

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 9th October**

Current Topic: **'We are Conservationists'** Current Value: **Empathy**



Attendance Award— Classes with the highest attendance this week are:

EYFS — Chicks 96%

KS1— Robins 99%

LKS2— Owls 98%

UKS2— Toucans 93%

End of Week House points totals:

Spitfire — 174

Lancaster — 167

Hurricane — 292

Wellington — 203

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:
Aaric (Peacocks) Mollie (Toucans)
Lily-May (Peacocks) Bowie (Robins)
Gracie (Owls) Ivy (Peacocks)

Stars of the Week



An update from Mrs Anstee

On Tuesday, our Year 2 girls had a fantastic opportunity to attend a football event at Carterton Community College. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying the facilities and taking part alongside other local schools, and we are really pleased to be able to make use of the excellent facilities at the college through our partnership working.



This is just one of a number of sporting opportunities planned across the year, with events involving children from all year groups. Competitive sport is an important part of school life, giving children the opportunity to challenge themselves, work as part of a team and experience the excitement of competition. However, sport is also about much more than winning. These events give our children the chance to try sports they may not have experienced before, discover new interests and develop confidence in their own abilities.

It has also been fantastic to see so many children proudly wearing their house-colour T-shirts for PE days. These have brought a real sense of team spirit to school, with children beginning to identify with their house, encourage one another and enjoy a little friendly competition!

We are looking forward to seeing lots more children getting involved in sporting opportunities throughout the year. Whether they are competing, trying something completely new, cheering on their friends or simply enjoying being active, there is something incredibly valuable about giving every child the opportunity to find a sport or activity that they enjoy.

An update from Mrs Gardner

We have provided a range of focus tools for every classroom to support children's concentration, learning and emotional regulation. I have spoken to the children in assemblies about using these appropriately and recognising whether they are helping or hindering their learning.



We have noticed that some children are bringing their own focus tools from home, which can sometimes lead to upset when items are lost, broken or shared.

We would really appreciate your support in encouraging children to keep their own focus tools at home, as we have plenty available in school for everyone who benefits from using them. This will help us avoid any unnecessary upset and ensure that the tools continue to support learning positively.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support!

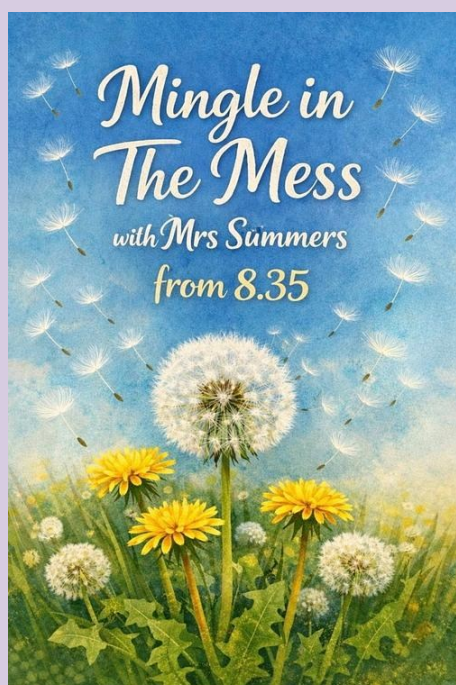
An update from Mrs Summers



Mingle in The Mess (coffee morning) is next Wednesday from 8.35. I will be hosting the School Nurse Team for the next two sessions, initially to introduce themselves and share what they can offer. When they return in November, they will focus on things you suggest from the October MITM. This is a great way to meet the team and talk to them in a familiar space without having to make drs appointments to ask for advice. Previously, they have been really helpful supporting parents with toileting, eating and sleeping worries.

As always, younger siblings are more than welcome, we have plenty of toys to keep them occupied. Please enter via the white door between EYFS and The Mess, I will keep an eye out for you.

This is also an opportunity to chat to me regarding any worries or upcoming deployment. If you are unable to attend but have any questions for myself or the nurse team, please feel free to Dojo me and I will do my best to help.



An update from Mrs Diamond



It has been another busy and exciting week in The Hangar, with the children taking part in activities to celebrate Black History Month. We have been learning about the inspiring work of Maggie Aderin-Pocock and exploring the theme of 'space' through a range of sensory activities, supported by key vocabulary symbols. The children have had opportunities for exploratory play, using different sensory resources to develop their curiosity, communication and engagement while learning new vocabulary and concepts.

We have also welcomed some of our KS2 children into The Hangar for positive 1:1 sessions and individual tours of the space ahead of them joining the provision in the near future. These sessions have been a lovely opportunity for the children to become familiar with the environment, meet staff and begin to build confidence within the space in a relaxed and supportive way. It has been fantastic to see the children engaging positively, exploring the different areas and beginning to develop a sense of familiarity and belonging within The Hangar.

EYFS

This week in EYFS we have been thinking all about pets. We have listened to lots of stories about different animals that might make good pets and a few that definitely wouldn't! We have drawn careful pictures and written about our pets from home or a pet that we would like to have. In the role play area we have been busy looking after the animals in our vets surgery. We have continued our bike adventure in PE and are getting better each week at balancing in Corefulness. We were very excited to have our first Forest School session this week. We listened to the story of Leaf man and made our own leaf man pictures. In number we have been thinking about the composition of numbers and recognising 2 and 3 objects without counting.



In Phonics we have now learnt the sounds s, a and t.

Stars of the Week

Ducklings

Mila for working hard in PE. Mila has been travelling in lots of ways and has even demonstrated her skills.

