



Dear Parents,

For the first time we have had all PE kits out at one time with children from Year 2 to Year 6 representing the school at different events. The younger children attended a multi-skills festival trying out a range of different activities, all returning to school with enthusiastic stories of what they got up to.



The older children played their last mixed league football match. We have faced many challenges in this league, starting with being the only school who entered a team with girls in it, but I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the children play together and grow as a team. They have shown great resilience and fantastic team spirit. Although we lost every match, the improvements made by all the players were noticeable and noteworthy! Well done everyone! Now our focus turns to the girls' team who next week has 3 separate football events.



In our collective worship this week, we have focused a lot on our value of forgiveness. We used the Easter story to reflect on this. We re-enacted Peter's Denial and thought about how Jesus forgave Peter and how Peter then went on to be one of the first leaders of the Christian church. We also thought about what makes an apology sincere.

Next week we end the term with our Easter Service at 1:30 at St Marys church. We will return to school after the service (at around 2.15pm) and children can be collected via the office from then, up until school closes at 3.15pm.

This week is also the end of Miss Lyford's PGCE placement in FSU. She has been a great addition to the FSU team and will be missed. We also welcomed Miss Rahimi who is on a placement in Year 5&6.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. I hope many of you enjoy the PTA BINGO this evening,

Nadia Gosling

Kindness Awards

**Phoenix, Isla, Finn, Oliver H,
Sophia, Oliver G-W**

Well Done!



Headteacher Award

Ben

Well Done!



Our Stars of the Week

Leelah

Jaxon H

Feddie +

Evie

Beatrice

Archer

Sophia

Isla

Chloe

Class Attendance Winner

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

98% attendance

Whole school attendance

96%

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

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

Thank you to those of you who supported Earth Day 2025. If you forgot to let us know there's still time, just email the office. Year 1 – 6 will be taking part in our School Grounds hanging garden project next term. We are still collecting 2l plastic bottles, so please send them in if you have any empties. Also next term, we will be taking part in Park and Stride Week for our Transport project.

Diary dates

- 31st March—Yr5/6 Girls Football Home Game
- 1st April—Yr5/6 Youlbury Trip 3rd Instalment Due
- 2nd April—Yr5/6 Girls Football Final
- 3rd April—Yr5/6 Girls Football Away Game
- 4th April—Easter Service 1.30pm St Marys Church
- 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



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

PTA

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Family Bingo this evening.

Doors open 5.30pm and eyes down at 6pm

6 games of Bingo with great prizes to be won

Half time Easter letter hunt for children

Hot Dogs, snacks, licensed bar and free squash for the kids

FSU

FSU really enjoyed the Deep Sea Drama Workshop on Wednesday morning. (See pictures.)

In class, our theme has been based around the story '**Monkey Puzzle**' by Julia Donaldson.

This week we have also said goodbye to Miss Lyford our student teacher, who has contributed so much to our class during her placement with us - we will all miss her!



Year 1 & 2

What a wonderful week we have had! We took part in a drama workshop, the Year 2's went to a multi skills activity at The Cooper school, we set our houses on fire in History and had a lovely forest school session.



Year 3 & 4

This week year 3/4 have been making fantastic progress with our plant investigation! Some children have managed to grow broad bean plants that are 35cm tall! And in the meantime we have sadly discovered the fate of those bean seeds that had no soil, no light or no water!

Those who went to the Cooper School Multi-skills Festival on Thursday all had a fantastic morning and I was impressed with the level of sporting ability on show.



Year 5 & 6

We did a great science experiment to help us understand more about microorganisms. To understand that they are living, we did an experiment with yeast. We put the yeast in water with sugar and a balloon over the top. Over time we saw that the balloon filled up with air!! This is because the yeast releases carbon dioxide. We could not believe how much it inflated!



Safeguarding

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

Forest School

