

Weekly Newsletter: **Thursday 12th February**

Current Topic: **'We Are Investigators'** Current Value: **Positivity**



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

EYFS— Chicks 96%

KS1— Penguins 97%

LKS2— Owls 96%

UPKS2— Peacocks 96.6%

End of Week House points totals:

Spitfire — 190

Lancaster — 174

Hurricane — 158

Wellington — 317

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:

Joshua O (Parrots) Lewis (Toucans) Thea (Toucans) Poppy (Eagles) Eadie (Parrots) Ethan (Peacocks) Bowie (Robins)

Stars of the Week

EYFS

Chicks: Jack L: For excellent engagement with our bubble experiment. Jack made lots and lots of bubbles! William - for working really hard to cut carefully to make his Chinese lantern. William worked slowly and carefully.

Ducklings: Hugo: For extending his bubble learning - Hugo was keen to extend the investigation finding even more ways to make bubbles. Lucas - for trying hard to use his scissors to make his Chinese lantern. Lucas focused for a long time

Year 1 and 2

Penguins: Hannah: For her lovely sentence writing in English this week. Ayda: For always thinking of others and looking after everyone around her

Robins: Emma: For her determination and hard work to use beautiful cursive handwriting and add exciting vocabulary into her stories. Isabella: For her incredible determination and enthusiasm with her Phonics. I am so proud of you!

Parrots: Braxon: For fantastic creative writing about meeting the Loch Ness Monster. Leo: For excellent creative writing about meeting the Loch Ness Monster.

Year 3 and 4

Owls: Cohen: For always taking pride and care in how he presents his maths learning. Oliver H: For making huge improvements in his handwriting and presentation.

Kingfishers: Tobias: For incredible presentation in his maths work, showing fantastic understanding of place value and addition. Emily: For being an absolutely fabulous member of Kingfishers class.

Doves: Charlotte: For being such a wonderful Dove. We will really miss your kindness and smiles. Dylan: For being such a supportive and kind friend by helping others with their understanding of maths. You are great!

Year 5 and 6

Eagles: Tommy N: For showing strong effort and perseverance when multiplying fractions and representing this using bar models. Ianos: For excellent engagement during swim safety week.

Peacocks: Matty: For showing resilience and positivity when multiplying fractions. Ethan: For showing positivity when editing and improving his writing based on Greek mythology.

Toucans: Lincoln: For a positive contribution in maths when explaining how to find which fraction is the largest. Josh: For a consistent positive attitude with his learning and for sharing his ideas with others during small group discussions.

An update from Mrs Anstee

We are delighted to have reached the half-way point of the school year and are incredibly proud of the sustained effort and enthusiasm shown across all classes - where has the time gone? Our recent Book Looks were a real celebration of learning, showcasing the progress and pride our children take in their work - this is also evident in the many excellent examples of homework we see each week. Next term, we look forward to welcoming parents and carers to Parents' Evening meetings, where teachers will celebrate achievements, share assessment information, and discuss next steps in learning across the curriculum. Booking details will be shared shortly. We hope as many families as possible can attend and look forward to working together to support our children's continued success.



An update from Mrs Gardner

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our fantastic GSA for their continued dedication and support of our school community.



Today's Break the Rules event was a great success and has raised vital funds that will directly benefit our children. The money raised by the GSA helps to fund school trips, enrich classroom supplies, and provide memorable experiences that enhance learning beyond the curriculum. These opportunities make a real difference to our pupils.

In what continues to be a challenging financial climate for schools, the commitment, time and energy given by the GSA is more valuable than ever. Their efforts ensure that our children continue to access opportunities that broaden their horizons and enrich their time at school.

If you would like to keep up to date with upcoming events and initiatives, please follow the GSA Facebook page. And if you are interested in getting involved, we would love to welcome you — please speak to Mrs Busby in the school office for more information.

A huge thank you to every member of the GSA for everything you do for our school community.

An update from Mrs Summers

As we reach the end of term 3, we say goodbye to a few of our families. We try to make this a positive experience and class a posting or a move as an adventure. We aim for our children to move with confidence. This morning, the children received their leavers packs in assembly and the whole school sang them the Gateway song. This was written by pupils a couple of years ago to reflect our school, the words are in their packs to help them remember.

We hope they all settle into their new schools quickly and make lots of new friends. With any luck we may see some of you in a couple of years if you end up back at Brize. We would love to hear how they are getting on so please keep in touch, you are more than welcome to send messages to me and I will share with their peers and teachers.



EYFS

This week in the EYFS we have been really busy finding out about Chinese New Year in our morning sessions, we have noticed that there are decorations, there is dancing, there is a party and presents. We made connections to our own celebrations at Christmas time and at New Year. In the afternoons we have been Scientists, on Monday we were fluid scientists, exploring bubbles. We made so many bubbles.

