

WPA's Newsletter

Principal: Mrs Robinson

20th September 2024

Dear WPA parents,

What a brilliant few weeks we have had in school! We have learnt all about PANTS this week; how to keep ourselves safe and who to speak to if we have concerns and worries. We have embraced our musical sides and been singing our hearts out, ready for the Harvest festival as well as enjoying our music lessons. Year 3 have been getting to grips with their new stringed instruments and making some brilliant music and Year 5 have been strumming away on their ukeleles! It's always lovely to walk past and hear them having such fun while learning new skills.

All children have settled back into school life really well and continue to demonstrate our school values. We have introduced a new whole school team points reward system and all our staff have loved giving out points to pupils who have been showing brilliant behaviour, determination and kindness. We hope the children have enjoyed earning points for their teams too! Our new Reception cohort have made brilliant progress and are so happy and engaged; we are so pleased to see how well they are doing – a big thank you to the whole Reception team and our new parents for making this happen. Our Nursery pupils have also been incredible and are already fully engaged in the rich learning environment.

We hope that all children from Reception – Year 5 have enjoyed accessing and sharing the homework on Google Classroom – please ensure you log in asap and inform us of any difficulties. If any parents are still unsure of how to access home learning, please do let us know.

Thank you to all parents and staff for your contributions and involvement – you make our school community special!

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

Date	Who?	Event
September 23 rd – 25 th	Year 5 children	Year 5 Residential Trip
Sept 23 rd	KS1 – Year 1 and 2 parents	Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 4:30pm
September 24 th	KS2 - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents	Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 4:30pm
September 25 th	Reception parents	Phonics workshop and coffee morning 8:45am
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8 th October	Pupils school and nursery	Individual and sibling photographs
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October (date TBC)	Year 3 pupils	Stone Age to Iron Age workshop
October 25 th	All pupils	End of term. Normal times of day

Climate and Art Exhibition

Our year 4 and Year 6 pupils had a brilliant time at the Climate and Art Exhibition where they were able to view the beautiful pewter insects they made last year. They came back to school feeling very proud of their amazing work. Thank you to the staff and parents who went along with the children to make this trip possible.

If you would like to see the exhibition, it is on at the Vale and Downland Museum in Wantage until Saturday 5th October.



Reminders:

Reading and homework

Please ensure your child reads to you as much as possible (minimum of 3-4 times per week).

This opens up and supports all other learning. Please write in your child's reading record so that we know how they're getting on, can change their book and can support them accordingly.

Homework reminder - Homework should be carried out weekly (Set on a Wednesday and due to following Monday). It is important children carry out the homework each week to consolidate and support their learning.

Personal items

Please do not send your children to school with their own stationery or personal items such as fidget toys as these can be distracting and it causes upset when they are mislaid. Thank you!

October Holiday Camps 2024: Venues and Dates

Monday 28th Oct	West Oxford Primary School, Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford, OX2 0BY
Tuesday 29th Oct	Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN
Wednesday 30th Oct	Begbroke Village Hall, Begbroke Lane, Begbroke, OX5 1RN
Thursday 31st Oct	Stockham Primary School, Stockham Way, Wantage, OX12 9HL
Friday 1st Nov	Caldecott Primary School, Caldecott Road, Abingdon, OX14 5HB

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £35 per child per day. Sibling discount available.

Firework Science

Investigate the science behind fireworks in this exciting activity day. We'll take a brief look at the periodic table and then get stuck into practical investigations as we examine the elements and compounds used in fireworks and discover what colour flames they make. With safe practical investigations, fun craft activities and some great WOW moments, it'll be unforgettable!



To book, please go to the 'Science Holiday Camps' tab on our website and click the 'Register Now' button. All bookings are processed through Active Network. Spaces are subject to availability. Sibling discount available.

Call: 01865 522 775

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Celebration Assembly

A big well done to Finley and Elowen (Reception) and Ivy (Nursery), Ella and James in Year 2 and Beau and Lily (Year 1), Nadia (Year 5), Joseph (Year 6), Ivy (Year 4) and Alba (Year 3) who were awarded certificates for their brilliant behaviour and learning. Also well done to Amelia (Year 6) for her dressage competition achievement! We love celebrating children's successes outside of school too so please email the office to let them know of any special achievements your child has had so we can share them in our Friday assembly.



