



NEWSLETTER

14TH FEBRUARY 2025

As we wrap up another exciting term at WPA, we want to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful activities and achievements that have taken place over the past few weeks. From engaging lessons to fun-filled events, our students have shown remarkable growth and enthusiasm. We would like to thank you all for your continued support and kindness. Let's embrace the holiday spirit and recharge for an even more successful term ahead!

SAFER INTERNET DAY



This week at WPA, all children took part in Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year, we cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year's Safer Internet Day focused on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them.

The next two weeks	
24th Feb	Spring 2 starts
27th Feb	Choir perform at Birmingham NEC Young Voices
3rd-7th March	World Book Week all week World Book Day 6th March (World Book Week activities, author visit and workshops)
3rd March	Author - World Book Day visit
6th March	Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip (YR1)
10th March	Reception Farm Trip

TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS: KEEPING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES SAFE ONLINE

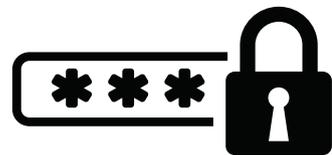
Enjoy going online together and talk regularly about your family's online lives:

Spend time online with your child to understand how they are using technology and talk together about the good and the bad parts of being online.



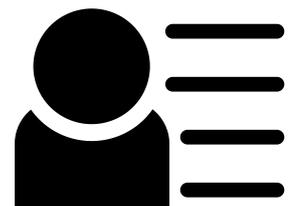
Take online security measures seriously:

The internet can be a tool used by criminals to target their victims. Use strong and separate passwords for online accounts and set up two step verification (2SV) where it's available. You may also be able to set parental controls to prevent unwanted online purchases and limit children's access to harmful content.



Look out for warning signs that someone or something online cannot be trusted:

"It just seems too good to be true!" – Other common signs of a scam include contact that you weren't expecting or being asked for money or personal information (think: bank or contact details, passwords, or phone numbers).



In England, Wales and Northern Ireland, you can report fraud and cyber crime online to Action Fraud or by telephoning 0300 123 2040.



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EXCITING VISIT FROM MIKE DILGER

On Thursday, we had a very exciting visit from ecologist and wildlife broadcaster, Mike Dilger. He gave a whole school assembly around the theme of wildlife in our gardens and local environment. The children absolutely loved learning about the variety of animals we can find all around us and left feeling inspired to become nature explorers!

We would love to see photos of the animals you find in your gardens, local parks, and woodland over the weekend. Please send pictures in via the office.

If you would like to find out more about Mike Dilger and his passion for nature, you can find lots of information via the link below.

<https://mikedilger.co.uk/broadcasting>



A BIG BIG THANK YOU!

SCHOOL DISCO - £851.17 RAISED!

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED US AT THE FOWPA SCHOOL DISCO THIS WEEK. THE EVENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND DISCO PANDA BROUGHT GREAT FUN, GAMES AND TUNES! AN INCREDIBLE £851.17 WAS RAISED FROM TICKET SALES AND REFRESHMENTS! HUGE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE EVENT 🌍🎉

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR UPCOMING FOWPA ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS IN NEXT TERM'S NEWSLETTER, INCLUDING OUR FOWPA COFFEE MORNING ON FRIDAY 14TH MARCH WHERE YOU CAN JOIN US TO SHARE IDEAS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO GET INVOLVED. SAVE THE DATE!



YR4'S TRIP TO OXFORD SCIENCE CENTER



On Wednesday February 12th, Year 4 students travelled to Oxford to continue exploring their science topic about animals and habitats. During this experience, they got to do 3 different rotations to continue to develop their knowledge of these topics.

They first reviewed their knowledge of habitats and found out what habitats they would be exploring throughout the day. Then, they got to go pond skimming in pairs and discover animals and plants that dwell in wetland areas. After finding as many little creatures and plants as they could, they put them in trays and used magnifying glasses to study what they had gathered.

Next, students went on an exploration walk where they found different types of habitats (like: bat boxes, bird houses, ponds and streams). They learned about how to tell the age of a tree based on the number of rings or by measuring the diameter and dividing it by 2. They measured trees themselves and compared their findings to decide who had found the youngest and oldest trees.

Finally, they went to the exploration zone where they eagerly participated in a range of fun stem activities. They used microscopes to zoom in on different items, animation video creators, tubes to explore wind tunnels, gear manipulation to create movement, light generators, exploration of sound, and so much more!

Year 4 had such a blast and were so thankful for this opportunity! Ms. Chamberland, parent chaperones, and students were so pleased with how much the children learned.



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

When	Who	What...
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