



Dear Parents,

We've made the most of the welcome burst of sunshine this week and were delighted to finally use the field without wellies! It has been wonderful to see so many more children enjoying the green space—and there has certainly been a lot less mud on uniforms.

In our collective worship this week, we have begun focusing on the Easter story and Jesus' teaching about forgiveness. We have also started preparing for our Easter Service at the end of term which, weather permitting, will be a little different from our usual celebrations.

Next week promises to be a busy and exciting one. We have parents' evenings, an Egyptian Day for Year3&4, the Bicester Poetry Slam final, and our Red Nose Day fundraising event.

For Red Nose Day this year, 20th March, we will be selling red smoothies to raise money for Comic Relief to support vulnerable people and communities in the UK and internationally. Our Ethos Team and Kindness Ambassadors will be selling the school-made smoothies at break time for **50p each**.

Please send your child in with the correct change on Friday so they can enjoy a tasty, fruity treat while helping us raise money for this important cause. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Regards,

Nadia Gosling

OPAL PLEA

Please do not throw away your used kitchen roll tubes. They will come to some great use for crafting. Please drop them off at the school office.

Other donations we would be grateful to receive:

Wooden crates, used small plastic flower pots,
cotton wool balls, string, wool.



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Our Stars of the Week

Lara

Ophelia

Fred

Maddison

Annabel

Emily T

Zac

Felicity

Jaiden

William H

Class Attendance Winner

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

96% attendance

Whole school attendance

89%

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

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.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

Diary dates

- Dance Club— 13th-27th March (pre-booked)
- 18th March—Yr3/4 Egyptian Day
- 18th & 19th March—Parents Evening 3.30-6pm
- 19th March—Bicester Schools Poetry Final
- 20th March—Red Nose Day Smoothie Sale
- 20th March—PTA Easter Bingo
- 30th March-10th April—Easter Holidays
- 13th April—Back to School
- 21st April—PTA Little Recyclers
- 25th April—London Mini-Marathon
- 1st May—May Day
- 18th-29th May—PTA 2026 Challenge
- 18th May—Whole School Samba workshop with presentation to parents
- 22nd May—PTA Non-uniform Day
- 13th June—PTA Summer Fete
- 16th June—Internet Safety Workshops Rec-Y6
- 30th June—Yr5/6 to Gosford Hill Matilda The Musical Performance



PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA Café and the cake sale we held last Friday. We raised an amazing **£170.50!** This money has helped towards a coach for the FSU Scooter Party trip, Yr5/6 Hill End trip, and hiring a box of Egyptian artefacts for Yr3/4 class.

The school tea towel is still available to purchase. Please ask a member of the PTA or the school office if you would like to place an order.

Next Friday is the PTA Easter Bingo. Please see the attached poster for more info. We look forward to seeing you there!



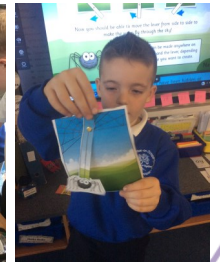
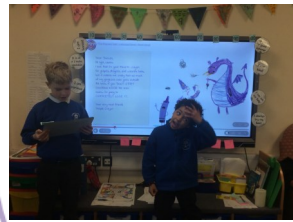
FSU

We have had a very fun week. On Tuesday, we visited David Lloyd for our scooter party. We played limbo, musical statues and musical bumps. We have also been looking at signs of spring and went for a walk around our playground.



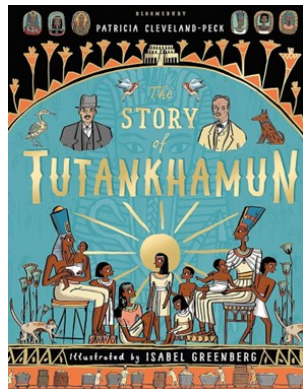
Year 1 & 2

We have been busy in Year 1/2! We have been learning about different mechanisms in DT, such as the lever, wheel and sliding mechanism, and we have been experimenting with making minibeasts move around the page! We have also been performing Drama sketches in English, acting out how each of the crayons is feeling in 'The Day The Crayons Quit' and seeing if our audience can guess which crayon we are. And finally, in Science our classroom was transformed into a Garden Centre! The children created displays, wrote shopping lists, worked out prices and change, and even planted some beans in plastic bags.



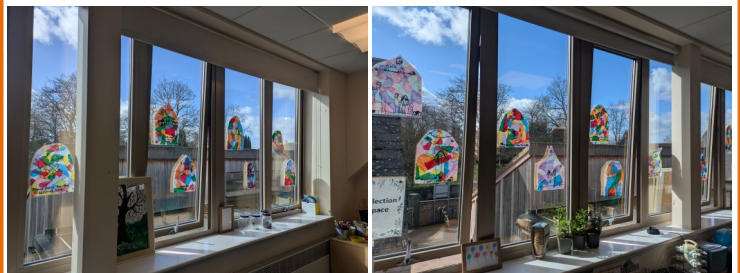
Year 3 & 4

This week in Year 3/4 we have been using our Guided reading book as inspiration to learn about writing direct speech in English. The children drew a picture with speech bubbles of them talking to Tutankhamun. They then learned that in written work they should use inverted commas, which are like little bits of the speech bubbles left behind! Having read some bits of the text in History, the class had the task to, in groups, put the case forward for whether Tutankhamun died due to illness, accident or was killed. We then all voted and based on the evidence the majority voted that his ill health caused his death aged 18/19!



Year 5 & 6

In RE, we have created beautiful stained-glass windows which depict the stations of the cross. We have been studying the impact of Jesus' death on Christians. The artwork has looked wonderful in the sun this week- let's hope the sunshine continues. Well done to all Year 5 and 6 children for working so hard on their assessments this week, too.



Safeguarding

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

Forest School

