

# WPA's Newsletter

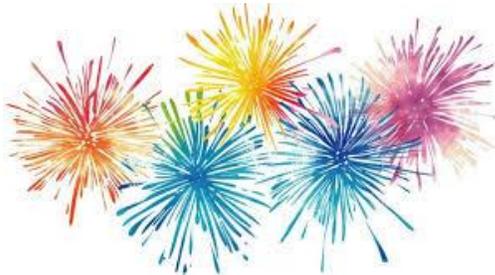
Principal: Mrs Robinson

8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear WPA parents,

Welcome back to the Autumn term – one of the busiest of the year! I hope that you all had a good half term break and that you are looking forward to all the exciting events that this term has in store: parent-teacher meetings, Children in Need Day, our SEND coffee morning and lots of Christmas performing and fun!

This week, I have enjoyed finding out about what your children got up to over the half term holiday, including all the fun adventures you've been on. I have also loved seeing the wonderful firework inspired artwork that the children in EYFS have been making, and it has been lovely to hear all about the Diwali celebrations that many of our families participated in at the end of the half term holiday.



## Remembrance Day

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November is Remembrance Day. We have been learning about the significance of poppies this week in school and we have had Remembrance Day items for sale in support of the Royal British Legion. We will be observing a two minute silence at 11 o'clock on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.



Key Dates for the remainder of this half term (see full calendar below)

Date	Who?	Event
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	Autumn reports out to parents
November 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	Anti-Bullying week
Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	All	Odd Sock Day
November Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> and Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parents	Parents' evening meetings & Book Fair
November	Year 5	Year 5 Swimming – Every Tuesday Autumn 2
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2	Fire Service visit
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	New, prospective parents –	Open day visits for prospective parents
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	All children	Children in Need
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parents	WPA Family and Community Support Coffee Morning 8:45am in hall
21 <sup>st</sup> November	New, prospective parents	Open day visits for prospective parents
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 3 pupils	Stone Age to Iron Age event
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents	Coffee morning for all parents. Come to the hall for a brief presentation (subject matter to be circulated nearer the time)
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	All community	Christmas tree light switch on and WPA choir singing
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	All children and staff	Christmas jumper day
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception parents	Reception Christmas performance 2:45pm
December 13 <sup>th</sup> 3pm	Nursery parents	Nursery Christmas concert for parents at 3pm
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 and 2 parents	KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Nativity 2:15pm
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	All pupils Rec- Y6	Christmas dinner
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery	Last day for Nursery sessions
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 parents	Christmas carol concert 11:15am
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	All school-age pupils	School closes at 12 noon today. Christmas holidays

## Reports and Parents Evenings

This week, you were sent a settling in report. We hope that it gives you a useful insight into how your child has got on during the first half term. We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November for parent-teacher meetings. An email with details about how to book an appointment slot has been sent out to all parents. These meetings are a valuable opportunity for a face-face discussion about any questions you have about your child's report and their progress so far. Please note that, if your child is on the SEND register, you will be offered a longer pupil profile meeting early in December so you do not need to book a slot at next week's meetings.

## Drops offs and pick ups

Thank you for dropping children promptly and safely to school each day, ensuring children are safely in school and learning at 8:40am.

Please ensure pupils do not use or climb on the trim trail play areas or hills before or after school.

When dropping off and picking up, we ask that you exit the playground as soon as possible to ensure we can lock the gates and ensure everyone from school (morning) or After School club (afternoons) is safe. If you need to speak with a member of staff for a longer period, please email or come to the office.

The area around the disabled bay car park gets incredibly busy during morning and evening drop offs and pick ups. Please ensure you do not stand or walk through the car park itself and be mindful when walking or cycling past the entrance. We ask that, where possible, parents line up along the path outside of the school gates or alongside the school (between the school office and access gates) to free up space and ensure all children are safe. If you park in the large parent car park behind the MUGA, please continue to do so. This is available to all.

## Year 5 Swimming

Please remember that Year 5 pupils will have their first swimming lesson next Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup> November). Please ensure they come to school with their swimming kit on this day. We are sure they are going to love their sessions in the pool!



## Book Fair



Next week, we will have a book fair at school. Parents and pupils are invited to visit the fair in the school library on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. You will be able to buy books after school and the fair will remain open until parents evening meetings finish at 6pm on both days. We hope you will enjoy browsing through the exciting selection of books and find something you would like to take home to enjoy!

