



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week we had Silver Birch class assembly, the perfect way to end the week. The children performed many songs, which included some solo performances. They shared many facts relating to their topic Far Far Away, they blew me away with their knowledge on seasons, continents and plants. Well done all the children and staff in Silver Birch for an amazing class assembly.

It's been wonderful to see so many parents and carers during Celebration of Learning. It's always rewarding to see children rushing around their classroom wanting to show off their work on the displays and in their books.

Please click on the links for updated [photos](#) on the website and spring term knowledge organisers.

[Foundation Stage: Ash and Willow](#) [Year 1: Chestnut and Silver Birch](#) [Year 2: Beech and Elm](#)

It feels like only yesterday I was saying that January was never ending and now here we are at the end of another term. I wish you all an enjoyable Easter break before we start back on Monday 15th April for our summer term.

Miss E Weston



Children who have received a Solo leaf

(now on display on the Oak Tree in the hall):

Ash: Freddie, Lana, Bethan and Rosie

Willow: Ava, Ryder, Carys and Elliot

Chestnut: Thomas, Mason, Isla and Bear

Silver Birch: Toby, Christian, Emily and Sophia

Beech: Harper-Jane, Lilly, Myles and Charlie

Elm: Yagiz, Leilani, Freddie and Heart

Children who also received a Goldie leaf: Jake (Chestnut) for being kind and helpful to a friend.

Happy Birthday

A Special happy birthday to our Reading Therapy dog Louie, we hope he enjoyed his cake and party yesterday.



JustGiving

Voluntary Contribution

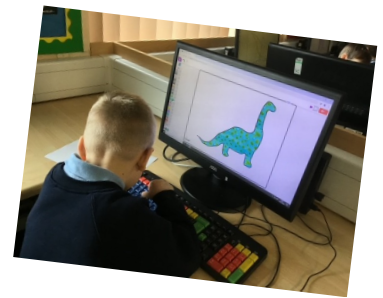
We would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who have donated to our voluntary contribution so far; your support means so much to us. This link is also available on our home-page on the school website.

[Just Giving Link](#)

LOOK what we're LEARNING!

Foundation Stage

This half term there have been very strange things happening in Ash and Willow! The half term started by the discovery of some mystery footprints which turned out to be a Parasaurolophus. The children had a lot of fun being palaeontologists and finding out about different dinosaurs, their similarities, differences and fossils. A few weeks later we discovered a small spaceship and tiny green footprints outside. After lots more investigating we thought it must belong to a tiny alien. The children liked designing their own aliens and writing about them. Finding out about and watching footage of the first moon landing learning about Neil Armstrong was a highlight and we now have some aspiring astronauts.



Year 2

This half term Year 2 have been learning all about how we can keep our bodies and minds healthy. In English, we started by off looking at the features of instruction texts. We designed and made our own healthy pizzas in DT and used this process to help us write our own instructions. More recently, Year 2 have been reading *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* by Ronda and David Armitage. We learnt about the structure of a story, using adverbs and prepositions to write a setting description and then wrote our own version of the story with a different problem.

In Maths we have been learning about multiplication and division, including the \times and \div symbols and what they mean. We have been solving multiplication and division problems involving one and two steps by sharing and grouping into equal groups as well as counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have also started learning about money including counting in pence and pounds and comparing amounts of money.

In Art we looked at the artists Homer and Turner and used watercolour paints to paint our own seascapes.

In Science we have learnt about different things we can do to stay healthy including brushing our teeth, washing our hands, exercising and eating a healthy balanced diet.

Well done Year 2 on completing another busy half term!

Year 1

Year 1 had a super start to our Far Far Away topic in the form of a Chinese Workshop, which gave the children a chance to experience elements of Chinese culture. They span beautiful parasols and fluttered fans, but there is little doubt that being part of the dragon procession was the obvious highlight! We are very grateful to the PTA for funding the Chinese Workshop. These amazing learning experiences could not happen without the work that the PTA do and the generosity of all our families.

