



# NEWSLETTER

7TH MARCH 2025

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you have been enjoying the wonderful spring weather this week!

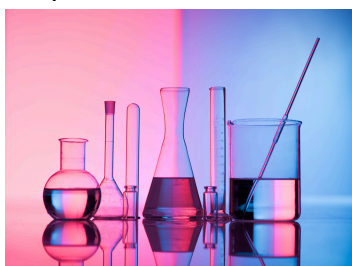
This week's newsletter highlights some exciting events and achievements from the past fortnight. From engaging lessons to extracurricular activities, there is so much to celebrate. Join us as we reflect on the highlights of the week and look forward to more adventures ahead.

## NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!

Exciting news! We are thrilled to announce that new after school clubs are coming soon! Stay tuned for details of a variety of fun and engaging activities designed to spark creativity, foster friendships, and enhance learning. Whether you're interested in sports, arts, or science, there will be something for everyone. Don't miss out on the chance to explore new interests and make new friends! More details will be shared shortly, so keep an eye out!

## SCIENCE WEEK

Next week is Science Week, and we can't wait to dive into a world of discovery and exploration! Throughout the week, students will have the opportunity to engage in exciting experiments, interactive workshops, and inspiring talks from guest speakers. It's a fantastic chance to ignite curiosity and deepen understanding of the scientific principles that shape our world. We encourage everyone to participate, ask questions, and embrace the wonders of science. Let's make this Science Week an unforgettable experience!



The Next Two Weeks	
10th March	Reception Farm Trip
W/C 10th March	Science Week
11th March	Rec and Year 6 MCMP Height and Weight Checks
20th March	Parent Reports go out



## RAMADAN

We would like to extend our warmest wishes to all our families celebrating Ramadan. Ramadan Mubarak! This is a time for reflection, community, and compassion. May this holy month bring you peace, joy, and an abundance of blessings. We hope you find moments of togetherness with loved ones and strengthen your faith during this special time. Wishing you all a fulfilling and rewarding Ramadan!



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## WORLD BOOK DAY

This week our school celebrated World Book Week, a fantastic occasion that brings the joy of reading to the forefront of our community. The enthusiasm for reading was contagious as our children engaged in discussions about favourite books and authors and created their own book reviews. The children were also given the opportunity to engage in workshops, dress up and carry out 'extreme reading'. We hope this celebration inspired all the children to explore new stories, and left them ready to develop their love for reading throughout the year.

### AUTHOR VISIT- NAOMI JOSLYN

On Monday morning, we kicked off our World Book Week celebrations by welcoming Naomi Joslyn- the author of the Molly McDrew series. She spoke to the children about her love for writing and what inspires her when writing her books.

She then led a number of work shops where the children helped her retell her stories and created their own magic carpets!



### EXTREME READING

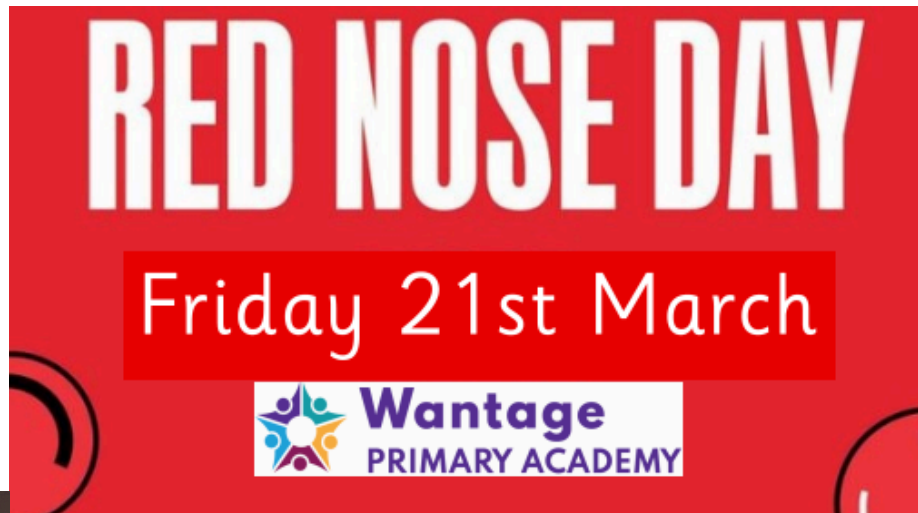


### READING BREAKFAST

# RED NOSE DAY

At Wantage Primary Academy, we are excited to take part in Comic Relief – a fantastic charity that helps people in the UK and around the world by funding life-changing projects. This year, our School Council has been working hard to plan some exciting fundraising events, and we need your support!

