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'I came to bring you life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Summer Term 2 Value: Courage

Friday 26th June

Thank you all so much for your partnership and support during this exceptionally hot weather. The children - and our incredible staff - have been amazing. Their resilience and positive attitudes while navigating changes to routines and environments have been wonderful to see.

Naturally, all physical sports were paused this week. In their place, it has been a joy to watch the children explore calming, settled activities during outdoor playtimes. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a lovely, shaded area on our field, which has been put to great use all week long!



Good news to share.. We are very proud to have achieved our Primary Science Quality Mark!

This award reflects the hard work, dedication and passion that our entire team puts into bringing science to life for our pupils. A huge congratulations to our Science Lead, Georgie McCleary, and everyone involved!

Transition

On Monday, we will be holding our 'shuffle-up' morning to help children transition to their new year groups. Lots of children will be remaining in the same class - they are looking forward to welcoming the new children joining them.

- How it works: Children should go to their current classrooms at the start of the day as usual. After morning break, they will head to their new classrooms, where they will stay until lunchtime.
- What to expect: Teachers have planned welcoming, light activities designed to help the children settle in, meet their new peers and feel excited about the year ahead.

SEND reviews are also taking place over the next week. 'Old and new' teachers will be attending these.

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Woodpeckers (Class 1) Reception, Years 1 and 2	Mrs Lisa Scott-Russell	Miss Joy Scott-Russell Mr Tim Walker Mrs Carly Mason-Fowler (pm)
Swallows (Class 2) Years 3 and 4	Mrs Georgie McCleary Mrs Fiona Varrie	Mrs Carly Mason-Fowler (am)
Red Kites (Class 3) Years 5 and 6	Mrs Bella Wakefield	Ms Michelle Slater
Robins (Robin Room, Enhanced Pathway)	Miss Rhian Woodward Mrs Carolyn Hanwell	Mrs Holton

Headteacher	Mrs Carolyn Hanwell
School Business Manager	Mrs Jess Mackay
SENCO	Miss Rhian Woodward
School Catering	Louise and Mrs Stephanie Banks
Forest School Leader	Mrs Fiona Varrie
Cover TAs	Mrs Paula Roberts and Mrs Stephanie Banks

Spotlight on Woodpeckers...



Visit to the Synagogue

Key Stage 1 had a brilliant time visiting the Oxford Synagogue to enhance their RE learning. They watched Challah bread being made. A big thank you to Antoni's mum for taking the inspiration home and baking Challah with Antoni and Jaxon. The boys brought it in to share with their classmates—what a delicious treat!

Fire Fighters Visit

Woodpeckers also enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service last week, as part of their learning about 'People in the Community'



Inspiration for Poetry

On Monday, the children went out to The Green to look at the Oak tree and gather some words for their poem - *what did we see, hear, smell, feel and wonder?*

***** Your views are important - Last chance to complete our parent questionnaire *****

Please follow the link to complete our Parents' Questionnaire:

<https://forms.gle/mKb52rGQb5RATY428>.



I am asking for your support in ensuring that your pupils take part here:

It is vital that I hear from children and young people in every school, college and community across England. If students from your school do not participate, their experiences, views and aspirations will be absent from the national picture that will help shape future policy and decision-making.

Some important dates:

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend. Stay safe in the sun!

Dates for the term ahead:

Date	Event
Monday 29th June	Shuffle-up visit
Tuesday 30th June	New starters visit and parent presentation
Tuesday 30th June	Summer Reading Challenge assembly
Wednesday 1st-Friday 3rd July	Bikeability Years 5 and 6
Thursday 2nd July	PCSO visit: PC Ben stories Class 1 & 2
Wednesday 8th July	New starters Forest School Session
Thursday 9th July, 6pm	End of Year Show - Swallows & Red Kites
Friday 10th July, 2pm	End of Year Show - Swallows & Red Kites
Friday 10th July	End of Year written reports to parents
Monday 13th July, AM	Sports Day
Tuesday 14th July	Prayer Spaces. Parents invited to join us at St Peter's Church, 2:15pm
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Treat
Thursday 16th July	FoMB Whole School treat
Friday 17th July, 9:15am	Leavers assembly - Year 6 parents invited
Friday 17th July, 1:15pm	End of Summer Term

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When is it:

- Running throughout February, Easter, May, Summer and October school holidays (see website for dates).
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