This half term the children have been busy during our STEM days. As well as the Kapla workshop, the children mixed with the other year groups and went from class to class, over two days, solving problems for various troubled fairy tale characters. We were impressed with the confidence that the children showed as they embraced problem solving with children they did not know.

In Science lessons, Year 1 have been thinking about the changes they saw around them as winter turned to spring and have recently begun learning about plants. Very recently, the children planted some seeds in order to observe their growth over the coming weeks. During Art lessons, the children have been learning about primary and secondary colours, different painting techniques and the artist Vincent Van Gogh. In the last six weeks, the children have been discussing how to stay healthy as well as learning how to cross the road safely and the names of the continents, partly through a very catchy song that they all seemed to love!

There is so much more that we could tell you about; it has been such a busy half term for Year 1! We know the children need the coming break to recharge their batteries. We hope that they and you have a restful and happy Easter.



Attached to the newsletter is an Easter reading bingo that your children might like to participate in to keep reading fun during the holidays!



Easter Reading Bingo

A book that makes you laugh.	A book about Easter.	Read a book to your teddy.	A book that features a bunny.	A book about spring.
A book with poems.	Read a book under a tree.	Read a book in your pyjamas.	Read a book to a family member.	Read a book in a den.
A book with yellow on the front cover.	Read a book under a blanket.	A book about growing.	A fairy tale.	A book with magic.
Your favourite book.	A book that has been turned into a film.	Read a book outside.	A book about new life.	A comic.



Summer menu 2024

Available everyday: Deli box/offer, filled jacket potatoes, home baked bread, fresh salad bar, jelly, yogurt and fresh fruit.

Week	Day	Mains	Sides	Puddings
15/4, 6/5, 3/6, 24/6, 15/7		Meat	Vegetarian	
Week 1	Meal Free Monday	Mac and Cheese	Vegetable sausage roll 🌱	Sweetcorn and green beans Culinera shortbread 🌱
	Tuesday	Cheese and tomato pizza	Sweet pepper pizza 🌱	Wedges and salad Chocolate sponge cake with chocolate custard
	Wednesday	Turkey with stuffing	Cheesy potato filo pie	Roast potatoes and mixed seasonal vegetables Carrot cake 🌱
	Thursday	Chilli con carne 🌱	Vegetable chilli con carne 🌱	Vegetable rice and broccoli Ice cream
	Friday	Baked fish fingers 🐟	Quorn sausage 🌱	Chips, baked beans and peas Oat apple cookie 🌱
22/4, 13/5, 10/6, 1/7, 22/7		Meat	Vegetarian	
Week 2	Meal Free Monday	Cheese and tomato panini with potato wedges	Mixed bean chilli with fluffy rice 🌱	Broccoli and corn Fruit shortbread 🌱
	Tuesday	Culinera cottage pie 🌱	Culinera vegetable cottage pie 🌱	Carrots and green beans Apple flapjack 🌱
	Wednesday	Roast gammon with Yorkshire pudding	Vegetable and tomato tart 🌱	Roast potatoes and seasonal mixed vegetables Vanilla sponge
	Thursday	Beef burger	Quorn hotdog 🌱	Wedges and mixed salad Chocolate rice krispie cake
	Friday	Baked fish finger 🐟	Vegan nuggets 🌱	Chips, peas and baked beans Oaty biscuit 🌱
29/4, 20/5, 17/6, 8/7		Meat	Vegetarian	
Week 3	Meal Free Monday	Tomato and basil pasta 🌱	Pesto pasta	Herb baked bread, peas and corn Flapjack 🌱
	Tuesday	Cheese and tomato pizza wrap	Roasted pepper pizza wrap 🌱	Baked wedges and salad Lemon drizzle cake
	Wednesday	Sausage and mash	Quorn sausage and mash 🌱	Carrots and cauliflower Apple crumble 🌱
	Thursday	Spaghetti bolognese 🌱	Vegetable and lentil bolognese 🌱	Green beans and broccoli Iced sponge with sprinkles
	Friday	Chicken nuggets	Quorn nuggets 🌱	Chips, baked beans and peas Chocolate cookie