On Friday 21st March, we're inviting all pupils to come to school in their pyjamas to raise money for Comic Relief! Whether it's a cosy onesie, fluffy slippers or your favourite PJs, we encourage everyone to join in the fun and donate £1 to help make a difference. Our School Councillors will also be running a Bake Sale to raise even more funds. We would love for parents and carers to donate cakes, cupcakes or biscuits for the sale. If you are able to contribute, please bring your baked goods to school by Friday, 21st March. If homemade, please provide a list of ingredients to help those with allergies. Thank you for your generosity and support. Let's make this a fantastic fundraising event! Together, we can make a difference.



## Get comfy for a cause!

This Comic Relief Day, wear your pyjamas to school and help us raise money for a great cause. Whether it's fluffy onesies, cosy slippers, or your favourite PJs – join in the fun and donate to make a difference!

Date: Friday 21st March 2025

Donation: £1

Why? Because laughter and kindness change lives!



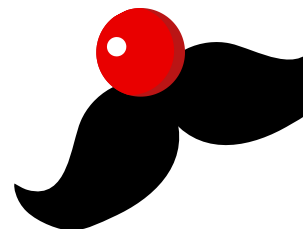
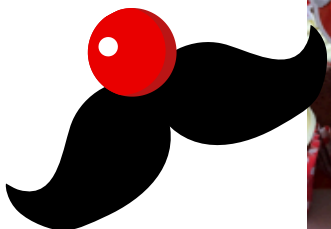
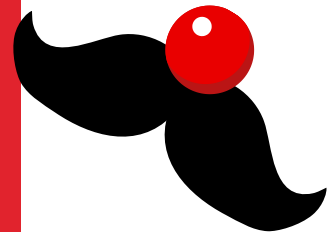
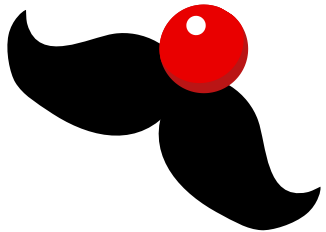
## Bake sale!

Treat yourself and support a great cause! The School Councillors are hosting a Bake Sale to raise money for Comic Relief – so bring your pennies and your appetite!

Date: Friday 21st March 2025

Where: Covered area outside library

Prices: From 50p



## YEAR 1'S TRIP TO COSTWOLD WILDLIFE PARK



On Thursday, Year 1 had an incredible trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park, where we explored the stunning landscapes and diverse wildlife. The highlight of our visit was a fascinating talk from one of the African animal keepers, who shared insights about the unique behaviors and habitats of the animals under their care.

We learned about the importance of conservation efforts and how the park plays a crucial role in protecting endangered species. The keeper also introduced us to some amazing animals, including giraffes, zebras, and meerkats, providing us with a deeper understanding of their roles in the ecosystem.

Overall, it was an educational and inspiring day that emphasized the beauty of wildlife and the importance of preserving it for future generations. We can't wait for our next adventure!



