

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 16th October**

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



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

EYFS — Chicks 98%

KS1— Parrots 96%

LKS2— Owls 96%

UKS2— Peacocks 95%

End of Week House points totals:

Spitfire — 223

Lancaster — 139

Hurricane — 212

Wellington — 213

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:
Hope (Penguins) Charlie (Owls)
Isaiah (Penguins) Frederick (Owls)
Gracie (Owls) Diyana (Penguins)

Stars of the Week



An update from Mrs Anstee



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first 'Book Looks' of the school year today. It was lovely to welcome you into school and give you the opportunity to look through your child's books and see some of the learning they have been engaged in so far this year. We hope you enjoyed seeing the progress they are making and the range of activities and experiences that are helping to develop their knowledge and skills.

Our first Parents' Evenings of the school year will take place on Tuesday 11th and Tuesday 18th November. These appointments provide a more formal opportunity to discuss your child's progress, attainment and wider development with their class teacher. They are also an important opportunity for you to ask questions, share any thoughts or concerns, and work together with us to identify ways to support your child's learning both at school and at home.

We ask that all parents make a joint appointment to meet with their child's teacher wherever possible. Unfortunately, due to staffing and time constraints, we are unable to offer separate appointments for parents who are separated. There will also be an opportunity to look through your child's books during your appointment.

Please look out for further information about how to book your appointment when we return to school after the half-term break. We look forward to meeting with you and continuing to work in partnership to support your child's learning and progress.

An update from Mrs Gardner



This week, our assemblies have focused on the importance of staying safe online and making sensible choices when using technology.

Our younger children explored The Adventures of Smartie the Penguin, learning what to do if they see something upsetting, confusing or unexpected online. We reinforced the important message: "Before you tap and click, you need to stop and think, and TELL someone!"

Our Key Stage 2 children explored the SMART rules for online safety, discussing how to protect personal information, recognise online risks, question whether information is reliable and treat others with kindness and respect online.

Across both assemblies, our key message was that children should always speak to a trusted adult if something online makes them feel worried, uncomfortable or unsure.

We encourage families to continue these conversations at home, taking an interest in the games, apps and websites their children use and reminding them that they can always ask for help without fear of getting into trouble.

For helpful advice and resources, visit www.childnet.com.

An update from Mrs Summers



RAF Brize Norton Community Support have some great events over the half term.

FREE Pumpkin Carving Workshop all equipment is provided and spaces are still available.

This takes place on Monday 26 October with sessions at 10.00 and 11.00 at the Families Club, Stanmore Crescent, Carterton

There is also a Halloween disco, head along for an evening of music, dancing and Halloween fun at the RAF Brize Norton Community Support Centre. This takes place on Tuesday 27 October from 17.00-18.30. The entry cost is £3 and there will be hot dogs, sweets and drinks available to purchase. Fancy dress is encouraged too!

For those of you with older children, there will also be an under 18's disco for children 11+. This will be held at The MAC on Stanmore Crescent on 30th October and the entry fee is £5 which includes a drink and a snack.

Please contact BZN-HIVEINFO@mod.gov.uk for more information or check out the Facebook page for a link to book.

An update from Mrs Diamond



This week in The Hangar, we have introduced some motivating 1:1 activities to begin laying the foundations for positive transitions into and out of adult-directed tasks when requested. These activities are designed to build engagement, develop confidence and help children become increasingly comfortable with adult-led learning in a supportive and encouraging environment. We have continued to use key vocabulary symbols and a range of sensory resources to support communication, encourage curiosity and provide opportunities for children to explore, make choices and develop their understanding.

Our KS2 children have also begun attending The Hangar in pairs and small groups of three, giving them opportunities to become familiar with the peers who will be joining them in the provision. We have enjoyed relaxed discussion groups, sharing the 'All About Me' activities the children completed last week. These sessions provide a gentle introduction to getting to know one another, encouraging children to discover shared interests, celebrate differences and find common ground. By creating opportunities for positive conversations and shared experiences in a safe and supportive environment, we are helping the children build trusting relationships with both staff and peers, develop a sense of belonging and grow in confidence as they prepare to access The Hangar together.