### WPA Family and Community Coffee Morning

Join us on Thursday 21st November at 8:45am in the hall to find out about help and support in the local area. Meet representatives from:

- Locality Community Support Service
- Vale Community Impact
- Kingsgrove Community Church
- GRoW (Grove and Wantage Family Community Group)
- Active Communities Team
- Home Start
- Wantage Library
- Vale and Downland Museum



### Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Sock Day



Next week is Anti-bullying week. On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, we will be kicking off the week with an anti-bullying assembly, and, at WPA, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, we ask that children come in wearing odd socks (with their normal uniform). Odd socks will be worn across the country to celebrate what makes us all unique. Find out more: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect> The children will then continue to learn about positive behaviour choices, feelings, bullying and respect as part of their PSHE lessons throughout the week.

### Children in Need

How will we be raising money for Children in Need this year?

As with previous years, the children have decided they would like to run a cake/ biscuit, as this has gone down very well in the past. We ask you to bring any donations to the school office on **Thursday 14th November**. We will then hold the sale that afternoon in the school hall selling these for 50p. If there are lots left, we will also continue to sell them on Friday.

On **Friday 15th November** we ask all children to come into school wearing something spotty with their normal school uniform. This could be in the form of a spotty top, spotty socks, spotty face paint or spotty hair bands. The Year 6's will be in the school playground that morning, so, if you can, please bring in a donation that can be placed in a bucket or given directly to class teachers.





## WANTAGE AND GROVE SCOUTS

# Xmas Post

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**40p**  
per card



## Scouts

### WANTAGE & GROVE SCOUT POST

**With delivery to Challow, Hanney  
and other local villages!**

Post boxes are available in the following places:

*Wantage*

Barnards Way Post Office, Campbells Opticians  
Charlton Garden Centre, Sainsbury's  
Waitrose, Wantage Health Centre

*Grove*

Smiths DIY, Co-op

Post boxes will be in position from  
**10am Saturday November 30th to  
5pm Friday December 20th**

Postage costs **40p** per card and should be deposited into  
the post boxes along with the cards. We aim to deliver as  
soon as possible but we may not be as quick as Royal Mail.  
All post will be delivered between 15<sup>th</sup> December and  
Christmas Eve.

All proceeds go to the local Scout Groups.  
Should you need any details please call 760889.

Registered charity no's: 300516 and 277162

### Next Week's Learning:

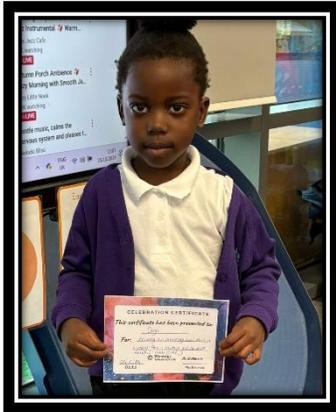
Here is a short overview of the learning that will be taking place in each class next week. This enables parents to be more informed about what their children are doing in school and support where necessary. Please continue to read daily and carry out homework.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p>L: Ordering pictures of the story and acting it out using stick puppets.</p> <p>L: Drawing our favourite part of the story.</p> <p>EAD: Making tiger masks using orange paint, black paint and paper plates.</p> <p>M: Extending repeating patterns using loose parts and bingo dabbers.</p> <p>UTW: Researching where tigers really live and what their homes look</p>	<p>Literacy, CL and UWE- Learning about the celebration of Diwali</p> <p>Maths- Circles and triangles</p> <p>EAD- Making Diya lamps</p>	<p>Maths- Addition and subtraction</p> <p>English- Retelling <i>Claude in the City</i> with time connectives</p> <p>Phonics- Basics 4 Group 2- CVCC words</p> <p>Geography- To be able to identify the features of a map</p> <p>RE- To be able to identify ways in which we can protect the world</p> <p>Art- To explore a range of different drawing mediums and to create and invent a range of lines and alter the thickness</p> <p>Computing- Sorting at the computer</p>	<p>English - Planning and writing a setting description based on the Great Fire of London</p> <p>Maths - Column addition</p> <p>Science - Grouping objects based on the materials they are made from</p> <p>History - Past and present buildings</p> <p>Art - Paul Klee and his painting, the Castle and the Sun</p> <p>MFL - Recognising the numbers 1 to 10 in Spanish</p> <p>PSHE - Bullying and what to do</p>	<p>English - Looking at the features of a journey narrative.</p> <p>Maths - Recapping addition and subtraction.</p> <p>Science - Completing forces experiment.</p> <p>History - looking at hillforts.</p> <p>PSHE - Understanding family conflict.</p> <p>Art - Understanding light and shade.</p>	<p>English - Newspaper reports</p> <p>Math- Measurement</p> <p>Spellings – Year 4 spelling rules</p> <p>Science – Identifying sources of sound</p> <p>Art – Drawing from observation</p> <p>RE – Christianity the nativity story</p>	<p>English - Continuing with Diary entries</p> <p>Maths - Multi-Multiplication - Common multiples</p> <p>Spellings - Contractions</p> <p>Computing - Coding and Scratch.</p> <p>History - Continuing with Egyptians</p> <p>Spanish - Learning the names for parts of the bodies</p> <p>Art - Architecture</p>	<p>English: Write an inner monologue and a descriptive monologue</p> <p>Maths: Compare and order fractions</p> <p>Science: How do we see objects?</p>

