



Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of the 2025–2026 academic year! It has flown by, and what a lovely way to finish the year, with a special treat from our wonderful PTA for every child – an ice cream van on our doorstep! This year has certainly been a busy one!

We have endured power cuts (even today!), heatwaves and some extremely wet Forest School sessions, as well as enjoying many educational trips, sporting events, a drumming workshop, World Book Day, making full use of our field all year round, and our fantastic Year 6 residential last week to name a few.

Miss Ashley inspired a love of running in many of our children through the Mini London Marathon, Santa Fun Run and Park Runs, while we came together as a school community to celebrate at the Summer Fête, Sports Day, May Day, the pantomime and Harvest Tea.

We have also welcomed some very special visitors from the animal kingdom, including Harrison the cow, watched chicks hatch and caterpillars transform into butterflies, and enjoyed seeing the children's curiosity and enthusiasm flourish.

Our pupils have represented the school brilliantly in a wide range of events, including the Poetry Slam, Cross Country competitions and the Bicester Film Festival. We were delighted to welcome Rev Cortney into our school community and to celebrate the school's 160th anniversary with our *Living Our Vision* Week, which included a fantastic Careers Fair.

And all of this has taken place alongside the excellent learning happening in classrooms every single day. To round off the year, Miss Airey's creativity and passion once again inspired the children to put on a truly fantastic production of Snow White and the Seven Rock Stars! We were incredibly proud of every child who took part and of the confidence, enthusiasm and talent they showed throughout the performances.

There is so much to celebrate and be proud of. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of staff for their dedication, hard work and commitment throughout the year. They continually go above and beyond to provide such wonderful opportunities for our children while supporting, nurturing and inspiring them every day.

Today we bid farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, along with some other children and families who are moving on. We wish them every success and happiness as they begin their next adventure.

We also say a special goodbye to Mrs Cumming-Bruce, who has been with us for the past three years. During her time at Charlton-on-Otmoor, she has shared an incredible range of talents, from her netball expertise and artistic flair to her musical abilities, and, of course, we can't forget the famous Cumming-Bruce Apple Juice! She has made a huge contribution to school life and will be greatly missed by staff, children and families alike. We thank her for everything she has done and wish her every success in the future.

We gave our Year 6 pupils, departing families and Mrs Cumming-Bruce a special Charlton-on-Otmoor send-off today, and it was so nice to see many of you able to join us.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 3rd September for another exciting year together.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Wishing you all a fantastic, restful and happy summer holiday!

Nadia Gosling

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Wellies

Wellies are on the front playground for you to collect this afternoon. We have one box with named wellies, and one box un-named.

Please check your child's size, ready for returning in September!



Arbor—Lunches and Wrap-around Care Bookings

Please be aware that lunches for next term are now live on Arbor and can be booked in advance. Please go through the options with your child/children before choosing their meal.

Clubs will be live for booking on Arbor from the 2nd August.

SEN

Please click on the link below to access information on the new service—Experts at Hand, helping to identify children's needs earlier

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supporting-send-reform-developing-the-experts-at-hand-offer/experts-at-hand-what-parents-of-children-and-young-people-with-special-educational-needs-need-to-know>

Diary dates

- 1st September—INSET Day
- 2nd September—INSET Day
- 3rd September—School Starts
- 22nd September—PTA Little Recyclers Collection



Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is FSU with:

96% attendance

Whole school attendance

92%

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.

PTA

What a year we have had! We really appreciate all your support in helping us to raise funds for the children and the school.

On Wednesday the children enjoyed a special treat from us—an ice cream van visited the school and everyone had an ice cream! We hope they enjoyed it?!

Have a lovely summer holidays!



FSU

Here we are at the final newsletter of the year and what a fantastic year it has been! We are incredibly proud of all the children and feel very fortunate to have such a fun, curious, and enthusiastic group. They have worked so hard, embraced every opportunity and brought so much joy to our classroom. We have shared so many wonderful memories together this year and we will miss them all very much. Have a wonderful summer everyone!



Year 1 & 2

We've made it to the end of the year! We are so proud of how the children have grown and developed. They have worked hard, made good friendships and are more than ready to make the next step. They particularly showed this with their confident performances in the play earlier this week. Well done everyone and have a wonderful summer holiday. Mrs Cumming-Bruce will miss you all lots when she leaves the school!



Year 3 & 4

What a remarkable year we have had! Right to the end children challenging themselves to achieve more than they thought they could. This week we have enjoyed performing in Snow White and the Seven Rockstars. With some of our class stepping up as understudies and everyone acting, singing and dancing their hearts out. All had fun learning about Volume and Capacity in a practical workshop. There may have been a treat or two as well. I am so proud of all your resilience, and achievements. Keep being the best you can be in all you do next year. I look forward to hearing how well you are doing.



Year 5 & 6

We have had the best final week of school! Not only did the children put on a fabulous show, but we partied hard at the silent disco, created some beautiful artwork and finally finished our book Holes! Some special memories were made and we wish everyone a happy summer!



Safeguarding

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

Forest School





Snow White And The Seven Rockstars





Snow White And The Seven Rockstars



**What an absolutely amazing show,
The children sang from high to low.
With their rock star looks and sassy props,
The "Magic Mirror" judged their bops.
As the story unfolded, their confidence grew,
A performance to be proud of, through and through.**

**M.C Melody, Queen Diva and Vex,
Just some of the stars....Oh my....What's next?
With Rocky, Chilly and Electra too,
Disco, Beatbox and Country Belle came through.
The Metal Madness and the Hip Hop Herd,
Those Rockin' Robins weren't feathered birds!!
Snow's animal friends from the forest as well,
With the Rock Fans cheering, now who do I tell?
Those aisles were rocking and feet they tapped,
An Oscar, for sure, those hands they clapped**