EYFS

This week in the EYFS we have been busy thinking about Autumn. We started our week with an Autumnal walk around the school looking for signs of the season. We found lots of leaves that were different colours, we spotted blackberries, mushrooms and helicopter seeds. We had lots of fun trying to make them fly and spin.

In the classroom we have listened to stories about hedgehogs, and squirrels and have been talking about how the animals prepare for Winter. We have been learning the words hibernation and camouflage.



Our clay hedgehogs are beautiful and our writing about Autumn is amazing.

In Phonics we have learned s a t p so are now working on writing these letters carefully, hearing them at the start of words and reading real words made using them.

Our Maths work has focused on Subitising.

EYFS Stars of the week

Chicks

Finley - for trying really hard with his Autumn writing

Harper - for trying lots of new things, and always having a really big smile

Ducklings

Thea - for using her sounds and phonics knowledge to help her with Autumn writing

Bonnie T - for working hard with her Autumn writing - Bonnie used her sounds to help her write her sentence.

Year 1 and 2

This week in Key Stage 1, we have been working hard to write independently about Leaf the polar bear. We have used adjectives, adverbs and similes to make our writing exciting. In Maths, Year 1 has continued to practise counting forwards and backwards across 100. They have focussed on the numbers 60 to 80, and have made a number line and explored tens and ones. Year 2 has begun working on how to add three addends efficiently. They have used part-whole models, number lines and tens frames to explore moving parts with the sum staying the same. In Science, children have measured the rain fall using their rain gauges and in PE, children have worked hard on their throwing and catching ball skills. October is Black History Month and children have learnt all about the wonderful Ralph Ottey, who served in the RAF during WW2 with the infamous Dambusters Squadron. Children have been inspired by Ralph's courage and written about how they could be brave like Ralph.

Finally, we are so excited for our trip to Westonbirt Arboretum on Monday. Please keep an eye on Dojo for updates but we will see you bright and breezy on Monday morning! Have a great weekend.



Year 3 and 4

We have continued to make a splash into our 'We are Conservationists' topic this week. In geography, we answered the enquiry question 'What is it like at different places along a river?' and thought about why different towns and cities are built along different parts of the river. We have continued to explore colour mixing by adding shade and tint in art and produced some beautiful water inspired pictures. In English, we have made written, edited and published our persuasive posters all about how to keep rivers clean and in maths we have continued to explore length and height. We are looking forward to an enjoyable last week of term next week before a much needed rest.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 5 and 6

It has been another busy week in Years 5 and 6, full of fantastic learning and achievements!

A huge well done to the girls who represented our school at an inter-school football competition. They showed great teamwork, worked incredibly hard and had lots of fun, finishing second overall – a fantastic achievement! Peacocks also demonstrated determination and resilience during their swimming distances lesson, challenging themselves and achieving some brilliant results.

In English, we have begun a new learning journey inspired by *Survivors* by David Long. The children have been immersing themselves in the Amazon rainforest, exploring its sights, sounds and atmosphere to develop their vocabulary and descriptive language. They have also been putting themselves in the shoes of Julian Koepcke, imagining how she might have felt when stranded alone in such a challenging environment. Through thoughtful discussions, the children have been exploring her possible thoughts, feelings and emotions, ready to bring these ideas to life in their own writing.

In maths, we have started exploring negative numbers in a range of real-life contexts. Meanwhile, in topic, we have been exploring the four layers of the rainforest, investigating which plants and animals live in each layer and why. This has encouraged some thoughtful discussions and well-reasoned explanations.



