

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 12th June**

Current Topic: **'We Are International'** Current Value: **Communication**



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

- EYFS— Chicks 96%
- KS1— Penguins 96%
- LKS2— Doves 95%
- UPKS2— Toucans 94%

End of Week House points totals:

- Spitfire — 208
- Lancaster — 230
- Hurricane — 239
- Wellington — 254

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:

- Ollie (Penguins) Eva (Parrots)
- Joshua (Parrots) Sienna (Penguins)
- Philomena (Parrots) Zac (Eagles)

**Stars of the Week**



## An update from Mrs Anstee

As we approach the end of another successful school year, we are also beginning to look ahead with excitement to September.



As part of our preparations for the new academic year, staff are carefully considering the best placement of classes to ensure that every child is well supported, challenged appropriately, and able to thrive both academically and socially. This process takes considerable thought and consideration, and we appreciate your trust as we make decisions that we believe are in the best interests of all children.

Class information will be shared alongside end-of-year reports on **Friday 10th July**. To help children feel confident and excited about the year ahead, we will be holding a transition afternoon and morning in the following week, providing opportunities for pupils to spend time with their new teacher and classmates, become familiar with their new classroom environment, and ask any questions they may have.

We would also like to let families know that children currently in **Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5** will remain with their current class teacher for the next academic year.

Transition is an important part of school life, and these opportunities help ensure that all children feel positive and prepared for the next stage of their learning journey. We look forward to sharing more information soon and to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year ahead.

## An update from Mrs Gardner

This week in assembly, we shared the wonderful story *Do You Ever Feel Like That?*, which helped us think about the wide range of emotions that we all experience every day. The book reminded us that everyone has different feelings at different times and that all emotions are valid and important.



Together, we discussed how feelings can sometimes be big, confusing or difficult to manage, but that recognising and talking about our emotions is an important first step.

We also revisited the **Zones of Regulation**, which are displayed in every classroom across the school. The Zones help children identify how they are feeling and provide strategies to help them regulate their emotions and be ready to learn. We talked about how people move between the different zones throughout the day and that there is no "bad" zone – the important thing is recognising how we feel and knowing what we can do to help ourselves.

As always, the children were reminded that they are never alone with their feelings. If they need support, advice or simply someone to talk to, **Kelly is always on hand to help**. Kelly works closely with children across the school, providing a listening ear and helping them develop strategies to understand and manage their emotions.

## An update from Mrs Summers

There is a great collaborative event on the rec this Saturday. RAF Brize Norton/Carterton Play & Activity Day organised by Oxfordshire Play Association, Brize Norton and Armed Forces Playdays. It is free to enter and the activities are free, so I hope for nice weather and a good turn out, we are so lucky to have these events organised for our whole community.



If you haven't done so already, could I please be notified of any postings coming up for the end of this academic year so I can be prepared to support any transitions. We have withdrawal forms or alternatively please send me a message and I will help support you with this.

**RAF Brize Norton / Carterton Play & Activity Day**  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 11am – 3pm  
Alvescot Road Recreation Ground  
Carterton, Oxon, OX18 3BS

**FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES**

Art Avalanche / Go Kart Party / Body Zorbing / Smoothie Bike /  
DIY Face Painting / Ride on Time / Groovy Su / Bright Sparks Science /  
Community Albums / OU Chemistry Outreach Team / Home Start /  
WODC Active Communities / St John's Church plus more!!

Bringing Armed Forces Families and Local Communities Together

This is an open access event & NO children is provided! The event will be photographed & filmed.  
There is NO parking on site / Food & Refreshments will need to be purchased or please do not be  
bring a picnic.

For further information please contact - 07436 270287 / martin.allitt@oxfordplay.org.uk

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Cotswold District Council  
ROYAL AIR FORCE People & Families Support

## EYFS

Our International travels have taken us to Mexico this week. We have been learning about where Mexico is and have answered the register this week in Spanish. Our role play area is a Mexican restaurant and we have been busy creating delicious food like tacos and nachos. We even got to taste some spicy rice, Mexican cheese and tortillas with dips on Thursday afternoon. We worked really hard to make our own face masks with clay and decorated them with lots of patterns. We enjoyed listening and dancing to some Mariachi music and some songs from the film Coco. In number this week we helped our number puppets Digit and Stripey to recognise more that and fewer than and order the number track. We have been out practising the activities and races for Sports Day with our KS1 friends and hope it isn't raining next week!

