Children have been busy designing their own festive cards in school – these will be available to purchase as packs after half-term. Perfect for sending some Christmas cheer while supporting the school - watch this space!

🍰 Park Run Junior Takeover – Sun 16th Nov

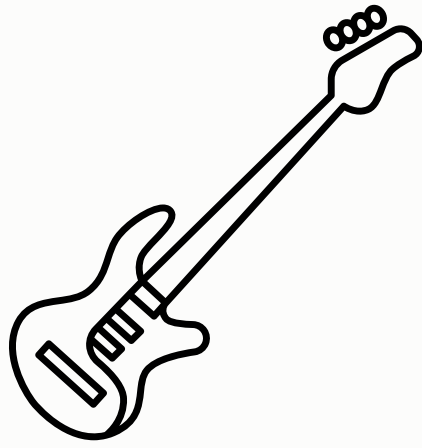
Join us as WPA takes over the Kingsgrove Park Run Junior on Sunday 16th Nov! We’ll also be running a FoWPA bake sale – labelled bakes in airtight containers can be dropped off at school by Friday 14th Nov, 3:30pm.

💜 GET INVOLVED

💬 Join our WhatsApp group to volunteer for upcoming events: bit.ly/FoWPAvolunteer

✉️ Email us at pta@wantageprimaryacademy.org to find out more.

AUTUMN 1 HIGHLIGHTS



Bassistry Music Workshop



Parent Book Look



YR3 Hill End- Stone Age



Harvest Assembly



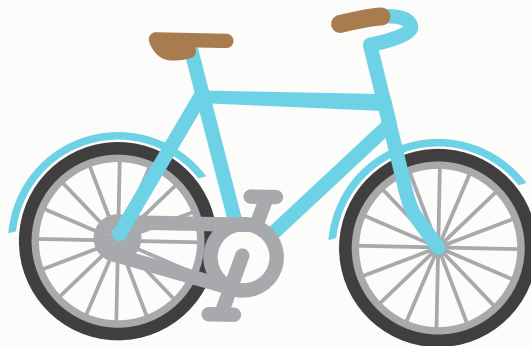
Reception open mornings



Yr 5 Residential



Poetry Week

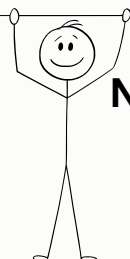


Yr 6 Bikeability



Y5 Public speaking masterclass

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HALF-TERM MOVE-A-THON

**Get moving and raise
money for the
Friends of WPA!**

Get sponsored by friends and family to rack up as many movement minutes as you can this October half term! Whether it's walking, cycling, running, playing sports, dancing in the kitchen or just playing outside with friends – if you're moving, it counts!

Prizes will be awarded for the most movement minutes per year group and the most unusual form of exercise – think hula hooping, roller skating, trampolining or anything fun and active!

Keep track of your movement in your log, and don't forget to hand it in along with your sponsorship form and money to your class teacher by **Wednesday 5th November.**

Don't forget to email photos of your wild and wacky ways of getting active to pta@wantageprimaryacademy.org!

Sponsor forms and movement logs will be sent home in book bags, but extras are available from pta@wantageprimaryacademy.org, or feel free to create and attach your own!





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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**



GROVE RFC 13 & UNDER

HALLOWEEN PARTY

31 OCTOBER 2025

2:00PM – 5:00PM (HALF TERM FRIDAY)

£7.50 INCLUDES; DISCO, GAMES & FOOD

BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE FROM THE GROVE RFC BAR

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SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER



WE'RE PROUD TO BE A 2025-2026
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Family and Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 20th November

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