Phoebe for joining in with lots of new things. Phoebe is already settling into being a wonderful Duckling.

Chicks

Connie for excellent balancing and moving safely in PE.

Freya for careful drawing and writing about the pet that she would like to have.

Year 1 and 2

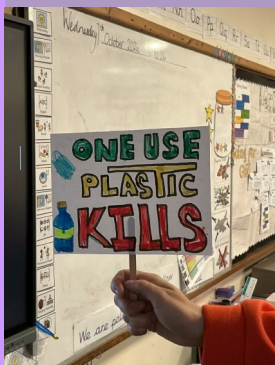
What another lovely week full of learning in Key Stage 1! This week we have continued to develop our descriptive writing based on the book, Leaf. Children have used adjectives, powerful verbs and adverbs to create interesting sentences. In Maths, Year 1 has practised counting from 40 - 60 and represented these numbers in tens and ones, as well as making our own giant number line! Year 2 has begun a unit on addition and subtraction. This week, we have started to think about adding three addends and what each part represents in an addition story. In Science this week, we have made our own rain gauges and placed them carefully in the school grounds. We are looking forward to seeing if our predictions are correct! In Art, we have learnt all about the beautiful work of Eric Carle. We have made our own collaged mini beasts and used cutting, tearing and ripping to create detail. We are also extremely proud of our Year 2 girls who attended a football skills workshop at Carterton Community College on Tuesday. They represented our school beautifully. Monday 19th October is our very exciting trip to Westonbirt Arboretum! A reminder to please check Parent Hub and Parent Pay for details and to give consent. Have a wonderful weekend and see you on Monday!



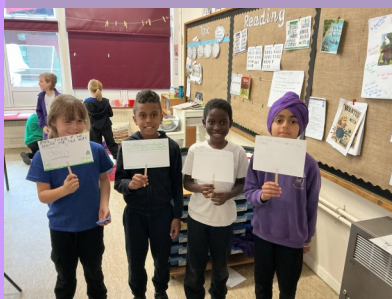
Year 3 and 4



In English, we have been practising our persuading skills by writing our own persuasive sentences. We have been using imperative verbs, rhetorical questions and the power of 3 to create impactful statements to persuade others to protect our rivers. We have also been putting this into practise with some persuasive protest banners in our continuous provision in English.



In Geography this week we recreated a river including all of the key geographical features such as a meander, tributary, source and mouth. We looked at how flooding can be caused by water flowing too quickly causing erosion and how plants (we used tin-foil as our roots to secure the river beds) are key to



trying to prevent some erosion by holding our river beds together.

In computing we have been continuing with writing our own branching databases that will help us in science when thinking about living things and their habitats.

Year 5 and 6

It has been absolutely lovely to welcome our Year 6 children back from Yenworthy! They have returned full of stories and memories from what has clearly been a fantastic few days. It has been wonderful to hear them talking about the different activities they took part in, the challenges they faced and the experiences they shared with their friends. From trying new things to showing courage, teamwork and resilience, the children embraced the opportunities they were given and should be incredibly proud of themselves.

We have been busy in English this week, beginning to write our explanation texts based on The Moth. The children have been working hard to apply their grammar learning to create detailed and engaging pieces of writing. It has been fantastic to see children taking on board feedback and using it to improve and develop their work.

In Maths, we have been exploring thousandths and making links to our previous learning about tenths and hundredths, as well as developing our understanding of metres, centimetres and millimetres. In our topic work, the children have been developing their geographical skills by drawing and labelling a map showing the countries covered by the Amazon rainforest. They have also been using their research skills to find information and answer questions about this fascinating environment.

In DT, the children have begun sewing their rainforest animal designs. This has required lots of patience and resilience as they have carefully cut out their templates. We have been particularly impressed with the perseverance shown when things haven't gone quite to plan, and we are looking forward to seeing their finished rainforest animals come together!



Dates For The Diary

Tuesday 13th October — Individual School Photos

Wednesday 14th October — Individual School Photos

Wednesday 14th October — Mingle In The Mess 8:30am

Friday 16th October — Parent Book Look 8:30 — 9:00am

Wednesday 21st October — EYFS Open Day

Friday 23rd October — Inset Day—School Closed

Monday 26th — Friday 30th October — October Half Term

Monday 2nd November — Start of Term 2

Wednesday 11th November — Parents Evening

Wednesday 18th November — Parents Evening

Tuesday 1st December — Vision Screening EYFS

Thursday 3rd December — Flu Vaccination In School

Thursday 3rd December — EYFS Nativity to CHICKS Parents

Friday 4th December — EYFS Nativity to DUCKLINGS Parents

Friday 18th December — End of Term 2 — 1:30pm Finish

Monday 4th January — Inset Day

Tuesday 5th January — Start of Term 3





SPOOKS AND SPARKLES

★ SCHOOL DISCO ★

📅 **FRIDAY**
NOVEMBER 6TH

EYFS/KS1

🕒 3.30 – 4.15

🕒 **KS2**

4.30 – 5.30

£4
PER CHILD

ADMISSION INCLUDES

A SWEET BAG
AND A DRINK

Payment via ParentPay,

to be booked before 3rd November



HALLOWEEN PARTY – 29TH OCTOBER!

Get ready for a spooktacular time!

Youth Challenge Oxfordshire is hosting a Halloween party on
Thursday 29th October 2026!

Book your tickets here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/halloween-party-87>

Don't miss out — follow the link for more information and to
book your tickets!

Happy Halloween!



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