Key
 Vegan
 Oily Fish
 Added Plant Power

ALLERGY INFORMATION

We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination. If your child has an allergy or intolerance, please speak to your child's school or the Cook Manager on site for information. **Forms are available through our website or via the school.**

The Noticeboard



DROP OFF REMINDER

Please could we just remind you that school drop-off is

8:40am-8:50am

At 8:50am the class doors will be shut and you will need to come through the school office, this is recorded as a late in the register.

Yr1 Woolley Firs Trip

Reminder for year 1 to pay for the trip to Woolley Firs if you haven't already done so.

Donations

We have entered the Carnival Flower Festival again this year. If you can donate any raised beds, oblong planters or peat we would be most grateful. These can be dropped into the school office. Our creation will be able to be viewed at St Johns Parish church, see the flyer for more details.

Book Fair

We are delighted to say that the money raised by the book fair including vouchers was **£984.42** and the rewards earned therefore for the school was **£492.21**. We will be asking the children what books they would like to purchase for the school and classroom libraries.

A huge thank you to Mrs Brown who gave up her time to run the book fair.

Thank you for your support.



Carnival Cover Design

The design of the front cover competition has been extended till after the Easter holidays. Please drop into the school office after Easter. See previous email with the details of what to do.

Lunchtime Requests

If anyone has the following that they would be happy to donate to school for the children to play with at lunch time we would be most grateful for any donations.

- Easels
- Bubble machine
- Clip Boards
- Chalk
- Space Hopper
- Crayons
- Colouring pencils
- Valve for blowing up balls

Crowthorne Carnival Flower Festival

2024

In aid of the RNLI 200th Anniversary

Theme

Surfing the Seven Seas

Saturday 13th July 10am -6.00pm

Sunday 14th July 12 noon-5.30pm

Followed by songs of praise at 6.00pm,

Monday 15th July 10am-4.00pm

FREE ENTRY

Enjoy live music interludes during the weekend
Together with 'Crowthorne Crafts'
patchwork/quilting exhibits and demonstrations by
the North Downs Lacemakers and Wokingham
Embroidery Guild

Refreshments and light lunches will be available

Venue

St John's Parish Church

Waterloo Road

Crowthorne

RG45 7NT

www.facebook.com/crowthorneflowerfestival

Governor Awards

Today at our final assembly, the Governors presented six children with a Governor Award, based on our school characters. The teachers nominated different children from across the classes for these awards. It is always extremely hard to choose when everyone has been doing so well. All the children appeared surprised to receive their certificate but proud at the same time. Well done from everyone at the Infants.

Character	Name of pupil	Class
Ivy – rising to challenges	Ethan K	Chestnut
Holly – not afraid to fail	Stephanie S	Elm
Laurie – pride in achievement	Esme W	Willow
Solo – encouraging independence	Samhitha V	Silver Birch
Goldie – respect for all	Dominic M	Ash
Casey – being happy, cared for and cared about	Nancy L	Beech



