

Dear Parents,

We have marked the school's 160th year with a fantastic 'Living Our Vision' week! The children have enjoyed a range of cross-curricular activities centred around our vision, 'Aspire and Grow Together', giving them many opportunities to think about our school, reflect on our vision, and consider their own aspirations.

We were very fortunate to have Rev Cortney leading prayer space activities for all classes, supported by a small army of fabulous volunteers. These sessions focused on Aspirations, Fellowship, Growth, and Resilience. The children really enjoyed these moments of reflection, which gave them time to pause and think about these themes from their own perspective.

We ended the week with our Careers Day. It has been wonderful to see the wide range of career aspirations among both the children and staff, with some sharing multiple ambitions because they have so many exciting possibilities in mind! We also hosted our first Careers Fair, which was a tremendous success. The children learned about a wide variety of careers, ranging from roles in the Army and Navy to those of biologists, insurance brokers, engineers, and martial arts instructors. They thoroughly enjoyed the morning, exploring these different professions, trying out specialist equipment, investigating microscopes, and even practising some karate.

We were incredibly fortunate to have so many parents and members of the wider community volunteer their time and expertise to inspire our children. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the event such a memorable experience.

Next week, you will receive the class newsletters outlining what each class will be covering this term across all subjects. It is going to be a busy last term of the year for everyone!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Nadia Gosling



Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is 5&6 with:

99% attendance

**Whole school attendance
92%**

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

Diary dates

- **11th June—Reception + Yr1/2 Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip**
- **Youlbury Parent's Meeting 3pm**
- **13th June—PTA Summer Fete**
- **16th June—Internet Safety Workshops Rec-Y6**
- **18th June—Yr5/6 Dynamo Cricket Event (more info to follow)**
- **24th June—FSU + Yr1/2 in school Drama Workshop**
- **26th June—Sports Day + Family Picnic (more info to follow)**
- **30th June—Yr5/6 to Gosford Hill Matilda The Musical Performance**
- **2nd + 3rd July—Whitelands School Transition Days**
- **3rd July—Yr3/4 Schools Concert Sheldonian Theatre**
- **6th + 7th July—Cooper School Transition Days**
- **7th July—The Bicester School Transition Day**
- **8th-10th July—Yr5/6 Residential to Youlbury**



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.

PTA

Well done to all those who have completed their 2026 Challenge! There is still time to take part, if you haven't already. If you require another sponsor form, please ask at the school office. Please return all forms and money to the office on Monday 8th June.

We also have more raffle tickets for the Summer Fete available in the school office—£1 per ticket or £5 per book. There are some great prizes up for grabs!

We would appreciate any cake donations, shop bought or homemade (**nut free**) for refreshments at the Summer Fete next week. Please drop donations off at the school office from Wednesday.



FSU

We have had a fantastic first week back, focusing on our school Vision Week. The children enjoyed a thoughtful and engaging afternoon in the Prayer Spaces, where they were encouraged to reflect on their resilience, prayers and aspirations. As part of our learning, we explored the idea of the different paths and journeys we take throughout life. The children had lots of wonderful ideas and enjoyed drawing and writing about what they would like to be when they grow up.



Year 1 & 2

It has been a very busy week back at school and we have loved celebrating our Vision, Careers Day and 160th Anniversary. The prayer spaces were lovely, and there was lots of discussion about values including resilience and honesty. We have also started to practise for Sports Day in our PE lessons. Next week we will start to give some assessments a go and dive deeper into our brand new topics in Geography and Science.



Year 3 & 4

We have made the most of a shorter week - we have reflected on the school vision as part of the 160th anniversary celebrations, using two books - **The Path** and **The Seeds We Sow**. These have led to some insightful discussions about life journeys and some super English work. Year 4s spent some time in Year 5/6 and created these detailed pieces of art to celebrate Charlton-On-Otmoor.



Year 5 & 6

This week has been a busy first week back with some children completing their Bikeability course (despite getting soggy!) and the rest of us completing some great activities celebrating our vision and values. We were joined by the Year 4 children to think about communities, and worked well in groups to plan our own country! The children have also spent some time thinking about their aspirations and careers - some exciting futures ahead! Rehearsals are underway for the show, and it is already promising to be fantastic!



Safeguarding

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

Forest School