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 - cutting and sticking the order of growing up and telling an adult how I've changed since being born.</p> <p>L - matching the different sized objects to the characters from the story 'Titch'.</p> <p>M - finding matching Numicon pieces with a friend.</p> <p>M - making shape and Numicon pictures by copying examples</p> <p>UTW - looking at baby photos and telling an adult how I've changed.</p> <p>EAD - making pinwheels like Titch had in the story.</p> <p>PSED - more whole class games to learn our classmates' names.</p>	<p>L, CL, UW, PSE- Learning all about our family tree, why they are special and what makes them different</p> <p>Maths- Sorting autumnal treasures into groups and looking at similarities and differences between these groups</p> <p>UW- starting to look for the signs of autumn</p> <p>EAD- drawing our families and leaf printing</p>	<p>Phonics- Basics 3, Group 4- ai, ee, igh, oa</p> <p>English- Writing setting descriptions based on 'A Secret Sky Garden' story.</p> <p>Maths- Understanding multiples of ten, counting by making groups of tens, grouping tens and ones, partitioning tens and ones.</p> <p>PSHE- To be able to recognise the difference between a bad and a good choice and that our choices have consequences.</p> <p>RE- To understand how Christians believe the world was created.</p> <p>Computing- Exploring our work area.</p> <p>Art- Recognising warm and cool colours.</p>	<p>English - Using the features of a traditional tale to talk for write Red and the City</p> <p>Maths - Numbers to 100 on a number line</p> <p>Science - Using the position of the Sun to tell the time of day</p> <p>Geography - How the weather affects our clothing, travel and activities</p> <p>Computing - Online safety</p> <p>Art - Blending techniques with different drawing mediums</p> <p>Spanish - Saying goodbye</p>	<p>English - Reading the book Stone Girl Bone Girl and identify features of a newspaper report.</p> <p>Maths - End of unit assessment for place value and beginning addition and subtraction with bond to 10 and adding and subtracting 1s, 10s and 100s.</p> <p>Science - Looking further at rocks and whether they are sedimentary or igneous.</p> <p>Spellings - Statutory spelling words.</p> <p>History - Looking at Skara Brae.</p>	<p>English- Character description</p> <p>Spellings- Homophones</p> <p>Maths- Addition and subtraction</p> <p>Science- changing states- evaporation</p> <p>History- Economic reasons for Viking invasion and Anglo-Saxon settlement</p> <p>Computing- Design, code, test and debug</p> <p>Spanish- Use the numbers 1 to 31 out of sequence for counting</p> <p>PSHE- Rights, responsibilities and democracy</p>	<p>Most Year 5s will be on their residential for the first three days of the week.</p> <p>Those who are in school, will have learning planned for them so that they can use and apply the skills they have learned so far this year.</p> <p>Maths - Beginning Addition and subtraction mental strategies</p> <p>English - Completing explanation text writing about rivers</p> <p>History – Chronology</p> <p>Art - Observation drawing</p> <p>Spanish - Numbers to 100</p>	<p>Spellings – able words</p> <p>English - editing our Odysseus and the Cyclops, use weather and colour to set mood, similes and metaphors, direct and indirect speech, semi-colons and show don't tell within our traditional myths</p> <p>Maths – subtract integers and missing numbers, common factors, common multiples, rules of divisibility and primes to 100</p> <p>Computing - online safety</p> <p>History - Greek democracy</p> <p>Science - changing the voltage in our electrical circuits</p>