## Celebration Assembly

Well done to Gigi (Nursery), Grace and Alessia (Reception), Aurora and Luna (Year 1), Finley and Charlie (Year 2)

Edmund (Year 6), Skylah, Stefan and Ruby (Year 5), Max (Year 3) and Harrison (Year 4) for your amazing hard work and being in the celebration assembly before half term!



Have a lovely weekend!  
Best wishes,  
Mrs Robinson  
Principal

### 2024- 2025 WPA Key diary dates for parents

Correct at time of entry, subject to change

More dates will be added during the year, including:

- Interschools partnerships
- Additional visits and workshops
- Community events
- Coffee mornings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>Event</u>
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All Staff	INSET day all staff in school No pupils in school
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Children	All children from Year 1 – Year 6 start school 8:40 – 3:30 Reception A and B sessions (morning and afternoon) Nursery stay n play sessions
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Reception and Nursery	Reception A and B sessions (morning and afternoon) Nursery stay n play sessions
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Children	Reception start full time Nursery sessions start full time
September 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	All children	NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe week
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 and 6	Climate and Art Exhibition
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 parents	Meeting to discuss Year 5 Residential Trip and finalise forms
September 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 children	Year 5 Residential Trip
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	KS1 - Year 1 and 2 parents	Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 4:30pm
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents	Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 4:30pm
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Reception parents	Phonics workshop and coffee morning 8:45am
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	All children	European Day of Languages
September 30 <sup>th</sup> TBC	Parents	FoWPA 6.30pm AGM
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 - Year 1 and 2 parents	Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 3:45pm
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	KS2 - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents	Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 3:45pm
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception parents	Phonics workshop and coffee morning 8:50am
September Date TBC	Everyone (including the local community)	Kingsgrove community day
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All children	National Poetry Day
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	All staff	INSET day all staff in school No pupils in school
8 <sup>th</sup> October	All pupils (including Nursery)	Individual and sibling photographs – Braiswick photography

October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents of SEND pupils	SEND coffee morning – a chance to get together, meet the SENDCO and meet other parents of pupils with SEND, 8:45am
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Reception – Year 6	October Flu Immunisation
October 15 <sup>th</sup> 8:50 – 9:20	KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	Harvest festival assembly and classroom learning exhibitions – Open morning visits - a chance for parents to visit the classrooms etc, see children's learning and books, and speak to staff.
October 16 <sup>th</sup> 8:50 – 9:20	KS2 (Years 3,4,5,6)	Harvest festival assembly and classroom learning exhibitions – Open morning visits - a chance for parents to visit the classrooms etc, see children's learning and books, and speak to staff.
October 16 <sup>th</sup> 3pm	Reception	Open afternoon visits - a chance for parents to visit the classrooms etc, see children's learning and books, and speak to staff. 3pm – 3:25pm
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 pupils	Stone Age to Iron Age workshop
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	All pupils	End of term. Normal times of day
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	All	Autumn 2 term resumes 8:40am start
November for 6 weeks	Year 5 pupils	Year 5 Swimming lessons
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	Autumn reports out to parents
November 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	Anti-Bullying week.
November Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parents	Parents' evening meetings & Book Fair
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	All pupils	Odd Sock Day
November 12 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5	Year 5 Swimming - This will start on Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November and run for 6 weeks (with the last session being Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December).
November 14 <sup>th</sup> at 9.30am and 2.30pm	New, prospective parents – Reception 2024 cohort	Open day visits for prospective parents
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	All children	Children in Need
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery and Reception pupils	Diwali assembly
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents	Coffee morning (theme to be decided)– a chance to get together, meet some of the team and meet other parents of pupils at WPA, 8:45am in hall
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2	Fire Service visit
21 <sup>st</sup> November at 9.30am and 2.30pm	New, prospective parents – Reception 2024 cohort	Open day visits for prospective parents
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 3 pupils	Stone Age to Iron Age event
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents	Coffee morning for all parents. Come to the hall for a brief presentation (subject matter to be circulated nearer the time) and a cuppa and a chat with other parents
November 29 <sup>th</sup> (date TBC)	All community	Christmas tree light switch on and WPA choir singing
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	All children and staff	Christmas jumper day (normal uniform to be worn with a Christmas/ festive jumper). Proceeds to go to Save the Children
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception parents	Reception Christmas performance 2:45pm - Booking details/links will be sent out in early December. (FoWPA will be on site to raise funds and provide seasonal treats)