## Term dates 2024-25

### Spring Term

First day of term	Tuesday 7th January 2025
Half term	17th February 2025 – 21st Feb 2025
Last day of term	Nursery – Thursday 3rd April 2025 Friday 4th April (school finishes at 12 noon)
Easter/Spring holidays	7th April 2025 – 21st April 2025

### Summer term

First day of term	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Half term	26th – 30th May 2025
Last day of term	Nursery – 17th July 2025 18th July 2025 (school finishes at 12 noon)
Further information	INSET DAYS 21st and 22nd July

# Key Dates and Events

## 2025 Spring 1

When	who	What
7th January	All	Term starts at 8:40am
20th January	All	World Religion Day A chance for all to learn and share each other's faiths, religions and cultures. Parents welcome to come in and share with children
28th January	Year 5	Year 5 trip to Ashmolean Museum
3rd - 9th February	All	Children's Mental Health Week
11th February	All	Safer internet day
11th February	Reception - Y6	FoWPA Valentines Disco
12th February	Year 4	Trip to Oxford Science Centre
13th February	Reception	Bug hunt and workshop
February (Date TBC)	KS1	Science Workshop
14th February	All	End of term. Normal 3:30pm finish

**2025 Spring 2**

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
24th February	All	Spring 2 starts
27th February	Choir	Birmingham NEC - Young Voices
3rd - 7th March	All	World Book Week all week World Book Day 6th March (World Book Week activities, author visit and workshops)
3rd March	All	Author - World Book Day visit
6th March	Year 1	Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip
10th March	Reception	Reception Farm Trip
11th March	Reception and Year 6	NCMP (height and weight)
7th - 16th March	All	British Science week (activities across the school)
20th March	All	Mid-year reports out to parents
25th - 26th March	All	Parents' evening appointments
2nd April	All	Group Photos
3rd April	Nursery	Last Nursery session for this term
4th April	All	End of term. Term ends at 12pm. No Nursery sessions. Easter Holidays

## 2025 Summer 1

When	Who	What...
Tuesday 22nd April	All	Summer 1 starts at 8:40am
2nd May	Year 6 Parents	Year 6 SATs meeting Year 6 Residential meeting
May (Date TBC)	Eco council	Eco event with Wild Wantage
May (Date TBC)	EYFS pupils - Reception and Nursery	Oxford museum in school Transport
5th May	whole school	Bank holiday
12th - 15th May	Year 6	SATS assessments – end of KS2
May (date TBC)	Choir	Big Summer Sing 2- 6pm
19th May	All parents	4:30pm online – Parent RSE (Relationship and Sex education) consultation. relationships and Sex education parent consultation to inform the content taught in summer term across year groups
22nd May	Year 3, 4, 5, 6	Provisional date for Sports' day 2pm – 3:20pm
23rd May	Reception, Y1 and Y2	Provisional date for Sports' day 2pm – 3:20pm
23rd May	All	Whole school End of Summer 1. Term ends at normal time 3:30pm

## 2025 Summer 2

When	Who	What...
2nd June	All	Summer 2 term starts at 8:40am
2nd June (2 weeks)	Year 4	Multiplication tables check
4th June (Date TBC)	All	Tennis Roadshow
9th – 13th June	Year 1	Phonics Screening – info will be sent out nearer the time
11th June	All	The Great Science Share
16th - 19th June	Year 6	Year 6 Residential trip to Lee Valley and London
June (Date TBC)	Choir	Festival of Voices (Dorchester Abbey)
19th June (Date TBC)	Reception	Oxford Museums History of Seasides workshop
23rd June (date TBC)	Year 4	Rivers visit - Letcombe Brooke for a Willow Walk trip and river dipping. Parent car drivers and helpers needed. Free
June/ July (date TBC)	All	School Fete - FoWPA
July (Date TBC)	School aged pupils	Assembly on Eid
3rd July	All school aged children – (R-Y6) including new 2025 children	Transition day – moving up sessions for children to new classes
7th July	All	End of Year reports out to parents
10th July 8:50 – 9:20	Parents of existing WPA children	Open morning session – a chance for parents to visit the school, classrooms etc, see children’s learning and books, and speak to staff
July (Date TBC)	New Reception 2025	Parent meetings Stay n play sessions

July (Date TBC)	Year 6	Leavers' performance Leavers' ceremony
16th July	Children and parents Y3, Y4 and Y5	WPA Summer Performance Afternoon and Evening performance
17th July	Nursery	Last Nursery session and then end of term until September
18th July	All	Last day of term – finishes at 12 noon.
21st and 22nd July	Staff	Staff INSET School closed to pupils