Tuesday we were ornithologists as we took part in the RSPB's Big Bird watch and talked about birds.

Wednesday we heard a story about a robot - who had a magnetic problem. We explored magnets and used them to solve problems. We have also spent time this week exploring floating and sinking and finding out who sank the boat.

We have finished our week off getting excited about Valentines day and pancake day - which we are all looking forward to.



Year 1 and 2

We have had a wonderful last week of term, completing lots of exciting activities for Science Week. Firstly, we explored the school grounds, looking for birds as part of our RSPB Birdwatch. Woodpigeons and magpies were certainly the most spotted! Af-

ter that, we tried to make nests using pegs as beaks and now have a new found respect for clever birds! Our next experiment then explored if food tastes better if it looks nicer. We made our predictions into bar graphs and then tasted three different types of carrots. Ask us about the results! Finally, we investigated ecosystems in the school grounds, thinking about what insects, animals, birds and plants rely on each other to survive. We took our magnifying glasses to forest school and around the fields to look at microhabitats and had lots of fun! After half term, we will continue with our writing about Bo the Brave and exploring landmarks of the UK in geography. We hope you have a brilliant half term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 23rd Febru-



Year 3 and 4

We have had a super science week in Year 3 and 4.

Children have completed three science investigations. They have built and raced rockets, explored what covering protects hearing and created birds nests with beaks!

In English we have started our new book 'The Tin Forest' and we have explored the themes of hope, resilience and looking after the environment through the story. Maths has been great, we have really understood column addition and we have seen some wonderful presentation in books.

Thanks for your continued support, have a lovely half term.



Year 5 and 6

Our last week of term 3 has been another good week. The time is flying by!

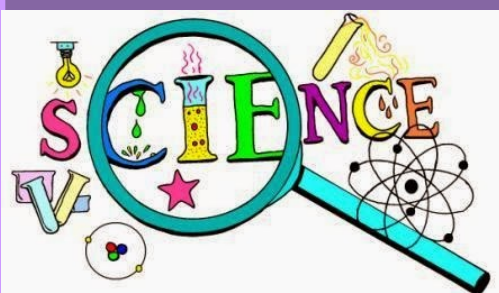
In English, we have been editing and improving our writing and publishing our reports based on Greek mythology. They include: appearance, diet, habitat and special features. The children have come up with interesting ideas and excellent descriptions of their mythical creatures.

In Maths, this week we have continued our focus on fractions and the children have shown super resilience and positivity with multiplying and dividing fractions not only as equations but also as word problems. We are also continuing to focus on the 'Diving Deeper' challenges within lessons where the children have the opportunity to deepen their learning.

Eagles class have had their final swimming lesson all about water safety and they all did really well. The children have tried really hard each week and the groups have made good progress. Well done.

Peacocks class have had another impressive Guitar lesson this week. They have learnt another new note, 'F' and they were shown an alternative notation called Kodaly. They are continuing to show super concentration incorporating rests, crotchets, minims and semibreves into their performance and some children performed a solo in class. Well done and keep practising.

There have been excellent debates in Peacocks this week with our History lessons based on the rivalry between Athens and Sparta. The children have worked in groups and taken on different roles of debating such as the Instigator, the Prober, the Challenger, Builder, Clarifier and Summariser.



All the children have been taking part in Science week with a focus on teamwork and investigating how scientists know how old sharks are. From this, we have created scatter graphs based on Age in months and Height in cm.

Another example of some incredible pieces of homework completed by Thomas. Thomas and his family work together on their weekends to create this work of art linked to his current topic, he shared that they used cardboard, plasticine and vibrant paint to create the finished masterpiece. Thank you for sharing Thomas.



Dates For The Diary

Monday 23rd February — Start of Term 4

Friday 27th March — End of term 4 — 1:30pm finish

Thursday 5th March — World Book Day

Wednesday 18th March — Mingle in the Mess 8:30-9:30am

Friday 27th March — GSA Easter Bingo

Wednesday 22nd April — Friday 24th April — Year 4 Hill End Trip



BREAK THE RULES DAY!!

Message From The GSA

A huge thank you to everyone for the incredibly generous contributions towards Break the Rules Day! It's always such a popular and exciting day for the children – they absolutely love taking part and it brings so much fun to the school.

Thanks to your kindness and support, we have raised a whopping total of just over **£500** for the school! This is an amazing achievement and will make a real difference for our pupils.

We are so grateful for the continued support from our wonderful school community. Thank you for helping make events like this such a success!

World Book Day

World Book Day is happening on Thursday 5th March this year.

