



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

24th: Return to School
25th: Parents Reading Workshop @ 9am
27th: Rocksteady Assembly

March

3rd: Reception NCMP
4th: PTA Storytelling Night
5th: Ash Wednesday Service
6th: World Book Day
6th: Y4 @ Chiltern Open Air Museum
9th: School Garden Tidy
14th: Y2 & KS2 Film Night
14th: Report Cards Out
17th: Neurodiversity Celebration Week
18th: Parents Evening
20th: Parents Evening
21st: Red Nose Day
23rd: Families@4
28th: Child Choice Day
28th: Parent Forum @ 2.30pm

April

1st: Easter Service @ 2pm
2nd: Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm
4th: Y3 Last Swimming
4th: Break Up @ 2.15pm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK FEBRUARY

Monday 10th:

* Y6 @ Oliver Performance

Tuesday 11th:

* Safer Internet Day

Thursday 13th:

* Y4 Dance Festival

Friday 14th:

* Y1 @ Milestones Museum

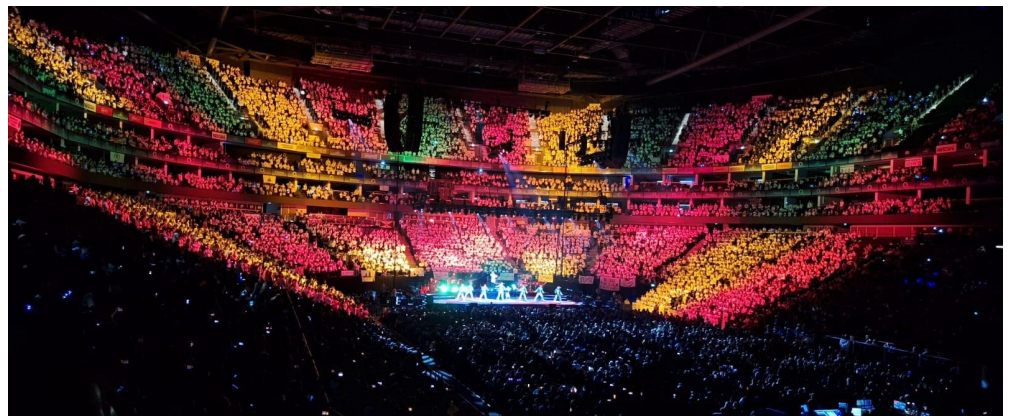
* Break Up



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Wow wow wow! What a wonderful day we had at the 02 on Wednesday. The children were an absolute credit to the school, you and themselves. They sang, they danced, they cheered and shouted! It was fabulous seeing the children enjoy themselves with their friends - singing along with 8,500 other primary school children in the most amazing venue. A huge thank you to all the parents who came to support the choir - the children were so excited to spot you in the crowd. And an even bigger thank you to all the staff who gave up their evening to ensure the safety of the children.



PRIMARY DANCE FESTIVAL

Good luck to our fabulous Year 4 class who are taking part in the School Sports Partnership Dance Festival next week at Braywick Leisure Centre.

PTA

Thank you to Year 1 mum's Sammy and Sophie for the brilliant Reception and Year 1 movie night! The next one is for Year 2 and KS2 and will be on Friday 14th March. More details to follow.
Pippa, PTA Chair

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



On Thursday the wellbeing ambassadors led an assembly on kindness and mental health. It showed the importance of being happy. The main message was happiness is the thing that fuels life. In the assembly the wellbeing ambassadors were doing all they could to improve the level of mental health and happiness. The ambassadors were: Samuel, Francesca, Zander, Isabella, Madison, Lily, Ruby and Anna. The assembly started with asking the children what happiness is to them. Then it went on to explain that to have a friend you have to be one. There was a story of a Brazilian man who was about to leave a tribe so he decided to play a game with the children. He called the children over and stated the first one to get to the tree wins a basket of fruit. Surprisingly when they ran they linked arms and ran to the tree together then shared the fruit together. The moral of the story was that how could one of us be happy if the rest of us are sad.

By Samuel, Zander, Anna & Madison, Year 5

SCHOOL NEWS

NSPCC NUMBER DAY



The children have spent the day competing and taking part in different timetable challenges. Watch this space! Results will be shared next week.

