



Dear Parents,

This week, our focus has been on the word aspire, drawn from our school vision: Aspire and Grow Together. In Collective Worship, we explored what it means to aspire—not just to dream, but to strive, to persevere, and sometimes to struggle. We reflected on how aspirations often requires effort, resilience, and support from those around us.

To bring this to life we will use some of our class collective worship time next week to identify personal aspirations that each child hopes to achieve by Christmas. These goals will be displayed in the school hall as a visual celebration of our shared journey and we will revisit them in December to reflect on how far we've come—together. It would be great if you could talk to your child about what theirs might be and could be aspirations linked to school or home, clubs etc.

Our Key Stage 2 classes have also enjoyed some exciting enrichment experiences this week. Year 3 & 4 ventured to the Living Rainforest, deepening their understanding of habitats and biodiversity through real-life exploration and Year 5 & 6 stepped back in time for a Victorian school day, complete with strict routines, chalkboards, and a rather stern version of Miss Airey! Thankfully, she returned to her usual friendly self once the session was finished, much to everyone's relief.

We were delighted to welcome Reverend Dale into school this week to meet with members of our Ethos Team and help plan our upcoming Harvest Service, which will take place next Friday at 9am in the school hall. We warmly invite parents and carers to join us for this special celebration. As part of the service, we will be collecting donations for the Bicester Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Wishing you a restful weekend and a joyful start to October.

Nadia Gosling

**Harvest Service collection for the
Bicester Food Bank**

- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Meat or Vegetarian meals
- Tinned rice pudding
- Long life milk (whole or semi-skimmed)
- Long life fruit juice or squash
- Jars of coffee
- Tea bags
- Peanut butter or jam
- Tinned Tomatoes

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Our Stars of the Week

Lily

Kyle

Camilla

Kai

Fifi

Stan

Alice

Evelyn B

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is FSU with:

94% attendance

Whole school attendance

91.7%

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 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

- 9th October KS2 Cross Country event at The Cooper School (during school time)
- 10th October—Harvest Service in school 9am
- 13th October—Yr5/6 Harvest Tea for invited members of the community
- 16th October— Year5&6 Pickle ball trip
- 20th October—Parents Evening
- 23 October—KS1 Football Festival (during school time)
- 23rd October—Parents Evening
- 24th October—Inset Day
- 27th-31st October—Half Term
- 4th November—PTA AGM
- 6th November— Y3&4 Girls Football Festival (during school time)
- 14th November—PTA Non-uniform day
- 14th November—PTA Winter School Disco



Kindness Ambassadors

We have expanded our Kindness Ambassador team and now have a new, very enthusiastic team.

Emi, Annabel, Alice, Ella, Mabel, Oliver, Daisy, Felicity, Lilly, Emily

We are looking forward to your kindness projects!

PTA

Thank you to everyone who came to the PTA Café last week. We raised a fabulous **£136!**

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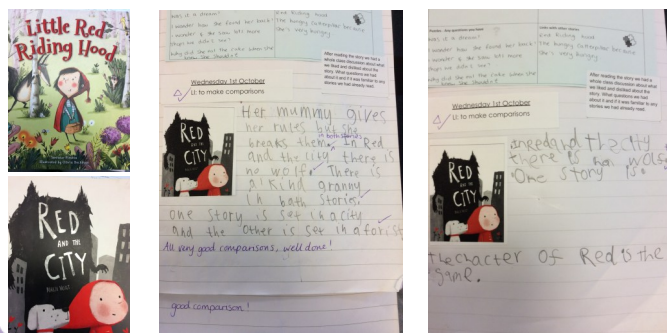
FSU

This week we have been looking at the story of Noah and the Ark. We created our own arks and rainbows from paper plates and have hung them in our classroom. We have also had some lovely discussions about our own family history. It has been wonderful hearing all the children talk about their family members.



Year 1 & 2

This week we've been working especially hard in English. We have been fascinated by reading and comparing two different versions of the 'Little Red Riding Hood' story. In the 'Red and the City' version, the main character is rescued by her dog, not the woodcutter, and she is 'swallowed' by the city, not the Wolf! The children wrote some excellent sentences in their books about what is the same and what is different.



Year 3 & 4

The Promise, our English text at the moment, is set in a city. This week Year 3 & 4 have been considering and describing the different characteristics of the countryside and a city. They have thought about, then listed the pros and cons of living in both places. On Thursday we had a 'silent debate' where groups of children were given either the countryside or the city and had to come up with reasons why it was the better place to live. Each group worked collaboratively together and wrote down so many good ideas that it was impossible to choose a winning argument, so it was a draw!



Year 5 & 6

We really enjoyed our Victorian school experience- or did we?! Victorian schools were very strict and not much fun! As part of the morning, we wrote on a pretend slate, sang hymns, and completed an outdoor drill. Miss Airey was very strict! We also had some fun making some Victorian toys. All in all, we prefer school today!



Safeguarding

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

Forest School

