



Dear Parents,

I hope that parents evenings were informative and gave you an idea of how your child is doing in school—celebrating their achievements and discussing next steps. Please do not hesitate to contact me via the office if there was anything you wanted to discuss further following on from your meeting.

We have ended our term focused on the value of Kindness with a Kindness Workshop led by Greig Trout from '52 lives school of kindness', the charity that amongst other things works to support our Kindness Ambassadors. It was a lovely event that brought together all the work that the Kindness Ambassadors have done this term and helped the children realise what impact they can have through their own actions. It was great to see the children's creativity and wonderful understanding of kindness. A big well done to our Kindness Ambassadors for their hard work this term! Here is the link for more information and to join the kindness club <https://schoolofkindness.org/kids-club>.



Year 5&6 also had a visitor on Monday, a speaker from Understanding Humanism to talk to them about Humanism linked to their RE topic this term. The children and staff found the talk very interesting and the children asked a lot of questions too, helping them to develop their understanding further.

This week we have had our final swimming session for Year 3 to Year 6, with a water safety focus which was a lot of fun. We have seen great improvements from our first session for all the children and it has been great to have all four age groups taking part, ensuring the children start working towards the target we aim to achieve by the end of Year 6 of swimming 25m.

Next term we will be switching Forest school sessions, returning to Thursday Sessions.

PE and Forest School days next term will be as follows:

FSU –Thursday PE
Year 1&2 -Monday PE
Thursday Forest School
Year 3&4– Monday PE
Tuesday PE
Year5&6 - Tuesday PE
Thursday Forest School

Wishing you all a relaxed and warm half term break,

Nadia Gosling

Kindness Awards

Martha
Lois
Beatrice
Seb
Oliver G-W
Phoenix

Well Done!

Headteacher Award

Chloe + Emily C
Well Done!



Diary dates

- **17th-21st Feb—Half Term**
- **24th Feb—Yr6 Junior citizens trip**
- **25th Feb—Reception + Yr6 height, weight + vision screening**
- **28th Feb—Yr5/6 Girls Football**
- **3rd March—Yr5/6 Girls Football**
- **5th March—World Book Day**
- **6th March—Scooter Experience**
- **6th March—Yr5/6 Girls Football**
- **28th March—PTA Bingo night 5.30pm**

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



Class Attendance Winner

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

96% attendance

Whole school attendance
93%

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

This week we have been working on our Energy topic. We have put signs next to lights switches, reminding people to turn off unnecessary lights to save energy and reduce our electric bill. For good measure we have also put signs by taps to remind us to turn the taps off properly. Next month we will be asking households to take part in Earth Hour 2025 - details will be shared next term.

PTA

We hoped the children all enjoyed the disco last Friday.

We raised £173—Thank you!

Please see your emails for the new PTA newsletter.

Have a great half term!

FSU

For the final week of our **Colour About Us** topic, we started looking forward to the signs and colours of Spring! We read the story of Jasper's Beanstalk, did some leaf rubbing and observational drawings of some lovely spring flowers.

Reception children took part in their final 'Get Cycling' Balance bike sessions - well done to each of them for the progress they made. Have lovely half term.



Year 1 & 2

We have been finishing lots of our topics this week. This included transforming ourselves into weather reporters for geography, measuring the trunks of trees in science and writing a factual report in English. We even tried some delicious challah bread in RE.

We have had a wonderful term and I am looking forward to all that we have in store after the holidays. Have a lovely break everyone!



Year 3 & 4

This week we have been finishing off various topics and texts before half term. We finished reading Bill's New Frock in Guided Reading and the children had lots of interesting opinions about the book. Today the real highlight was completing our Pop Art projects based on the work of Andy Warhol. The children loved making these and it was fascinating to see how different each finished piece turned out to be.



Year 5 & 6

We had an amazing visit on Monday from Nigel, who is a Humanist. He gave a really interesting talk about his beliefs, using objects and pictures to explain them.

The children's behaviour was exemplary: they asked very thoughtful questions and listened brilliantly.

They made the school very proud but also really valued the experience. Well done Year 5 and 6 for a fantastic half term!!



Safeguarding

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

Kindness Workshop



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Kindness