Miss Thompson, Maths Lead

YEAR 3 CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM

We had a great day at the Chiltern Open Air Museum on Tuesday. First, we lined up and got on the coach. Then, it took 45 minutes to get to the museum. When we were there, we met a lady called Gina. She was dressed in deer fur and had stone weapons! There were different activities, my favourite was the fire lighting. After lunch, we went into the Iron Age! There was a very tall man who spoke to us. We made clay cups and whipped cream to make butter. After that, it was time to go back to school, and this time it took us 50 minutes. Finally, we walked back into school at home time.

By Harriet, Year 3



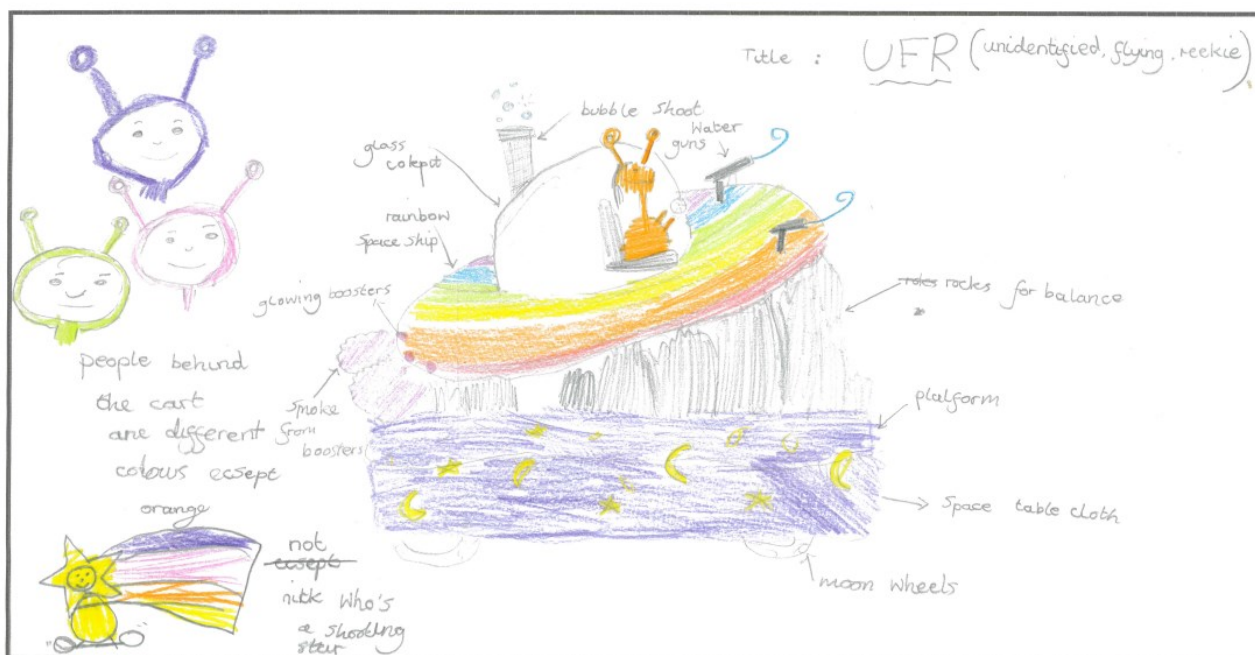
YEAR 6 NETBALL

On Thursday 6th February, the Year 6 netball team played against St Edmund Campion. We didn't claim victory but tried our best. We were 7-7 but in the last 2 minutes they scored twice! So the final score was 9-7 to St Edmund Campion. Despite the loss we all came out with smiles on our faces!

By Zuzu & Isla, Year 6

GRAVITY GRAND PRIX 2025

Congratulations to all the children who put in their design for the Gravity Grand Prix - they were creative, imaginative and fun! There were several runners up (attached) but the winning entry, and the entry you will see flying down the hill in September is by Sophie in Year 4 titled "UFR - unidentified flying Reekie." Well done Sophie!



YEAR 6 - OLIVER PERFORMANCE

Year 6 have been offered a wonderful opportunity to watch the Furze Platt Senior School production of Oliver the Musical on Monday 10th February. Please give your consent on the online payment system by Monday morning and refer to the letter for further details. Thank you.

SCHOOL NEWS

SEN SURVEY



Supporting ALL to Thrive

OXFORD
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RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking families with children who have special educational needs, disabilities, additional learning needs, or support needs.






An online survey investigating educational experiences of school-age children with additional needs.



The survey should take between 10 and 25 minutes, depending on your circumstances.



The survey closes on 14th February 2025.