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 nd	All Staff	INSET day all staff in school No pupils in school
September 3 rd	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 th	Reception and Nursery	Reception A and B sessions (morning and afternoon) Nursery stay n play sessions
September 5 th	Children	Reception start full time Nursery sessions start full time
September 16 th – 20 th	All children	NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe week
September 18 th	Year 4 and 6	Climate and Art Exhibition
September 18 th	Year 5 parents	Meeting to discuss Year 5 Residential Trip and finalise forms
September 23 rd – 25 th	Year 5 children	Year 5 Residential Trip
September 23 rd	KS1 - Year 1 and 2 parents	Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 4:30pm
September 24 th	KS2 - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents	Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 4:30pm
September 25 th	Reception parents	Phonics workshop and coffee morning 8:45am
September 26 th	All children	European Day of Languages
September 30 th TBC	Parents	FoWPA 6.30pm AGM
September Date TBC	Everyone (including the local community)	Kingsgrove community day
October 3 rd	All children	National Poetry Day and Poet Visit
October 4 th	All staff	INSET day all staff in school No pupils in school
8 th October	All pupils (including Nursery)	Individual and sibling photographs – Braiswick photography
October 10 th	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 th	Reception – Year 6	October Flu Immunisation
October 15 th 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 th 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 th 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 (date TBC)	Year 3 pupils	Stone Age to Iron Age workshop
October 25 th	All pupils	End of term. Normal times of day
November 4 th	All	Autumn 2 term resumes 8:40am start
November for 6 weeks	Year 5 pupils	Year 5 Swimming lessons
November 7 th	All	Autumn reports out to parents
November 11 th – 15 th	All	Anit-Bullying week.
November Tues 12 th and Wednesday 13 th	Parents	Parents' evening meetings
November 10 th	Nursery and Reception pupils	Diwali workshop EYFS Diwali assembly (all year groups)
November 12 th – 17 th December	Year 5	Year 5 Swimming - This will start on Tuesday 12 th November and run for 6 weeks (with the last session being Tuesday 17 th December).
November 13 th (date TBC)	Year 2	Fire Service visit
November 13 th – 17 th	All	Anti-bullying week
November 14 th at 9.30am and 2.30pm	New, prospective parents – Reception 2024 cohort	Open day visits for prospective parents
November 15 th	All children	Children in Need
November 18 th	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
21 st November at 9.30am and 2.30pm	New, prospective parents – Reception 2024 cohort	Open day visits for prospective parents
21 st November	Year 3 pupils	Stone Age to Iron Age trip
29 th 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 th (date TBC)	All community	Christmas tree light switch on and WPA choir singing
December 12 th	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 th	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 th 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 th	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 - date to be confirmed	Christmas dinner Reception – Year 6 pupils	Christmas dinner
December 19 th	Nursery	Last day for Nursery sessions
December 20 th	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 th	All school-age pupils	School closes at 12 noon today. Gates will open at 11:50am. (last Nursery day is 19 th Dec) Christmas holidays
January 6 th	All	Staff INSET day. School closed to parents and pupils.
January 7 th	All	Term 3 (Spring 1) begins for all 8:40am for all
January 20 th	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 th Date TBC	Year 5	Provisional date for trip – details to be confirmed
February 10 th	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 rd – 9 th	All	Children's Mental Health week
February 11 th	All children	Safer internet day
February (Date TBC)	KS1	Science Workshop
February 14 th	All children	End of term. Normal 3:30pm finish
February 24 th	All children	Start of term. 8:40am start for all.
February 27 th	Choir	Birmingham NEC - Young Voices
March 3 rd – 7 th March 6 th	All children	World Book Week all week World Book Day 6 th March (World Book Week activities, author visit and workshops TBC)
March 11 th	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 th – 16 th	All children	British Science week (activities across the school)
March 20 th	All parents	Mid-year reports out to parents
March 25 th – 26 th	All parents	Parents' evening appointments
April 3 rd	Nursery	Last Nursery session for this term
April 4 th	Whole school	End of term. Term ends at 12pm. No Nursery sessions. Easter Holidays
April 21 st	All	EASTER BANK HOLIDAY School Closed to all staff and students
April 22 nd	All	Term 4 (Summer 1) begins for all 8:40am for all
May 2 nd	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 th	All	MAY BANK HOLIDAY School Closed to all staff and students
May 12 th – 15 th	Year 6 pupils	SATS assessments – end of KS2
May (date TBC)	Choir	Big Summer Sing 2- 6pm
May 19 th	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 nd	Year 3, 4, 5, 6	Provisional date for Sports' day 2pm – 3:20pm
May 23 rd	Reception, Y1 and Y2	Provisional date for Sports' day 2pm – 3:20pm
May 23 rd	All	Whole school End of Summer 1. Term ends at normal time 3:30pm
June 2 nd	All	Summer 2 term starts at 8:40am
June 2 nd (2 weeks)	Year 4	Multiplication tables check
4 th June (date TBC)	Nursery – Year 6	Tennis Roadshow
9 th – 13 th June	Year 1 pupils	Phonics Screening – info will be sent out nearer the time
11 th June	All	The Great Science Share
Monday 16 th – Thursday 19 th	Year 6 children	Year 6 Residential trip to Lee Valley and London
June (Date TBC)	Choir	Festival of Voices (Dorchester Abbey)
June 19 th (date TBC)	Reception	Oxford Museums History of Seasides workshop
23 rd 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 age pupils	Assembly on Eid
3 rd July	All sch children – (R-Y6) including new 2025 chn	Transition day – moving up sessions for children to new classes
July 7 th	All	End of Year reports out to parents
July 10 th 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 th	Children and parents Y3, Y4 and Y5	WPA Summer Performance Afternoon and Evening performance
17 th July	Nursery	Last Nursery session and then end of term until September
18 th July	All	Last day of term – finishes at 12 noon.
21 st July 22 nd July	Staff	Staff INSET School closed to pupils

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs Robinson

Principal

