

# Weekly Newsletter

24th January 2025



## Message from the Head

### SPRING TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### [Nursery Applications and Tours](#)

If you have a child who will be 3 by 1st September, and are considering our school nursery, then the deadline for applications is approaching. Although tours were offered in the Autumn term, if you didn't manage to get on one of these, I'd be very happy to show you around our fabulous nursery. The deadlines for Nursery applications are as follows:

- Apply online from: Monday 24th February 2025
- Application deadline: Friday 21st March 2025
- Offer date: Friday 25th April 2025
- Accept your place by: Friday 2nd May 2025

For more information, our Nursery admissions policy can be found on our website, [here](#).

#### [Tring Natural History Museum Children's photography competition](#)

On Tuesday, team members from the Natural History Museum came to school assembly to launch their photography completion. The children enjoyed hearing about the animals they brought in to show and are looking forward to taking part. The children have to take pictures around Tring in the categories of landscape, plants and animals. The closing date is 1st March. For more information, and to submit entries, please contact [tring-enquires@nhm.ac.uk](mailto:tring-enquires@nhm.ac.uk). Last year we had lots of LMS children taking part. Good luck!

#### [Enhancing our playtime offer](#)

We are keen to develop our playtime offer so children have lots of fun things to keep them busy with their play. We are looking to open our forest school area at lunchtime and give them den building and digging equipment to play with. We are in need of lots of items to offer the children. If you have any of the following, we would be very grateful:

**Bird feeders, mixing bowls, pans and wooden spoons, binoculars, pebbles, tarpaulins, babies and push-chairs, small trowels, books, dressing up clothes, outdoor games, tyres. We also have small toys out for children to play with (barbies, lego, animals, etc).**

If children wish to use forest school at lunchtime, **they will need to bring a change of shoes, or wellies** if it's wet.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Year 5 and 6</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Year 1 and Reception</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Year 3 and 4</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Year 2</b>

We hope this will improve our playtime offer and give children lots of lovely things to do.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

#### [PTA Disco](#)

**Neon disco : Friday, Feb 7th. £5 per child**, which includes entry, a glow stick, drink and snack. Additional sweets and snacks and 'Neon' items will be available for children to buy. Please no more than £5 per child.

Buy your tickets [here](#).

KS1 5-5:45 pm, nursery children welcome but must have a parent attend

KS2 6-7 pm

Additional food and items will be available to purchase and a film room for any children who may want some quiet. Please ensure that any essential medications are brought with students.



#### Values Award

*Kindness, Respect, Resilience*

##### Class 1

**Kacey** for super resilience with writing her sentences in phonics and lovely letter formation.

##### Class 2

**Theo** demonstrates all of our school values and always completes his work to the best of his ability.

##### Class 3

**George** for always showing kindness to others.

##### Class 4

**Alex** for his resilient attitude in dance lessons this term.

##### Class 5

**Sophie** for her resilience in English this week, really working hard to include everything she's been asked to think about in a super piece of writing.

#### House points

Larks 169

Martins 130

Swifts 183

**Congratulations to the Swifts**

#### Attendance this week

Class 1 91.6%

Class 2 93.5%

Class 3 93.1%

Class 4 98.7% Well Done!

Class 5 92.9%

Attendance this year: 94.3%

Target for this year: 96%



*'Together we grow and flourish with hope'*



### Coming Up

#### Tuesday 28th January

- Summer sports (KS1 & KS2)
- Tennis (KS1 & KS2)
- Game on Football Club (KS1)

#### Wednesday 29th January

- Mad Science

#### Thursday 30th January

- Girls Football - lunchtime
- Game on Football Club (KS2)
- Netball (KS2)
- French (KS1)
- Piano and guitar lessons

#### Friday 31st January

- French (KS2)
- Drum Lessons

#### Additional Information

For this week's letters click on the image below

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### Islam Workshops in KS2

Yesterday classes 3, 4 and 5 took part in Islam workshops linked to their RE learning in class this half term. Class 3 learnt more about how Muslims pray. Class 4 learnt about the life of the prophet Muhammad. Class 5 found out about the 25 prophets of Islam and this linked to their classroom learning about Tawhid. Thank you to all the children for listening and participating respectfully, and to Imrann for leading the workshops.

### The Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar - Saturday 1st March

- **Date:** Saturday 1st March 2025
- **Time:** 9:30am-11:30am (relaxed autism friendly early opening), 11:30am-4pm (open to all) at our Headington Campus (OX3 0BP), and we'd love for your students to attend!
- **Location:** Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, OX3 0BP.
- **Cost:** Free!

For more information: [sciencebazaar@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:sciencebazaar@brookes.ac.uk)

The Bazaar is designed to inspire curiosity and celebrate the wonders of science with engaging, hands-on activities for all ages, most suitable for 5-12 years. With over 70 activities there is sure to be something for all the family! Highlights include:

- **Interactive Workshops:** Explore fascinating experiments and creative challenges, such as comic book workshops with Neill Cameron
- **Live Science Shows:** Thrilling demonstrations that will amaze and educate, such as a Fire Show with Science Oxford and our Explosives Demonstration.
- **Exhibition Zone:** Meet real scientists and learn about cutting-edge research, with activities run by our staff and students as well as the University of Oxford, Reading University, and local companies.
- **STEM Games and Activities:** Have a go at drone flying, code robots, LEGO, discover nutrition, psychology, medicine and much, much more!

### Dates for this half term

Date and time	Event
Thurs 30th Jan	KS2 wear PE kit - Kurling and Boccia experience
Mon 3rd Feb	Wellbeing week - 5 ways to wellbeing and random acts of kindness
Tues 4th Feb	KS2 author visit
Weds 5th Feb	Paralympic athlete visit
Thurs 6th Feb	Year 6 school nurse questionnaire
Fri 7th Feb	KS1 5-5:45 KS2 6-7 School disco after school (N children with parents)
Tues 11th Feb	Headteacher afternoon tea
Weds 12th Feb	Class 4 and 5 recycling assembly and workshop
Fri 14th Feb	Last day of half term Mufti day 'wear what you love' £1 donation
<b>17th-21st Feb</b>	<b>Half term</b>
Mon 24th Feb	Children return to school
Thurs 27th Feb	Forest school starts for Class 3
Weds 5th March	9.15 Ash Wednesday church service
Fri 7th March	Class 3 trip - Milton Keynes museum
Mon 10th Mar	3.30-6.00 Parents' Eve in school
Weds 12th Mar	5.00-7.00 Parents' Eve online
Fri 21st Mar	World Down's Syndrome Day
Weds 26th Mar	9.15 Mothering Sunday service in church KS2 author visit
Thurs 27th Mar	Class 2 cake sale
Tues 1st April	Headteacher afternoon tea
Fri 4th April	Talent Show Last day of term 1.30 pick up



### Caldecotte payments

Just a reminder for children in Class 5 attending the Caldecotte residential the instalments are due as follows:

3/01/25  
7/02/25  
7/03/25  
4/04/25

### Classes 3,4 and 5

On Thursday KS2 will be taking part in a sports workshop where they will have the opportunity to participate in a Kurling and Boccia experience. Please ensure that PE kit is worn.

### Author Visit - 4th Feb

Parents, can order a copy of Dungeon Runners here...

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/dungeon-runners-sky-battles/>



**Wellbeing week**  
**3rd - 7th February**

