



Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of Week 2 and we have settled back into the school's rhythms and routines.

This week we have welcomed Miss Lyford, a student teacher from Brookes, who will be in FSU until March, and we have started our swimming lessons for Years 3 to 6.

We have also had delivery of 15 new Chromebooks with a smart new trolley thanks to the hard work of the PTA and your generous support! These will be a fantastic addition to our current set and we will now be able to have all children working on their own device during a lesson, enhancing our learning in many areas not just computing lessons.

In our collective worship, we have continued our reflection on the value of kindness. We listened to a kindness song and thought about the word influence. We discussed how our actions can both show kindness and teach others how to be kind. Being a positive influence to all those around us, through our kindness, can have a long lasting effect!

On Thursday we looked at the acronym WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?). A great inspiration to Christians and reminder about showing kindness to others. I also shared the acronym HWLF which stands for 'He Would Love First'. After a few clues to help the children guess what each letter stood for, the children had some great guesses for the F all fitting beautifully with the value — friends, family, forever.

We have made a few updates to the diary dates for the next term with lots of exciting events taking place in and out of school, including parents evenings and a parent open afternoon.

Wishing all a lovely weekend,

Nadia Gosling

Headteacher Award



**Eliza, Matilda, Minnie,
Mabel**

Well Done!



Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 1&2 & Year 3&4 with:

100% attendance

Whole school attendance

96%

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

Our Stars of the Week

Phoenix

Emi

Alice +

Minnie

Walter +

Evie

Sophia

Oliver H

Estelle

Isla

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 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.

ECO COUNCIL

Thankyou to everyone who supported the WWF fundraiser to adopt an endangered animal. The Name the Turtle winner is **William Chatterley**, who chose the name Strawberry. Next week everyone who entered will be given the opportunity to vote for our next endangered animal to adopt. We will let you know the animal in the next newsletter, thanks again for helping our school show support and care for the endangered animals in our natural world.



Diary dates

- 23rd Jan to 13th Feb—Yrs 3-6 Swimming
- 22nd January—Rags2Riches collection
- 23rd January—FSU sport session (Afternoon)
- 24th January—Yrs 3-6 Schools Concert at the Sheldonia
- n Theatre
- 24th January—PTA gift amnesty & 3pm Café
- 5th February— skipping workshop
- 5th Feb—Parent Open afternoon 1-3
- 11th Feb Y1-6 Parents evenings 3:30 -5:30
- 12th Feb Rec -Y6 parents evenings 4-6:30

PTA

We have a Rags2Riches collection next week. Please leave named bags outside the Percy Collett room on Sunday 19th, Monday 20th or the morning of Tuesday 21st.

If you have any duplicate or unwanted gifts, please drop them off at the school office for our Gift Amnesty. These will be greatly received!

Next Friday 24th we will be hosting a PTA Café after school. There will activities at the tables for the children whilst parents enjoy tea, cake and a natter!

FSU

In FSU this week we have been celebrating Chinese New Year. We listened to the story of how the animals had a swimming race to see which ones would be chosen to name each year of the Chinese Calendar and that 2025 is the Year Of The Snake.

In maths, Reception children took part in activities to show that each number is one more than the number before as part a sequential order. They built 'staircases' to represent this and then played a 'Who's hiding?' game to see if their partner noticed which was missing from the sequence.



Year 1 & 2

We have become master weather reporters this week. We thought about how various types of weather affect us and role-played with weather related items.

With Mrs Vickers, we have been printing using man-made and natural items and began our new topic on plants!



Year 3 & 4

This week we have really got our teeth into our Guided Reading text 'Bill's New Frock', which has sparked plenty of interesting discussions about gender stereotypes and how people should be treated, no matter how they look or dress.

Another highlight was during music, when we had some wonderful solo performances of 'Twinkle Twinkle' on the glockenspiel!

We also enjoyed a wonderfully sunny Forest School session and our first swimming session.



Year 5 & 6

In science we have been finding out about the solar system! We used toilet paper to create a scale model to show how far the planets are from the sun. Each sheet of paper represented 20 million km- it took a lot of maths! We found that Earth is relatively close to the sun compared with Neptune! Our models took up the whole playground!



Safeguarding

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