Dates For The Diary

Wednesday 21st October — EYFS Open Day

Thursday 22nd October — End of Term 1 — 3:15pm Finish

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

Thursday 3rd December — Flu Vaccination In School

Thursday 3rd December — EYFS Nativity to CHICKS Parents

Tuesday 8th December — Vision Screening EYFS

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

Carterton

CRAFT FAIR

3rd November

— 9AM – 1PM —

Then every Tuesday until 22nd Dec

WI Hall, 3 Brize Norton Rd



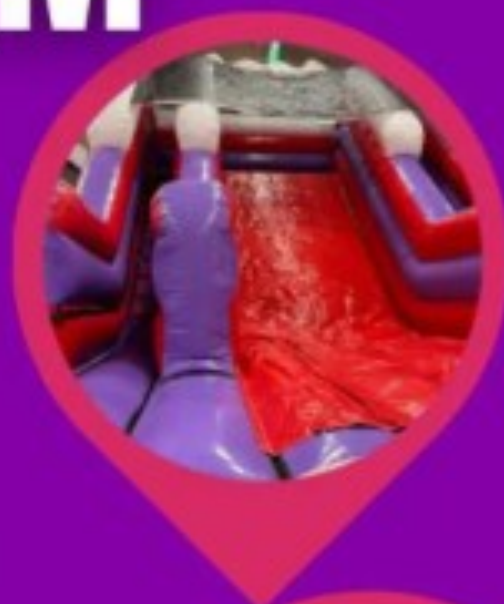
— Handmade Treasures & Artisan Gifts —

Come support small local businesses – every purchase makes a difference.

Where to find us this **HALF TERM**

Didcot

Open every weekend
+ 26th October, Monday
10AM – 5PM
Willowbrook Leisure
Centre, Didcot, OX11 7AF



Reading

27th – 30th October
10AM – 5PM
River Academy,
7 Richfield Avenue, RG1 8EQ



www.TheBouncePark.com

October Half Term

24 October - 1 November 2026

This October half term, enjoy frightfully fun family activities at Discover Bucks Museum! Get creative with Halloween crafts and spooky science! Brave families can take on the Creepy Doll Hunt around the museum and no visit is complete without a trip to the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery and our SAXONS exhibition.

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org
or scan the QR code



SCAN ME



Play, Discover, Learn!
this October Half Term
in the Roald Dahl
Children's Gallery

Spiders & Webs

Monday 26 October

Make a colourful yarn-wrapped spider and weave a hanging web. 10am – 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 4-11

Ghouls and Ghosts

Tuesday 27 October

Make a 3d haunted scene for a moveable ghost to fly through. 10am – 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 4-11

Clay Monster

Wednesday 28 October

Sculpt yourself a terrifying (or not so terrifying) Halloween monster. 10am – 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 3-11

Spooky Science

Thursday 29 & Friday 30 October

Our popular Spooky Science workshop is returning for 2026! Join us for some spooky science: make a bubbling witches brew, create ogre slime and more! Timed slots. Suitable for ages 5-11

For more event
details, charges and
to book please scan
the QR code
or visit
discoverbucksmuseum.org

Enjoy our spooky Trail
on everyday 24 October -
1 November

Creepy Doll Hunt

Saturday 31 October

Visit the museum after dark this Halloween for our Creepy Doll Hunt: explore one of the oldest buildings in Aylesbury by torchlight and discover the haunted dolls hidden throughout the museum. From 6.30pm, timed slots. Suitable for ages 10+

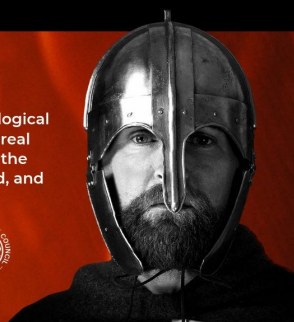
The SAXONS Until 1 November 2026

The SAXONS brings together extraordinary archaeological discoveries to tell powerful human stories. Through real artefacts, immersive displays, and vivid storytelling, the exhibition reveals how people lived, fought, believed, and were remembered over 1,300 years ago.

Discover Bucks Museum
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org



Registered Charity Number 1153345





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Royal Albert Hall presents

SENsory friendly events at the Royal Albert Hall



RELAXED PERFORMANCE

Friendship Matinee: Matilda in Concert (PG)

Friday 30 October 2026, 2pm

All tickets are £5 (including booking fees).

Friendship Matinees offer a relaxed attitude to movement and sound in the auditorium, plus chill-out spaces around the building – you can move about, dance, sing or just listen! These relaxed performances welcome people of all ages who may engage with a charity or community group.