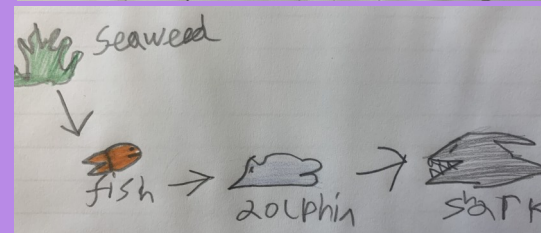
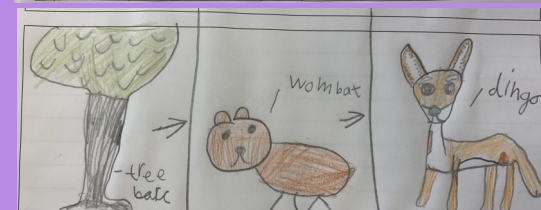
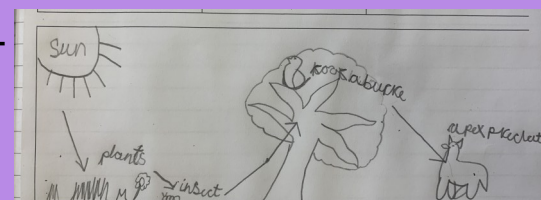


## Year 1 and 2

This week, we have continued our Australian adventure by comparing Oxford with Brisbane and exploring food chains in Australia. We discovered that the dingo is an apex predator, which sparked lots of interesting discussions. In English, we have been learning about homophones and had great fun sorting out the differences between to, two and too. Our guided reading book, If I Was Prime Minister, has also inspired some thoughtful conversations and imaginative ideas. In maths, the Year 1 children have been making different

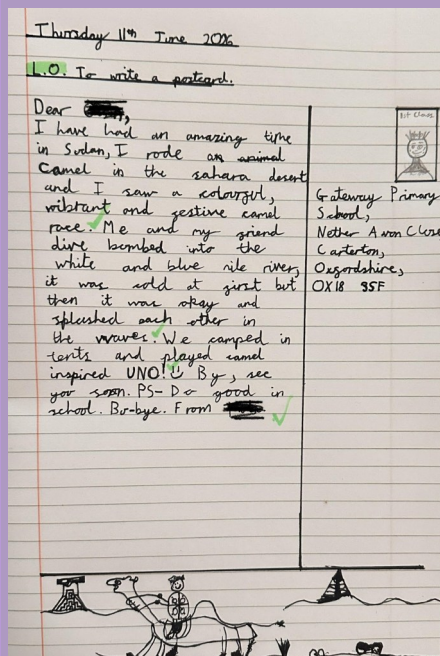
amounts using coins, while the Year 2 children have been using multiplication to help them solve division problems. Mrs Barnes has been working incredibly hard this week supporting some of our children through their phonics screening checks. They all approached the challenge with a fantastic attitude and did extremely well. We are very proud of each and every one of them.

Next week, we will all be keeping our fingers crossed for good weather on Wednesday so that we can enjoy sharing our Sports Day with you. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



## Year 3 and 4

This week we continued our 'We are International' topic, learning all about Africa. At the start of the week we 'set off' to travel around East Africa on LKS2 airways as part of our writing learning. We learnt how to speak Creole (Seychelles), listened to a lullaby (Somalia) and smelt spices (Tanzania) to introduce us to our new book 'Africa, Amazing Africa'. We then wrote a summary about one of the countries, before writing a postcard from Sudan using our learning to include facts about the country. Year 4 continued their fantastic swimming lessons, working hard and making improvements, we are very proud of their resilience and commitment.



In maths, we continued to explore shape, learning that the perimeter is the distance around a two dimensional shape, and used string and later rulers, to measure the perimeter of various objects. In Geography we continued to explore the continent of Africa, looking at the natural resources produced there and how they are used all over the world. In art, we made stamps to create African-inspired repeated patterns, including leopard print, elephant outlines, leaves and paw prints! Moving onto dance, we continued learning the dance to 'Jerusalem', practising improvising some movements to the music and focusing on feeling the beat. Finally, in music we continued our African drumming, learning the 'bass tone' which is an open hand beat that we hit in the centre of the djembe.

## Year 5 and 6

We have had another good week in UKS2 and myself, Mrs Craig and Mrs Coumbe have been very impressed. The UKS2 pupils engaged thoughtfully in the puberty talks and demonstrated a mature and respectful attitude throughout. They listened carefully and asked sensible and appropriate questions based on the topics discussed. The children made valuable contributions to class discussions, sharing their thoughts and ideas confidently while respecting the views of others. Their positive engagement helped create a supportive learning environment for everyone.

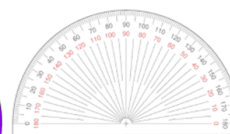
In English, we have been looking at Active and Passive voice and this has helped us to write up our Blood experiment. In our writing, we have been looking at good examples of how to set out the written experiment which include the introduction, equipment, method and diagrams.

In Maths, we have been solving problems based on Pie Charts and using data to create our own. This has also linked our learning with angles, fractions and percentages. We have had fun using the protractors to measure the degrees accurately.

Toucans have had another guitar lesson and they have all been making steady progress. They have been learning about the value of rests when reading music and they have been playing the notes and different rhythmic patterns with increasing confidence.

The children have been practising the activities for Sports Day and are showing super enthusiasm to make progress with their skills. Year 6 have been practising their lines and the rehearsals are developing well. We have also started rehearsing the songs for the production.