Oaklands Infant School — Summer Term Dates 2024

Date	Activities in April
Summer 1	Character Focus: Laurie
Monday 15 th	Return to school
Thursday 18 th	Pm: Yr2 Crowthorne library visit
Tuesday 23 rd	9.15am: FS Height Measurement
Thursday 25 th	Yr1 school trip Pm: Yr2 Crowthorne library visit
Friday 26 th	2.15pm: Grandparent afternoon (Foundation Stage)
Tuesday 30 th	8.15am: Reading for pleasure morning in the hall
Date	Activities in May
Thursday 2 nd	Am: Yr1 Crowthorne library visit Pm: Maths Parent workshop
Monday 6 th	Bank holiday
Thursday 16 th	CENSUS day AM: Ash and Willow library visit
Thursday 23 rd	FS to Crowthorne library visit
Friday 24 th	9am: Willow class assembly
HALF-TERM Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024	
Date	Activities in June
Summer 2	Character Focus: Casey
Monday 3 rd	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 th	Return to school
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th	Y1 phonic screening check and Y2 retakes
Monday 10 th	School photos
Friday 14 th	Foundation Stage school trip
Tuesday 18 th	8.15am: Reading for pleasure morning in the hall
Friday 21 st	9am: Ash class assembly
Wednesday 26 th	Sports Day
Thursday 27 th	Year 2 school trip
Date	Activities in July
Wednesday 3 rd	12.05pm – 1.15pm: Yr2 lunch at OJS
Thursday 4 th	10.15am: Yr2 assembly/playtime at OJS
Saturday 6 th	Crowthorne Carnival
Thursday 11 th	9.05am – 11.20am: Whole school transition including OJS
Friday 12 th	Reports out to parents
Saturday 13 th	Crowthorne Flower Festival
Wednesday 17 th	1.45pm: Yr2 Leavers Play to parents
Thursday 18 th	Pm: Yr2 PTA Leavers afternoon
Friday 19 th	PTA: Crazy Hair Day
Monday 22 nd	INSET day
Tuesday 23 rd	INSET day



What's on
at Woolley Firs,
Maidenhead
This Easter!



Easter Wild Zoologists' Day Camp - £35

Friday 5th April at 9.30am

Wildlife Day Camp for 8- 12 year olds. A full day of activities, supervised by trained staff, without the need for parental supervision.

Easter Flower Power Day Camp - £35

Monday 8th April at 9.30am

A Day Camp for 8-12 year olds to connect with nature and learn about wildlife and create beautiful crafts in a unique setting.

Easter Pond Dipping for Families - £8 per session

Thursday 11th April from 10am to 12pm & 1pm to 3pm

Explore the depths and find out what creatures lurk in this hidden world. Two hours of nature fun at our beautiful private pond. For ages 5+.

The Alternative Easter Bunny Day Camp - £35

Friday 12th April at 9.30am

The day is packed full of fun games and activities to help children connect with the fantastic natural world that surrounds them. For ages 8-12.

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Visit our website to book or for more info:

- bbowt.org.uk/events
- 01628 829574 or berkshireeducation@bbowt.org.uk

bbowt.org.uk

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just play sports

2-12 April

Easter holiday clubs

Banish holiday boredom with our jam-packed sessions for children aged 4-12

Discover a new sport or game

Play awesome games, competitions and matches across:

- Football • Multi-skills • Archery • Parachute games
- Tennis • Rounders • Dodgeball • Cricket • Arts and crafts

Savings to suit every pocket

Save:

- 10% when you book the whole week
- 10% for siblings

Where you'll find the fun

- St Paul's Junior School, Wokingham
- Colleton Primary School, Twyford
- Oaklands Junior School, Crowthorne*
- Cranford Park Primary School, Yateley*

Flexibility to suit you

- Standard day: 10.00am - 3.30pm
- Extended day: 8.30am - 5.30pm
- 4-year-olds: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Use your childcare vouchers or pay with tax-free childcare

Get 15% off at Colleton, Oaklands and Cranford Park
Use code JPSEB15 until 22 March
(works with other discounts)

HAF spaces available

justplaysports.co.uk

fb.me/justplaysportsberks

info@justplaysports.co.uk

[@justplaysports_](https://www.instagram.com/justplaysports_)

Book now

bit.ly/jpsholidayclubs

Preloved parent, children and baby goods



A small percentage from each item sold goes to NCT Charity.

Sunday 21st April, 12.00*-13.30

*12.15 for non-members

Edgbarrow School Crowthorne

Admission £1 donation (in aid of NCT)

Come along to BAG A BARGAIN!



To SELL, HELP or BUY at this sale, scan the QR code to register!!

For more info email: nns.crowthorne@nct.org.uk
Registration and tickets at <https://bit.ly/CrowthorneNCT>



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