

Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy first week back. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school refreshed, motivated, and ready for the summer term ahead. You should have received class newsletters, which provide further detail about what each class will be learning this term as well as information about May Day this week.

In collective worship this week, we marked a number of themed days. We began with National Scrabble Day, which linked closely to this term's value Resilience. This was followed by International Moment of Laughter Day that the children marked in class. We also recognised National Arts Day, where the children explored a range of artwork from both well-known and lesser-known artists. They reflected on the resilience shown by artists who continued to pursue their passion despite not always being recognised in their own time.

We were also very pleased to welcome Mrs Ling back to school following her knee surgery. She has quickly settled back into school life, as though she had never been away.

Next week, we have an exciting focus on sport. On Monday and Wednesday, pupils will take part in our in-school mini marathon. On Wednesday, children are also invited to come to school dressed as an athlete of their choice.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us at 3:00pm on Wednesday to cheer the children on as they complete their mini marathon. Following the event, pupils will return to their classrooms and will be dismissed as usual from the playground. The PTA will also be selling ice lollies after school.

Next Saturday, a group of determined athletes from Years 4 to 6 will be travelling to London to participate in the London mini-marathon, running part of the marathon route, passing in front of Buckingham Palace. Some of the girls are hoping for a wave from King Charles! Some members of staff will be there to cheer them on, we are really excited to support them at this special event.

Continuing with our running theme, you may be interested in the Helen & Douglas House Bubble Rush taking place in September, which is open to anyone aged 5 and over. Please follow the link for further information and details on how to take part. <https://www.helenanddouglas.org.uk/events/helen-and-douglas-house-bubble-rush/>

The FSU had a wonderful visit to Manor Farm this week, enjoying a truly memorable hands-on experience with the puppies and lambs. Miss Ashley and Mrs Hatwell were even lucky enough to assist with the birth of two lambs, making the day even more special.

The children had a fantastic time and showed great enthusiasm and resilience during the long walk across Otmoor—while still managing to find plenty of mud along the way! A huge thank you to the Bishop family for inviting us, and to Kat Hutchinson for providing some of the photographs. Please take a look at the last page of the newsletter to see some highlights from the trip.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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Our Stars of the Week

All FSU

Alina

Kai

Teddy (Yr4)

Sophia

Kyle

Roman

Class Attendance Winner

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

99% attendance

Whole school attendance

94%

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

- 22nd April-ongoing—Top-up Swimming Lessons (for some children in Yrs3-6 invitation only)
- 21st April—PTA Little Recyclers
- 20th and 22nd April—Mini-marathon in school
- 22nd April—PTA Ice Lolly Sale
- 25th April—London Mini-Marathon
- 1st May—May Day
- 7th May—Ian Taylor FSU Candid Portraits
- 18th-29th May—PTA 2026 Challenge
- 18th May—Whole School Samba Workshop with presentation to parents
- 22nd May—PTA Non-uniform Day
- 25th-29th May—Half Term
- 1st June—INSET Day
- 2nd-3rd June—Yr5/6 Bikeability Course
- 13th June—PTA Summer Fete
- 16th June—Internet Safety Workshops Rec-Y6
- 30th June—Yr5/6 to Gosford Hill Matilda The Musical Performance



ECO COUNCIL

On Friday 8th May, we will be celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday. On the day we will have a special celebration assembly about his life, sow seeds in the local area to encourage wildlife, make birthday cards, write letters to him asking advice about being eco-friendly and about his documentaries.

PTA

Don't forget our Little Recyclers collection on Tuesday 21st April. Please leave your clothing donation bags by the Percy Collett room door on Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th, Monday 20th and the morning of Tuesday 21st. Please use black bin liners and make sure that they are tied.

On Wednesday 22nd, we will be selling ice lollies after the children's mini marathon. £1 per lolly!



FSU

We have had a fantastic first week back! Our farm visit was a success and everybody really enjoyed themselves. We were able to see lots of lambs, puppies, birds, emus and piglets. I am so proud of all of them and their resilience on the long walk. :)



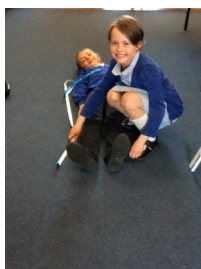
Year 1 & 2

We have had a lovely first week back after the holidays and the children have tackled all our new topics with plenty of enjoyment. We are learning about different groups of animals in Science, and the children particularly enjoyed playing a 'Guess the Animal' game using words like 'mammal', 'amphibian', 'reptile' and 'bird'. We also particularly loved being back at Forest School and beginning to rehearse our dance for May Day.



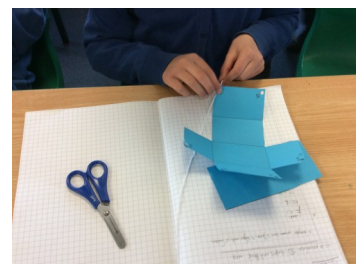
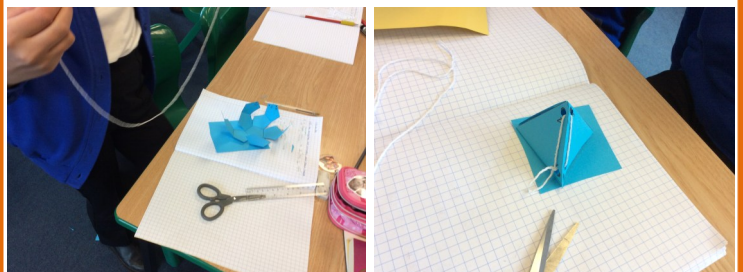
Year 3 & 4

We have started the new term well in Year 3 & 4. In maths we have been practising how to measure length choosing the appropriate units- millimetres, centimetres, metres and kilometres. We had a fun lesson measuring things in our classroom using rulers, measuring tapes and metre rules. First the children had to estimate how long they thought it would be then measure it, then choose the right measuring tool and measure it accurately-recording their findings in a clear way.



Year 5 & 6

We have had a great first week back, starting our new book, 'The Boy in the Tower' as well as beginning to learn some dances for May Day! In maths, we have been learning about 3D shape nets. We made pull up nets by cutting out the faces and using thread to pull the net closed to form the shape!



Safeguarding

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

FSU Manor Farm Visit