This year, children can choose to either come in comfy clothes to snuggle up with a book OR fancy dressed based on their favourite book character. As this is up to the children, this won't be the competition element this year.

For the competition, children will need to create a diorama - a box representing a scene from their favourite story.

The boxes will be shared in classrooms after school and there will be a second hand book sale also taking place after school - with any money raised going to the GSA.

Thank you, we are looking forward to celebrating this fantastic event in school.

Mrs Morgan



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THE COMPASS FAMILY CLUB

An opportunity for families to get together on a regular basis in a relaxed SEND environment.

Soft play and sensory room available, plus Lego, boardgames and craft activities



Next session - 27th Feb 26



Time - 1700-1900



Where - community support building
(next to the gym)

Pop in and join the fun!

Stay for as long or short as you want.

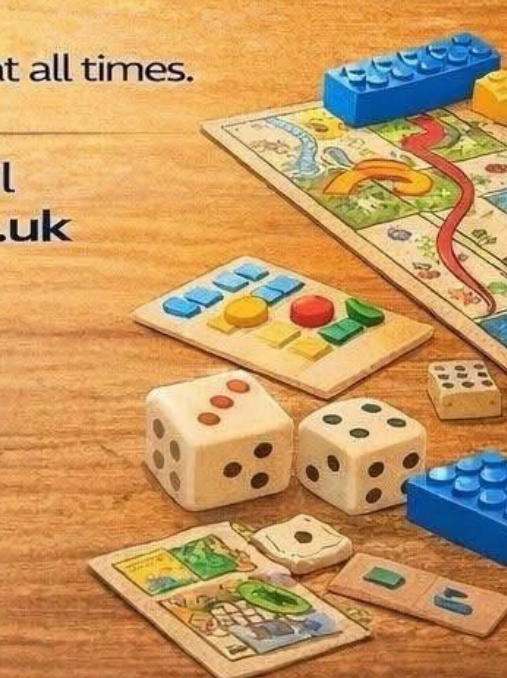
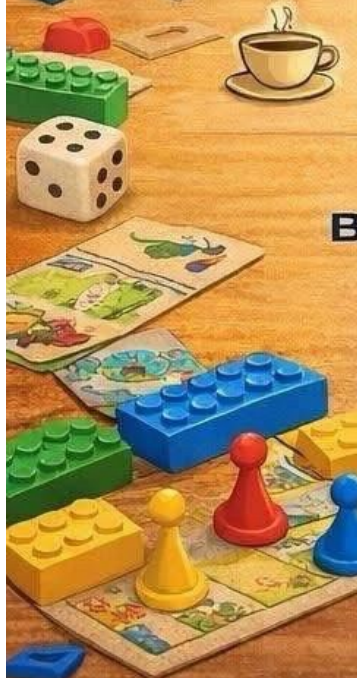
Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits will be provided.

But feel free to bring a picnic.

All ages welcome.

Parents must supervise children at all times.

Any questions please email
BZN-COMPASS@mod.gov.uk



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A friendly space for parents to connect,
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Every Wednesday | 11:00am – 1:00pm



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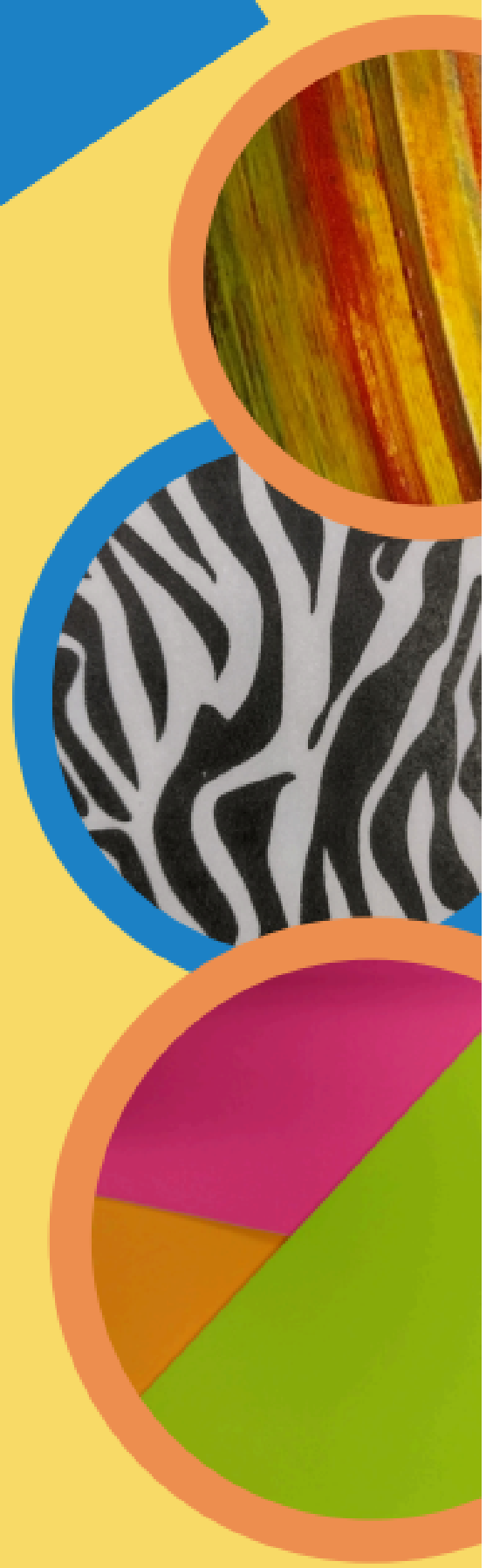
February Half Term Activities



