

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your understanding and support with the short notice changes this week following the red weather warning. The extreme heat has affected every class, and we have done our very best to keep the children as cool and comfortable as possible. This has included reduced outdoor activities, shaded play, water play, feet dipping, and the occasional cooling mist spray from the hose.



The children have been fantastic—adaptable, patient, and wonderfully caring towards one another. Year 3 & 4 spent much of the week working in the hall to escape the rising classroom temperatures, and on Thursday even FSU moved out to the shaded playground when their room became too hot to use. Meanwhile, Year 5 & 6 embraced a makeshift “spa day,” happily cooling their feet in trays of water while continuing with their work and enjoying the Bicester Film Festival they were meant to attend at the Vue Cinema—experienced instead from the comfort of their classroom.

Postponing Sports Day was a difficult decision, especially knowing that some parents who had planned to attend may no longer be able to join us. However, safeguarding everyone’s wellbeing during such uncomfortable conditions has to come first. I know many of us—children, parents, and staff alike—have had more than a few sleepless nights this week, so we truly appreciate your patience and support.

Alongside managing the heat, we have continued exploring our value of honesty—particularly the idea that we may not always have the full picture, and that our understanding can change when we see things from a different perspective. The children enjoyed exploring optical illusions to see how more than one “truth” can exist depending on what we notice.

We are now beginning preparations for our end of year events and the new academic year, including our annual parent survey which will be sent out on Monday.

I am also pleased to share the class teachers for next year:

- FSU – Miss Ashley
- Year 1 & 2 – Mrs Clarke & Mrs Horn
- Year 3 & 4 – Mrs Henderson & Miss Martin Coombs
- Year 5 & 6 – Miss Airey

Miss Martin Coombs will be visiting the school on Monday and Tuesday to meet the team and begin getting to know the children, as well as joining us again on the 6th for Move Up Morning.

Wishing you all a cool, restful weekend!

Nadia Gosling

Our Stars of the Week

Elsie B

Aria

Annabel

Ralph

Martha

Oliver H

Blake

Oliver G-W

Class Attendance Winner

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

94% attendance

Whole school attendance

88%

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

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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

- 29th June—Sports Day + Family Picnic 9.30am
- 30th June—Yr5/6 to Gosford Hill Matilda The Musical Performance
- 30th June—Dance Club—3.15pm-4.15pm
- 30th June—Yr5/6 Brass Performance for Parents 2.45pm-3.15pm
- 2nd + 3rd July—Whitelands School Transition Days
- 3rd July—Yr3/4 Schools Concert Sheldonian Theatre
- 6th July—School Move-up Morning
- 6th + 7th July—Cooper School Transition Days
- 7th July—The Bicester school Transition Day
- 7th July—FSU 2026 Challenge treat to the Park 1.30-3pm
- 8th July—Yr3/4 River Walk
- 8th-10th July—Yr5/6 Residential to Youlbury
- 13th July—Production Dress Rehearsal 9.30am
- 14th July—School Production 1.30pm
- 15th July—School Production 5pm
- 17th July—Leavers Assembly St Mary's Church 1.45pm early collection from school available from 2:30



Production Costume Reminder

Please can children in Years 1-6 to bring their costumes in to school in a named carrier bag, by next Friday 3rd July, ready for rehearsals.

PTA

Thank you to everyone who bought a cake from last weeks cake sale—**We raised £61.** This money has gone towards a new portable PA speaker for the school.

Please note—we will not be selling refreshments at Sports Day on Monday.

FSU

We have been keeping cool in the heat while learning all about aeroplanes. The children enjoyed making paper aeroplanes and learning about Amy Johnson, the Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart. We also had a fantastic drama workshop with Perform, where we brought the story of Peter Pan to life.



Year 1 & 2

We've been ploughing on in the heat this week, enjoying a bit of water play at break times, rehearsing for the play and squeezing in some hard work too. In English we have been researching animals and filling in fact files to prepare for our 'Most Important Animal of All' debate at the end of term. We also really enjoyed the Peter Pan themed drama workshop on Wednesday - everyone threw themselves into playing different characters.



Year 3 & 4

Year 3&4 have tried to cope with the heat by finding the coolest places in the school to carry on with our curriculum. From observational drawing outside in the shade, investigating the features of non-fiction books in the library, to completing maths in the hall. All this while drinking lots of water and using our homemade fans!



Year 5 & 6

This week, we have been trying to keep cool! Although we sadly missed out on our trip to the cinema, we brought the cinema to our classroom instead! We were able to watch all the other entries and winners and see their own films again. We saw some great entries in the other schools, which have also given the Year 5s inspiration for next year! To keep cool, we had a little water foot bath whilst we



Safeguarding

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