



Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled into their new routines and begun engaging with their new topics.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Meet the Teacher sessions this week. We hope you found them informative. The PowerPoints will be shared with you next week so that you have all key information easily to hand.

This week, we revisited our school Behaviour and Relationships policy, which is attached to this newsletter for your reference. We focused on our three core principles: Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Ready. These simple principles underpin everything we need to ensure that every child can learn, flourish, and enjoy their time at school. We also explored our reparative approach and how we work together to restore relationships when things go wrong.



In collective worship, we explored this term's value: Love. The children discovered that the word love appears in the Bible more than 300 times, and we reflected together on how far and wide our love can reach, from our local community to many places across the world. It was a powerful reminder of the difference we can make when we choose to show love to family and friends abroad.

We have ended the week with our PTA Christmas card designing, which the children thoroughly enjoyed and our younger pupils also took part in a live session with Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, where they were introduced to their new book Gruffalo Granny.

Next week, we will begin setting up a range of roles and responsibilities for pupils across the school. We will also be discussing lunchtime clubs and activities so that children can help shape what they would like to take part in this term.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Nadia Gosling



Headteacher Award
Camilla
Well Done!



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Our Stars of the Week

Dylan

Ophelia

Elsie E

Teddy
(Yr1/2)

Alice

Corey

Sophia

Oliver

Class Attendance Winner

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

100% attendance

Whole school attendance

97%

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

- **18th September—Ian Taylor Photography Individual + Sibling Photos**
- **22nd September—PTA Little Recyclers Collection**
- **24th September—Yr3-6 Cross Country**
- **30th September—Harvest Service (TBC)**
- **5th October—Harvest Tea (Invitation only TBC)**
- **11th October—Oxford Half Marathon**
- **12th October—Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm**
- **15th October—Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm**
- **16th October—In-school Flu Vaccinations**
- **23rd October—Inset Day**
- **26th-30th October—Half Term**
- **11th November—Remembrance Service**
- **9th December—Reception-Yr6 Pantomime Trip**



PTA

Welcome back to a new school year at Charlton-on-Otmoor School.

Our first event coming up in the calendar is a Little Recyclers collection on Tuesday 22nd September. Please see the attached poster for more info or ask a member of the PTA.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the PTA or would like to offer your help in anyway, please speak to a member of the PTA, ask in the school office, or you can email

charltonschoolassociation@gmail.com

You can also follow us on Facebook at Charlton-on-Otmoor Primary School P.T.A, where we post information about upcoming PTA events.



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What a fantastic start to the year we have had! Everyone has settled in so well, new friendships have formed and there is lots of excitement about our new learning. This week in PSHE, we explored different emotions and when we might feel them. The children then used loose parts to create faces showing different emotions. It was lovely to see their creativity and ideas!



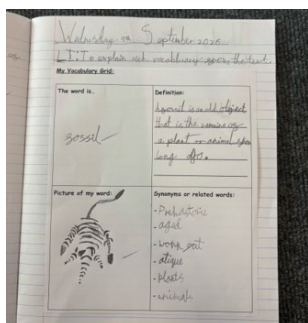
Year 1 & 2

We have had a positive first full week in Year 1&2. The children have learnt about the similarities and differences between a town and the countryside. They have written descriptions of Paddington in English. In maths inputs and activities have focused on the value and composition of 5 or 10. We also enjoyed our first Forest School session of the year.



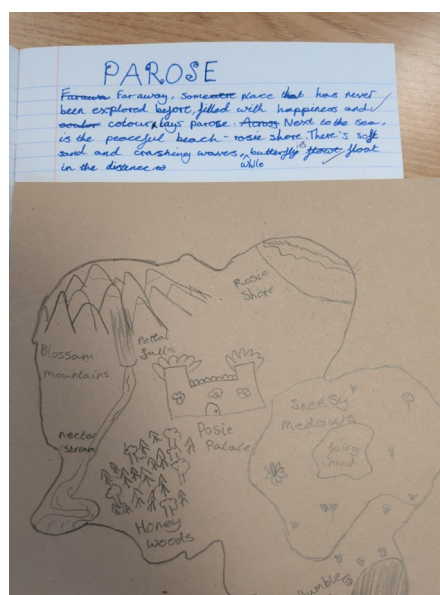
Year 3 & 4

We have had a fantastic start to the year in our class, settling in well and getting to know each other better. We have begun our new History topic on the Vikings, exploring who they were and why they raided England. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value, focusing on hundreds, tens and ones. We have also started our new book, *The Fossil Hunter*, learning about the fascinating life of Mary Anning and beginning to explore and identify different fossils. It has been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm and positive attitude towards their learning already this year — a brilliant start!



Year 5 & 6

This week, our first writing topic has been creating our own imaginary islands and describing them. We picked a 'theme' and then came up with locational name based on the theme. They are going to make a wonderful display in the classroom!



Safeguarding

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

Forest School