Parents or carers of a child aged 4-18 with additional needs in UK education or in MOD schools overseas are eligible to take part.

This survey is part of a larger study focusing on children in Armed Forces families, but it's open to ALL families with children who need additional support.

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WEATHER WARNING



Yellow Cold Health Alert

A Yellow Cold Health Alert has been issued for the South East.

Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead

The Met Office and UKHSA have issued a **Yellow** Cold Health Alert for the South East, from 9am Friday 7th until 9am Tuesday 11th February.

[Keeping warm and well: staying safe in cold weather - GOV.UK](#)

[Cold weather and health: supporting vulnerable people - GOV.UK](#)

The 6 Rs - CHAMPION OF THE WEEK!

Each week we celebrate children across the school who have encompassed a number of our values:

Readiness, Reflective, Resourcefulness, Resilience, Responsibility and Respect.



Year 1

Arabella



Year 2

Sienna



Year 3

Everyone!

Year 4

Harry & Emily

Year 5

O2 Choir



Year 6

Everyone!





WEEKLY SUMMARY



CURRICULUM

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Reception	This week, the children have been using the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers to inspire their writing. They had to think of sentences to describe the person that the suitcase might belong to. In phonics, they have been learning the ai, ee, igh, oa sounds. In maths they have been learning all about shapes - even 3D shapes (cubes, pyramids). They have been amazing this week bearing in mind Ms Brown has been off sick - and not travelling around the world!
Year 1	Phonics - This week in Phonics we have reviewed all the new alternative sounds we have learned so far this half-term. This has included sounds such as 'zz', 'se', 'c', 'ou', 'oa', 'ey' and 'a_e' just to mention a few. We have also been practising our tricky words and spellings. Maths - We have focused on learning the days of the week, months of the year and counting on and back in 10s from any number up to 100. English - We have really been enjoying our class English text Rapunzel. This week we did lots of writing using adjectives to describe Rapunzel and how she is feeling. We also drew a story map and had a go at rewriting the whole story. Art - This week we learned about the artist Clarice Cliff and created our own versions of her artwork using Primary and Secondary colours. This included using different paint strokes and some colour mixing. The children created some absolutely beautiful pieces of art!
Year 2	In English this week, we have started reading our new text about Tad, the tadpole, and the challenges he faces as he grows into a frog. On Thursday, we wrote Tad a letter to give him advice on growing up and looking after himself in the pond. In maths this week, we have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10. We have also worked on strategies to help us estimate large numbers of objects. We found that grouping them in 5's and 10's really helped. In DT this week, we have continued to build our chairs for Baby Bear. Using cardboard and masking tape, we have been able to construct the legs and the seat. Next week we will finish off the back before testing them with Baby Bear.





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Year 3	It's been an action-packed week in Year 3. On Tuesday, we spent the day at the Chiltern Open Air Museum, experiencing what life was like in the Stone Age and Iron Age. The children loved it and pictures will be going up on the class page very soon! Also, the children started work on 2D shape this week, looking at properties and identifying right angles. On Wednesday, we explored scamming as part of Internet Safety Day. Feel free to ask your child about how you can avoid a scam online!
Year 4	The children have been very excited this week. Most of the children spent Wednesday at the O2, taking part in the Young Voices choir. They had a great day and were extremely polite throughout the whole day. Their singing was amazing! We have also finished our diary entry in English and in maths have been multiplying amounts of money using the grid or ladder method. In geography, we have been learning about an explorer called Shakleton-Jones.
Year 5	The O2 Young Voices performance was the main event this week. What a day! It was fantastic and those that went loved it. In English we have been reading moon myth stories ready to write our own myth next week. In maths we have been practising our times tables ready for the Number Day competition today. In gymnastics we have finished our module on travelling and balancing using the apparatus. I have been extremely impressed by the groupwork, safe use of equipment (especially on the wall bars) and originality in the sequences. Well done Year 5! Today, we have finished our week with a bingo game finding out about our class. A fun and lovely end to Children's Mental Health Week.
Year 6	This week Year 6 have been amazing. We have been working on our "you make known to me the path of life" Psalm 16. It was wonderful seeing all of the wonderful things we have already completed and events to come. Our literacy has been great fun: we have been investigating persuasive writing as estate agents, exploring Rightmove descriptions and writing our own version for Falconer Street (from Skellig). We have also been looking at Street Art and graffiti, creating messages for children's mental health week.