December 13 <sup>th</sup> 3pm	Nursery parents	Nursery Christmas concert for parents at 3pm - Booking details/links will be sent out in early December For those children who only attend mornings, parents are welcome to bring children in with them at 3pm to join.
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 and 2 parents	KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Nativity 2:15pm - Booking details/links will be sent out in early December (FoWPA will be on site to raise funds and provide seasonal treats)
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner Reception – Year 6 pupils	Christmas dinner
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery	Last day for Nursery sessions
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 parents	Year 3,4,5,6 join us for a Christmas carol concert 11:15am - Booking details/links will be sent out in early December (FoWPA will be on site to raise funds and provide seasonal treats)
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	All school-age pupils	School closes at 12 noon today. Gates will open at 11:50am. (last Nursery day is 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec) Christmas holidays
January 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Staff INSET day. School closed to parents and pupils.
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	<b>Term 3 (Spring 1) begins for all 8:40am for all</b>
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	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
January 29 <sup>th</sup> Date TBC	Year 5	Provisional date for trip – details to be confirmed
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parents	Coffee morning (theme to be decided)– a chance to get together, meet some of the team and meet other parents of pupils at WPA, 8:45am in hall
February (Date TBC)	Year 4	Trip to Oxford Science Centre
February 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	All	Children's Mental Health week
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	All children	Safer internet day
February (Date TBC)	KS1	Science Workshop
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	All children	End of term. Normal 3:30pm finish
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	All children	Start of term. 8:40am start for all.
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Choir	Birmingham NEC - Young Voices
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> March 6 <sup>th</sup>	All children	World Book Week all week World Book Day 6 <sup>th</sup> March (World Book Week activities, author visit and workshops TBC)
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	All children	Author - World Book Day visit
March (date TBC)	Year 1	Provisional date for Cotswold Wildlife Park trip
March (date to be confirmed)	Reception	Reception Farm trip
March 7 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	All children	British Science week (activities across the school)
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	All parents	Mid-year reports out to parents
March 25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	All parents	Parents' evening appointments
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nursery	Last Nursery session for this term
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school	End of term. Term ends at 12pm. No Nursery sessions. Easter Holidays
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	EASTER BANK HOLIDAY

		School Closed to all staff and students
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All	Term 4 (Summer 1) begins for all 8:40am for all
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	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
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	All	MAY BANK HOLIDAY School Closed to all staff and students
May 12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 pupils	SATS assessments – end of KS2
May (date TBC)	Choir	Big Summer Sing 2- 6pm
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	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
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3, 4, 5, 6	Provisional date for Sports' day 2pm – 3:20pm
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Reception, Y1 and Y2	Provisional date for Sports' day 2pm – 3:20pm
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All	Whole school End of Summer 1. Term ends at normal time 3:30pm
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All	Summer 2 term starts at 8:40am
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> (2 weeks)	Year 4	Multiplication tables check
4 <sup>th</sup> June (date TBC)	Nursery – Year 6	Tennis Roadshow
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 pupils	Phonics Screening – info will be sent out nearer the time
11 <sup>th</sup> June	All	The Great Science Share
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 children	Year 6 Residential trip to Lee Valley and London
June (Date TBC)	Choir	Festival of Voices (Dorchester Abbey)
June 19 <sup>th</sup> (date TBC)	Reception	Oxford Museums History of Seasides workshop
23 <sup>rd</sup> June (date TBC)	Year 4	Rivers visit - Letcombe Brooke for a Willow Walk trip and river dipping. Parent car drivers and helpers needed. <b>Free</b>
June/ July (date TBC)	All	School Fete - FoWPA
July (Date TBC)	School age pupils	Assembly on Eid
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	All sch children – (R- Y6) including new 2025 chn	Transition day – moving up sessions for children to new classes
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	End of Year reports out to parents
July 10 <sup>th</sup> 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
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Children and parents Y3, Y4 and Y5	WPA Summer Performance Afternoon and Evening performance
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery	Last Nursery session and then end of term until September
18 <sup>th</sup> July	All	Last day of term – finishes at 12 noon.

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Staff

Staff INSET  
School closed to pupils

