



NEWSLETTER

21ST 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.

CO-OP OPENING

Last week our school has been given the incredible opportunity to open the new Co-op store on the estate! This partnership not only allows us to be part of a significant community development but also provides our students with a unique chance to learn about business and teamwork.

We were also delighted to have been presented with a generous cheque for £250 which we will spend on resources for the children!

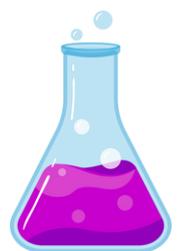


The Next Two Weeks	
25th and 26th March	Parent Teacher meetings
3rd April	Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade and last day of term
4th April	Last day of term 12pm finish

NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!

We are excited to announce the launch of several new after-school clubs that will provide our students with fantastic opportunities to explore their interests and develop new skills!

First up is the **Bright Sparks Science Club**, where students can dive deeper into the world of science through hands-on experiments and exciting projects. This club is perfect for those who love to explore and discover the wonders of the scientific world.



Next, we have a **Yoga club**, which will focus on mindfulness, relaxation, and physical well-being. Students will learn various yoga techniques that promote both mental and physical health, making it a great way to unwind after a busy school day.



Our **Engineering and Technology club** will allow students to unleash their creativity by engaging in engineering challenges and technology projects. This club is ideal for aspiring inventors and tech enthusiasts who want to learn more about how things work.

Lastly, we are introducing a **Lego and Board Games** club, where students can enjoy building with Lego and playing a variety of board games. This club promotes teamwork, strategic thinking, and, most importantly, fun!



We encourage all students to join these clubs and make the most of their after-school time by exploring new interests and making new friends! Bookings are now open!



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SCIENCE WEEK

This week our school celebrated Science Week with a variety of exciting activities designed to spark curiosity and inspire our young scientists. The activities carried out were all based on this year's theme of change and adaptation! Students participated in hands-on experiments, engaging demonstrations and interactive workshops that highlighted the wonders of science in every day life.

CLASS EXPERIMENTS

During Science Week, each class carried out a different experiment based on this year's theme. Our budding scientists showcased their projects during a sharing assembly, where they presented their findings to their peers and teachers fostering a spirit of inquiry and collaboration.



BRIGHT SPRARKS

Last week, we were thrilled to have Bright Sparks Science join us for an amazing assembly as part of our Science Week celebrations! During the assembly, the children were treated to a series of exciting experiments in which the children were encouraged to participate. The assembly not only highlighted the importance of science in our daily lives but also inspired many of our young learners to explore their scientific interests further.



RED NOSE DAY

We are thrilled to share the wonderful success of our recent Red Nose Day celebration. It was an amazing day filled with laughter, creativity and community spirit.

The sight of everyone in their cosy Pyjamas brought smiles to our faces and created a warm, fun atmosphere throughout the school. Our bake sale was a huge hit, with delicious treats generously donated by parents. Thanks to your contributions, we raised a significant sum to support children in need.

We will share the total amount raised in our next newsletter when all the proceeds have been counted.



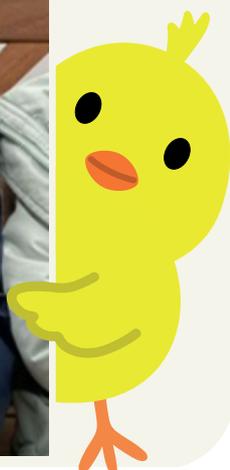
RECEPTION'S TRIP TO THE FARM



Last week, our Reception class had an exciting trip to the farm! The children had an amazing time getting up close with the animals. They held fluffy chicks, fed the sheep and goats, and even had the chance to stroke the piglets and lambs. The children were then brave enough to collect fresh eggs straight from the henhouse for the farmer!

A highlight of the day was climbing on the big hay bales, which was a lot of fun for everyone. The children were all very well-behaved and really enjoyed learning about life on the farm. It was a fantastic experience for them, and we are so proud of how they embraced the day with curiosity and excitement!

A big thank you to the farm for hosting us and to all the parents who helped make this trip possible. We look forward to more adventures in the future!



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SUBMIT
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EASTER

COLOURING COMPETITION

Buy a colouring sheet from the office or
your class teacher from
Monday 24th March

Submit entries to your class teacher with
name and year group on the back by
Monday 31st March

Entries judged and prizes donated by
Charlton Lodge Care Home - winners
announced by end of term!

PRIZE
PER
YEAR
GROUP

£1 PER
ENTRY



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