



Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of the Spring term which has been a busy time for all the classes. In our collective worship this week we have learnt about different Easter traditions from around the world and marked World Autism Awareness Day by learning about some famous neurodivergent people, discussing the importance of appreciating differences and diversity.

Today we are saying goodbye to our cook, Sarah. She has been at the school for 7 years now and will be missed by everyone. We wish her well in her new school.

We will be ending the term with our Easter Service at St Mary's Church which will be led by the ethos team at 1:30pm. We hope many of you are able to join us.

After the Easter break, there will be some changes to the support staff across the classes. We understand and appreciate the vital role that teaching assistants play in supporting students learning, providing individualized attention, and assisting teachers in creating an inclusive classroom environment. This decision was not made lightly, and we have carefully reviewed all available options to minimize the impact on student learning. Please do contact me if you have any questions.

Forest school sessions will now be on Thursdays for FSU and Years 3&4.

PE days will be as follows:

Monday – Y1&2

Tuesday – Y1&2, Y3&4 and Y5&6

Year 5&6 will have daily sessions focusing on May Day preparations for the first few weeks too, and will then move to Thursday or Friday afternoon PE sessions.

May Day celebrations will soon be upon us! You should have received a separate letter detailing what children in each class will need to prepare for the day.

When we return to school after Easter, we will be taking part in some interactive reflections around the theme of resilience. These are organised by the BeSpace charity. If you are able to help with leading one of the reflections on Wednesday or Thursday and would like to know more about it please email the school office.

Wishing you all a warm and sunny Easter break,

Nadia Gosling

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is
Year 3&4 with:

100% attendance!

**Whole school attendance
97%**

Also, Well done to everyone for
getting into school at 08:45. It
makes such a difference!

Diary dates

- **22nd April Back to School**
- **25th April—PTA Easter Café
3.15pm**
- **25th April—Yr5/6 Girls
Football Home Game**
- **28th April—Yr5/6 Girls
Football Home Game**
- **1st May—May Day Celebration
Morning**
- **1st May—Yr5/6 Youlbury Trip
Final Instalment Due**
- **16th May—Ian Taylor
Photography Class Photos**
- **22nd May—Ian Taylor
Photography FSU Portraits**
- **22nd May—Rags2Riches
Collection**

For future dates:

<https://charlton-on-otmoor.sch.life/Page/Calendar>



Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.45am
8:30am—8:45am
Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am
CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm
or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to
attend Breakfast Club, Drop &
Play or CAST, please book a
place using the Arbor app.
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 mi-
nute
bookings due to the adult ratio's
required. **Bookings made af-
ter 12pm on Friday will incur
a £2 late booking fee per
session booked.**

PTA

We will be hosting an Easter Café on
Friday 25th April, when we return after
the Easter holidays. We look forward to
seeing you there!

Thank you for your support this term—
We hope you have a lovely Easter break.



FSU

This week we have finished our term learning about why Christians celebrate Easter.

Our optician role play has been very popular!

We also finished our music topic where we have been learning about different instruments by watching a lovely version of Peter and the Wolf. The children were so engaged and entertained by it!

Next term our topic will have a people who help us theme called 'Our Superheroes'. We will have Forest School on Thursday mornings.

Happy Easter to all our FSU children and their families.



Year 1 & 2

This week we have been using Chromebooks to create our own music. We thought of an animal and composed a piece of music on Chrome Music Lab. We then asked our partner to guess our animal, we had lots of fun!

We also looked at food chains in Science and have been working really hard on our fraction knowledge in Maths.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break!



Year 3 & 4

Year 3 and 4 are ending a busy term on a high by completing their DT project 'Moving Monsters'. They have chosen a part of their monsters' bodies to be powered by a pneumatic system (either using a balloon, a straw to blow in, or two syringes attached with tubing.) The children have loved designing and building their projects and are looking forward to taking their monsters home!



Year 5 & 6

We have had a busy week completing some of our termly projects. We finally finished the amazing Titanic writing projects! There have been some incredible pieces written and we are all incredibly proud of them!

We also got messy creating our paper mache Maya masks! Well done for such an amazing term Year 5/6 - we have had so much fun and you have worked so hard!



Safeguarding

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

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