



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy and exciting week at our school, filled with learning, laughter, and plenty of moments to be proud of. Across all year levels, our students have been actively engaged in their learning, taking on new challenges, supporting one another, and demonstrating this terms school value- bravery in and out of the classroom. From creative projects and focused literacy and numeracy sessions to playground friendships and special activities, there has been a wonderful buzz around the school.

In this edition, you'll find highlights from the week, celebrations of student achievements, important notices, and reminders about upcoming events. We appreciate the ongoing support from our families and community, which plays such an important role in helping our students thrive.

Youth Mental Health Week (9th – 15th February).

As part of Youth Mental Health Week 2026, we are delighted to be taking part in Sports for Champions on Friday 13th February.






The event will begin with an inspirational assembly led by Charlotte Dunkley, who will deliver a personalised presentation sharing her sporting career, achievements, and personal journey. This year's theme is "This Is Our Place", and Charlotte's talk will explore this through powerful messages of resilience, inclusion, self-belief, and finding your place, all rooted in her own experiences.

Following the assembly, Charlotte will further inspire and motivate the children by leading a four-stage fitness circuit. **To ensure pupils can take part comfortably, all children are asked to attend school in their PE kit on this day.**

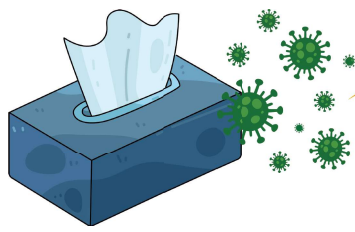
This promises to be a motivating and meaningful event that supports both physical wellbeing and positive mental health.



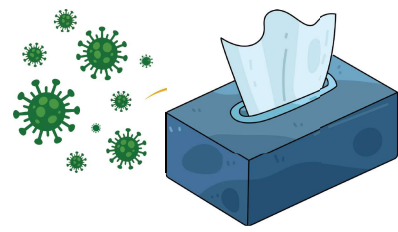
Key dates for the next 2 weeks:

February 2nd-6th	Residential Kilvrough Manor 
February 3rd	Public speaking competition- St Amands 
February 9th-15th	Children's Mental Health Week 
February 10th	Safer Internet Day 
February 13th	SATs Meeting (Year 6) 





Winter Bugs and Staying Healthy



As the cooler weather continues, we are still seeing a number of common winter bugs circulating within the school community. Coughs, colds, and other mild illnesses are more common at this time of year, especially when children are spending more time indoors and in close contact with one another.

Good hygiene habits play a very important role in helping to reduce the spread of germs. We encourage families to continue supporting children with the following simple practices:

Washing hands thoroughly with soap and water, especially before eating and after using the bathroom

Using tissues when coughing or sneezing, or coughing/sneezing into the elbow

Placing used tissues straight into the bin

Avoiding touching the face, particularly the eyes, nose, and mouth

Staying home from school when feeling unwell to allow time to rest and recover

We appreciate your support in helping keep our school community as healthy as possible during the winter months. Working together makes a big difference!

Reception Sharing Assembly

This week, our Reception students delighted everyone with their Sharing Assembly. The children showed wonderful confidence and enthusiasm as they shared their learning, songs, and activities with the school community. We are incredibly proud of the effort they put in and the courage they showed standing up in front of an audience – well done to all of our Reception students for their hard work and positive attitudes.

We would also like to sincerely thank the parents and carers who took time out of their busy days to join us. Your support and encouragement mean so much to the children and make these special moments even more meaningful. It was a joy to see so many families celebrating our youngest learners and their achievements.



Year 2 Trip To Hampton Court Palace

Last week, Year 2 had a magnificent time at Hampton Court Palace! 🏰✨

They explored Henry VIII's kitchens and apartments, as well as the apartments of William III, and enjoyed a wonderful stroll around the beautiful gardens and extraordinary historic buildings.

The guided session was fantastic and taught us all about how the Tudors liked to party – they even had the chance to learn one of their dances, which was great fun! 🎶👯

A huge thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who supported the trip and helped make the day run so smoothly. What a memorable experience for Year 2! 🌿😊



Year 4 Trip To The Oxfordshire Museum

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to the Oxfordshire Museum, where they took part in an engaging Anglo-Saxons workshop. The children enjoyed learning about the seven Anglo-Saxon kingdoms and how this era came to an end with Viking invasions, leading to the creation of the Danelaw. Children also had the opportunity to role-play key moments from Anglo-Saxon conflicts, helping them to better understand life during this period. As part of the workshop, pupils had the opportunity to create an Anglo-Saxon-inspired artefact, choosing from a spear, brooch, or sword. They also explored the museum to discover links between Wantage and the Anglo-Saxons, including learning that King Alfred the Great was born there.





FRIENDS OF WPA BRING & STAY

SCHOOL DISCO

Thursday 12th February
Nursery, Reception & KS1: 4.45-5.45pm
KS2: 6.15-7.15pm



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*This is a **bring & stay** event. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
Music will be set to an appropriate volume; please bring ear defenders for those sensitive to noise.*

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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



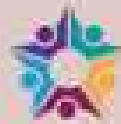
To book a place please contact Mrs Holly Cripps (Family Support Worker) in person or email:

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