



Dear Parents,

Our Spring term has flown by and, despite seasonal bugs and plenty of rain, the children have enjoyed a wide range of engaging topics and memorable experiences. Highlights have included mystery readers in FSU, bean growing in Years 1 and 2, an Egyptian Day in Years 3 and 4, and a Stone Age Day in Years 5 and 6. Food has been a common theme across the school, from hot cross buns to cress sandwiches, flatbreads and even Greek feasts, as well as taking part in the annual "Eat Them to Defeat Them" day.

This week, our collective worship has focused on Easter. The children explored the meaning behind key symbols, including the origins of Easter eggs and hot cross buns. Our Eco Council also led class assemblies to mark World Water Day, encouraging everyone to think about ways we can conserve water. They shared thoughtful poems and creative artwork to celebrate the importance of this vital resource.

Later today, our Easter Service this year will centre around the Stations of the Cross. We will journey through the village, visiting each station along the way, before gathering at St Mary's Church to reflect on the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We are delighted that Rev Lisa will be joining us for this special occasion.

After the break, children in Year 1 and 2, along with FSU, will continue their Forest School sessions. Meanwhile, pupils in Years 3–6 will begin preparations for May Day.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful Easter break.

Nadia Gosling

OPAL update



We have had some fantastic donations to our OPAL resources and the children have let their imagination run wild exploring them!

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ECO COUNCIL

The Eco council are very excited to be organising a special celebration for David Attenborough's 100th birthday! More information to follow...



Diary dates

- **27th March—Easter Service St Mary's Church 2pm**
- **30th March-10th April—Easter Holidays**
- **13th April—Back to School**
- **16th April—FSU Manor Farm Visit**
- **16th April-ongoing—Top-up Swimming Lessons (for children Yrs3-6 invitation only)**
- **21st April—PTA Little Recyclers**
- **20th and 22nd April—Mini-marathon in school**
- **25th April—London Mini-Marathon**
- **1st May—May Day**
- **7th May—Ian Taylor FSU Candid Portraits**
- **18th-29th May—PTA 2026 Challenge**
- **18th May—Whole School Samba Workshop with presentation to parents**
- **22nd May—PTA Non-uniform Day**
- **25th-29th May—Half Term**
- **1st June—INSET Day**
- **2nd-3rd June—Yr5/6 Bikeability Course**
- **13th June—PTA Summer Fete**
- **16th June—Internet Safety Workshops Rec-Y6**
- **30th June—Yr5/6 to Gosford Hill Matilda The Musical Performance**



Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 1&2 with:

98% attendance

Whole school attendance

91%

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:40. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.40am

8:30am—8:40am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.40am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app. You do not need to book for Drop & Play.

All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday Friday** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required. Bookings made after 12pm on Friday will incur a £2 late booking fee per session booked.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

PTA

If you're having a Spring clean over the Easter holidays, please remember we have a Little Recyclers collection on 21st April. Please see the attached poster for more information.

Bags can be dropped off at the Percy Collett room, at drop off and pick up on Monday 20th and the morning of Tuesday 21st April.

Have a lovely Easter!



FSU

Our week has been full of exciting Easter activities! We have been learning all about the Easter story, including making our own bread while talking about The Last Supper. We also enjoyed tasting hot cross buns and exploring the different symbols of Easter. To finish the week, we had a fun Easter egg hunt and created our own Easter cards. We would also like to thank Simon Hutchinson for coming in to play the cello for the class, they loved it! Have a wonderful Easter break!



Year 1 & 2

This week we have been busy finishing off various projects and pieces of work ready for brand new topics next term. We completed our 'Moving Minibeasts' projects in DT, where children learnt how to create different mechanisms out of paper and split pins. We also finished our 'Plants' topic in Science - the children have proudly brought home their germinating beans ready to be planted outside. Together we also made egg and cress sandwiches - some children were surprised that we can eat plants like cress, and most thought it was delicious! Finally, we have been working very hard in English finishing off, editing and publishing our letters based on 'The Day The Crayons Quit'.



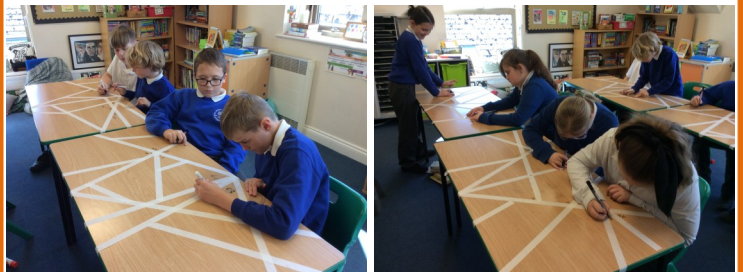
Year 3 & 4

We have been making links in our Friday learning by studying flowers; how they reproduce, create new plants, and support the growth of seeds and fruit. Alongside this, we explored sculpture and drawing inspired by landscapes and the artist Barbara Hepworth. Barbara Hepworth often used circular holes in her sculptures to frame views of the landscape. Inspired by this, we created our own card sculptures, and photographed the landscape through a hole. We used these images as the basis for new pastel drawings. In science, we learned about the importance of pollination and fertilisation in producing fruit and seeds. We explored how pollinators collect and transfer pollen between flowers, helping new plants to grow. We have also planted a variety of flower and vegetable seeds—fingers crossed they germinate! During the Easter break, you might like to visit the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, which has a fantastic new exhibition featuring flowers. (Children under 12 go free.)



Year 5 & 6

We have been busy learning about angles in maths for the past two weeks. This has included exploring how vertically opposite angles are equal and using knowledge of full turns, straight lines and angles in a triangle to calculate missing angles. We even listened to the darts to remember the special number '180' when looking at triangles. A great half term of work from everyone- looking forward to a very special last term of school!



Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Gosling or Mrs Clarke should you have any safeguarding concerns.

Forest School