Pie chart showing creatures found during pond dipping



Legend for the pie chart:

- Dragonfly nymphs (Green)
- Tadpoles (Purple)
- Water beetles (Red)
- Water boatmen (Blue)
- Water snails (Yellow)

## Dates For The Diary

**Wednesday 17th June** — Sports Day — KS2 AM — EYFS KS1 PM — Please can all children come in PE kit for the day and wear a coloured t shirt that represents there house colour

**Friday 19th June** — Colour Run and Rainbow Raffle from 3:30pm

**Monday 6th July** — Year 6 Production — Afternoon Times TBC

**Tuesday 7th July** — Year 6 Production — Evening Times TBC

**Tuesday 14th July** — Transition Day Into New Classes — PM

**Wednesday 15th July** — Mingle In The Mess 8:35-9:30am

**Wednesday 15th July** — Transition Day Into New Classes — AM

**Thursday 16th July** — Leavers Assembly 2:30pm

**Friday 17th July** — iRock Concert — Parents Of iRockers to Watch

**Friday 17th July** — End of Term — Finish 1:30pm



# ICE LOLLY FRIDAY

IS BACK!



FROM NEXT FRIDAY  
(12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE)



AFTER SCHOOL  
ON THE PLAYGROUND

50p

50p



RUN BY THE **GSA**

ALL PROCEEDS GO  
BACK TO THE SCHOOL

Thank you for your support! 😊

# GSA Colour Run and Rainbow Raffle 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Colour Run logo competition and Colour Run booking opens** (collect logo form from classroom or download from Dojo, colour run booking to be made through on ParentHub)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Non School Uniform Day** - bring in an item in the colour of your year group and we will make coloured hampers for the raffle.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Colour run logo competition ends** (all entries need to be handed into office before end of school)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Colour Run and Rainbow raffle from 15.30**

Please bring a donation in the colour of your year group to add to a colourful family hamper, which will be available to win during our summer raffle on 19th June.

Your donation could be snacks, sweets, chocolates, drinks, toys, stationery, toileteries, games etc

## GSA RAINBOW RAFFLE

*Non Uniform Day 22nd May*

EYFS - Red Yr1 - Green

Yr2 - Orange Yr 3 - Blue

Yr 4 - Yellow Yr 5 - Pink/Purple

Yr 6 - Black/White

The Friends of the Oxfordshire Museum

# Children's Creative Writing Competition 2026

Find the magic in an object from our collection and let your imagination fly as you write your own story.

Submit your entry by 26 June 2026

Calling all 7-11 year olds - we're looking for exciting stories!



For an application form please email:  
[oxfordshire.museum@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:oxfordshire.museum@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

# CAMHS

AND

# SPORT IN MIND

WELLBEING ACTIVITY DAY



TUESDAY  
4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026



AGES 9-14



BLACKBIRD LEYS  
LEISURE CENTRE

Come along and try a variety of fun sports activities, meet new people, build confidence, and have a great day in a supportive and welcoming environment.



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Sport  
In Mind

WWY  
Supportive Steps  
CAMHS  
Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health Service

BE ACTIVE. BE YOU. BELONG.



**FREE  
EVENT!**

# Noticing Nature

**Wednesday 17th June 4 – 6pm**

**The Dell, Carterton**

**Come and join us for a  
Noticing Nature event at  
The Dell and see what  
wildlife it has to offer.**

**The Dell is home to a rare  
and protected habitat and  
it supports a wide variety  
of unusual flowering plants  
and butterflies.**

**Book your free spot here (under 15s  
will need a parent/guardian to attend)**



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TOWN COUNCIL**



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DISTRICT COUNCIL**



# Premier Soccer Centres



4 Howden Green  
Steventon  
OXON, OX13 6FY  
Mobile: 07795 342509

E-Mail: [mark@premiersoccercentres.co.uk](mailto:mark@premiersoccercentres.co.uk)



## Summer Holiday Football Courses

- Professional Coaching Courses
- 10 am - 2.30 pm each day
- All abilities welcome
- Children to bring their football/sports kit, clothing to suit weather conditions, a packed lunch, and a drink
- Open to boys & girls aged 5 - 13
- Structured skills and technique sessions
- Fun games, competitions, and small sided matches

**\*Application forms must be emailed or sent back, and payment made before we can confirm!**

E-mail - [mark@premiersoccercentres.co.uk](mailto:mark@premiersoccercentres.co.uk)

**\* Sessions will always be outside unless conditions are unsafe so, please dress appropriately.**

**\* Great value - Only £65 for 4 days or £17 daily rate**

**BACS: Nat West Bank. A/C No: 53505697. Sort Code: 60 - 21 - 21**

**(Please use course reference plus your child/children's surname)**

DATE		VENUE	COST	TICK BOX	
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	St John the Evangelist School, Carterton – <b>Code Car</b>	<b>£65</b>	
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> July	John Mason School, Abingdon – <b>Code JM</b>	<b>£65</b>	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> August	-	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> August	John Mason School, Abingdon – <b>Code JM</b>	<b>£65</b>	
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> August	-	Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> August	John Mason School, Abingdon – <b>Code JM</b>	<b>£65</b>	

NAME OF CHILD ..... AGE: .....

ADDRESS .....

HOME TEL: .....

EMERGENCY TEL: .....

E-MAIL ADDRESS .....

MEDICAL CONDITIONS .....

SIGNED .....

(Parent/Guardian)

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