



Dear Parents,

I'm pleased to let you know that Mrs Gosling's medical procedure went well and she is recovering at home. Thank you all for your understanding and support during this time.

Despite it only being a four day week, we continue to be very busy in school. In an assembly this week, we discussed VE day and the meaning of peace. The children listened to Vera Lynn and heard an extract of Winston Churchill's speech to mark the end of the war in Europe.

The Year 6's have been working incredibly hard in the past few weeks ready for their SATs which start on Monday morning. Miss Airey has been busy organising a different breakfast for the children to have on each day of their exams. Don't forget to bring your Year 6 child into school for 8.15am Monday—Thursday next week to enjoy the delicious food that is planned (every other year group, please arrive at normal time). The whole school wishes them so much luck with these statutory tests.

The Eco Council have asked me to let parents know that they are organising a 'Park and Stride' event as part of national Walk to School Week. This will take place every morning in the week commencing Monday 19th May. Charlton-on-Otmoor is not an easy village for this to take place in, but the Eco Council would really appreciate it if you could support this by parking your car a bit further away from school on these mornings (please see the attached poster).

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Zoe Wells

### **Kindness Awards**

**Freya  
Phoenix  
Ella  
Luna  
Seb**

**Well Done!**



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## Our Stars of the Week

Emi

Irina

Zac +  
Lorilee

Jackson

Daisy

Roman

Samuel

Evelyn T

## Diary dates

- **12th–15th May—Yr6 SAT's**
- **16th May—Ian Taylor Photography Class Photos**
- **19th May—PTA 2025 Challenge (more info to follow)**
- **22nd May—Ian Taylor Photography FSU Portraits**
- **22nd May—Rags2Riches Collection**
- **6th June—Art Week Exhibition 3pm-4pm**
- **18th-20th June— Yr5/6 Residential Trip to Youldbury**
- **27th June—Sports Day + Family Picnic**
- **1st July—Yr3/4 Trip to Chedworth Manor**
- **2nd July—Reception and Yr1/2 Trip to Science Oxford**
- **7th July—Move Up Morning**
- **11th—School Production Dress Rehearsal 9.30am**
- **14th + 15th July—School Production 6pm**

For future dates:

<https://charlton-on-otmoor.sch.life/Page/>

Calendar



## Class Attendance Winner

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

**99% attendance**

**Whole school attendance**

**98%**

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

We have a busy time coming up as our reward application deadline approaches. Thank you for sending your empty bottles for our hanging garden, we now have enough and are preparing them for planting.

Coming up is Park and Stride week. We would appreciate your support and encourage everyone to take part as this is our biggest Transport topic. A poster is attached with lots of information.

## PTA

There will be a Rags2Riches collection on **Thursday 22nd May**. Please see the attached poster for more information.



## FSU

In another short but busy week in the FSU, our theme has been firefighters. We have learnt about all the different things firefighters do and read a good story about Charlie the Firefighter.

In music we continue to enjoy listening and moving to some funky music- this week 'Don't you worry 'bout a thing' by Incognito.



## Year 1 & 2

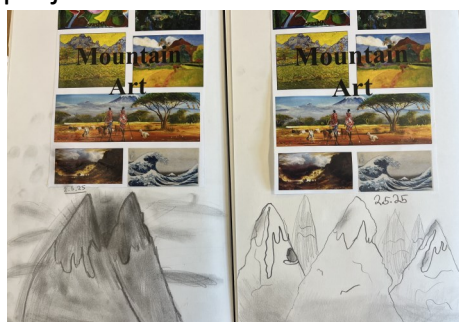
We have been working on our badminton skills in PE. We have looked at reaction speed and how to correctly hold a racket. The children have worked really well with the shuttlecocks and played lots of different badminton themed games.

We have also been planning our healthy sandwiches in DT. Next week we shall be making bread, if you have any bread tins we could borrow I would really appreciate it. Please can these be labelled with your child's name.



## Year 3 & 4

This week we have spent a lot of time focusing on our English text 'Granny Came on the Empire Windrush'. The children have enjoyed learning more about what it was like for people arriving in England from Caribbean countries, in search of a better life. We have also started our new Art topic, which is 'Mountain Art'. We have examined and discussed various paintings of mountains and the children have done some very promising preliminary sketches of mountains. Based on these, I can't wait to see what their finished projects will look like!



## Year 5 & 6

Last Friday, we were treated to a taste of Jamaica as part of show and tell! Estelle gave us a fabulous presentation linked to our Windrush Child novel. Not only that, she brought in lots of home cooked food including jerk chicken and dumplings to try. It really brought our topic to life!



## Safeguarding

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



# Forest School



## Forest School Appeal

**Forest School are in need of a new hose pipe. If anyone is able to donate one, we would be very grateful! Please contact the school office.  
Thank you**