Colourful Silhouettes
Tuesday 17 February
10-30am-12.30pm & 2-4pm

Camouflage Creatures
Wednesday 18 February
10-30am-12.30pm & 2-4pm

Collage & Create
Thursday 19 February
10.30am-12.30pm & 2-4pm



Oxfordshire
Museum
Service

THE **Oxfordshire**
Museum in Woodstock

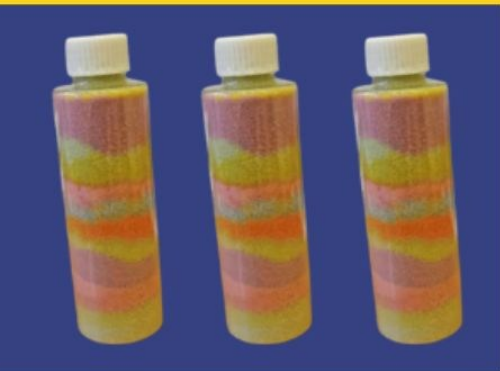


February Half Term

14 - 22 February 2026

This February half term, dive into hands-on fun with Sand Art, Dragon Puppets for Chinese New Year, Superhero Capes and Masks, plus dazzling Rainbow Science. Make a day of it and explore the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, discover the I Grew Up 90's exhibition, family trail and sensory room for a week packed with imagination and discovery.

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





THE | OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Singing School was established in 2013 to provide children with the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

This Easter, we will be learning some beautiful seasonal music and, as always on our courses, we will be giving sessions on vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see www.oxbridgesingingschool.com or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

30 & 31 March 2026

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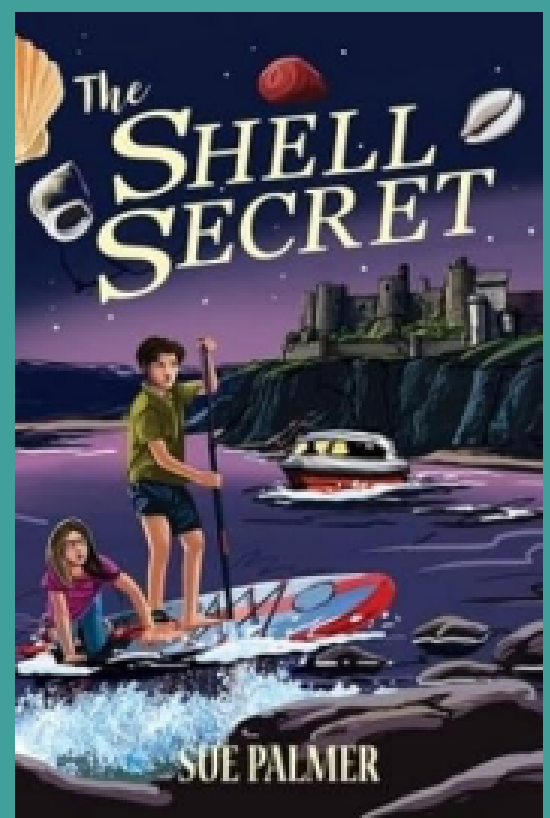
SECRETS OF THE SHORE – ROCKING ROCKPOOLS
THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY | 10:30AM TO 12PM

Join Sue Palmer as she talks about her coastal adventure story! Learn about her research for *The Shell Secret*, talk about strange-looking rockpool inhabitants, and view her collection of special shells.

Take part in her coastline quiz, or try your hand at making a beach creature at her craft table.

Suitable for ages 7-12

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



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21ST FEBRUARY | 10AM TO 12PM

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- 
-  handle dinosaur teeth, claws & bones
 -  bring along your own fossils for experts to identify
 -  make your own dino-mask
 -  lucky dip

No need to book, just drop in
Suitable for ages 5+

