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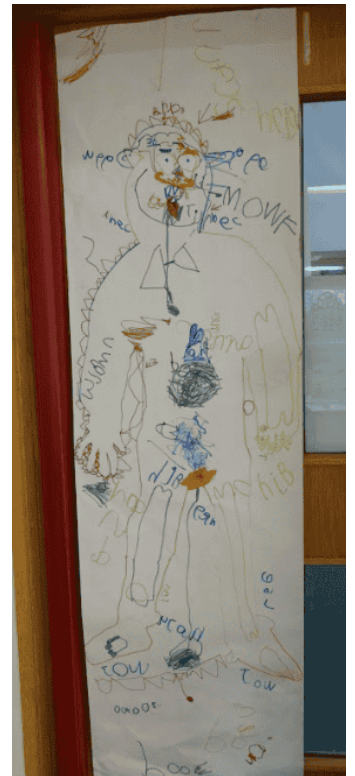
'I came to bring you life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Spring Term 1 Value: Equality

Friday 13th February

A visit from The Explorer Dome to enhance our learning in Science this term.

“That was so cool!”, “Wow, I can’t believe I got the opportunity to go to the Explorer Dome again. Is it coming next year?”, “Mrs Hanwell, can we get solar panels?” - just some of the comments from our children!

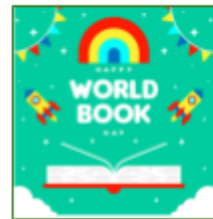


Friends of Marsh Baldon (FoMB) News

Our AGM is on Friday 27th February at 2pm.

Come along for coffee and cake - we would love to see you there! Ideas, input and contributions - however small - are always very welcome.

World Book Day – Thursday, 5th March



Children are invited to celebrate by dressing up as a favourite book character!

To support our 'golden thread' of sustainability and our Eco-School goals, **we urge you not to buy new costumes.** Instead, let's get creative: could you reuse an old outfit, swap with a friend, or make a mask or prop using recyclable materials? (We suggest saving the costume money for a new book instead!)

Alternatively, children are very welcome to wear their pyjamas for a comfortable day of reading.



DT

Tasty wraps and smoothies made in Woodpeckers as part of their DT project this term!

And 'Socky bugs' made by our Reception children after reading the book, Little Penguin Lost (who had one and lost it.)



The snowdrops are lovely in Forest School



A new addition in Woodpeckers Class



There is a new arrival in Class 1..... We will introduce our new pet properly after half term as the children are thinking of names over the holiday.

Keeping it here... (Please share with anyone who drops off/picks up)

- Please do not park your car on the green area directly in front of school. We have received photographs from neighbours and parents of cars inappropriately parked there.
- The driveway should not be used for dropping off. As you are aware, the beginning and end of the school day is such a busy time and it is simply **not safe** to use this area to drop off and manoeuvre.

Here is the link to our Parking and Road Safety guidelines that all parents are asked to sign [Parking and Road Safety at Marsh Baldon CE Primary School](#)

Please take a look at the dates on the following pages.

Wishing you all a lovely half-term break,
From Mrs Hanwell and staff

Dates for the term ahead:

Date	Event
Monday 23rd February	Start of Spring Term 2
Friday 27th February	Red Kites Museum visit; Life in Ancient Greece
Friday 27th February, 2pm	FoMB AGM. All welcome!
Tuesday 3rd March	Sportshall Athletics - Year 5&6
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Monday 9th March	Living Eggs delivery - Woodpeckers
Tuesday 10th March	Junior Citizen's Trust Year 6
Friday 13th March	Woodpeckers' Breakfast (parents invited)
Friday 13th March	FoMB non-uniform day
Wednesday 18th March	WALP partnership event at Marsh Baldon
Friday 20th March	Eco-council fundraising - bake sale
23rd - 27th March	Eco-School - Great Big School Clean
Monday 23rd March	Class 3 final swimming session
Tuesday 24th March, 9:30am	Easter Service, St Peter's Church
Wednesday 25th March	Teamwork and Try It - Year 2
Friday 27th March, 1:15pm	End of Spring Term 2

Other important dates for the academic year:

Date	Event
Monday 13th April	Start of Summer Term 1
Tuesday 21st April	Peace Ambassadors: Peace Picnic
Wednesday 22nd April	Swallows Breakfast (Parents invited)
Thursday 30th April	School Photographs
Friday 1st May	Maypole Event
Monday 4th May	May Bank Holiday

11th - 14th May	SATS - Year 6
18th - 22nd May	Kilvrough residential - Years 5 and 6
Friday 22nd May	End of Summer Term 1
Monday 1st June	Start of Summer Term 2
Friday 5th June	Whole School Exhibition
Mon 8th & Tues 9th June	Bikeability - Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 10th June	Peace Ambassadors: Peace Festival
Friday 19th June	Red Kites Breakfast (Parents invited)
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
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

Community Information

ASHMOLEAN VISIT WHAT'S ON STORIES COLLECTIONS LEARN JOIN & SUPPORT SHOP



FREE WEEKEND DROP-IN EVENT

ONE WORLD FAMILY FESTIVAL 2026

Sat 14 & Sun 15 Feb 2026
11am-4pm

Bringing together communities and faiths of Oxfordshire



FEB HALF-TERM

SPACE EXPERIENCES AT SPACE STORE OXFORD

This February half term, blast off into an unforgettable adventure at Space Store Oxford!

🚀 What's on offer

- Astronaut Experience – immerse in virtual reality, try on replica space suits and hold real meteorites (booking required)
- Mission to the Moon – Conquer the Moon in a VR adventure to unlock a mystery from our celestial neighbour (booking required)
- Virtual Reality – Explore the cosmos in immersive VR (with spacewalks, moonwalks and rocket launches (walk-in subject to availability))

Perfect for curious minds of all ages looking for an out-of-this-world experience during the school break.

📍 Space Store Oxford, Covered Market, Oxford

📅 Slots available through February Half Term

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Tidy | Taclus

Based on the illustrated children's book by Emily Gravett

Pete the badger likes everything to be neat and tidy; the flowers, the leaves, even the other animals. But, when autumn comes, he gets a little bit carried away with cleaning up the forest and accidentally destroys his own home!

With beautiful puppets, original music and a touch of silliness, this playful story will delight young audiences, as it explores how everyone needs a little bit of wild chaos in their lives.

THE NORTH WALL, OXFORD

17 + 18 February, 11am + 2pm

AGES 3-7

BOOK NOW!

Winter WATER SAFETY

In winter, more people who are walking or running alongside water fall in and drown than in any other season.

Sloppy paths, patches of ice and a lack of daylight can make being near water more dangerous than in the summer months. If you fall into the water, the cold temperatures make it difficult for you to control your breathing, to use your hands to climb out and can even cause you to have a heart attack.

So, follow our safety tips to make sure that your winter walks are enjoyable and safe.



KEEP BACK FROM THE EDGE

When walking alongside water keep back from the edge.



ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS

Time your walks to make the most of the daylight; if you need to walk in the evening only use well-lit areas or take a route not alongside water.



KEEP DOGS ON THEIR LEADS

Keep dogs on their leads when near ice and don't throw sticks or toys onto the ice.



TEACH CHILDREN NOT TO GO ON TO THE ICE

Teach children not to go onto the ice under any circumstances.



DON'T GO ON THE ICE TO RESCUE A DOG

Don't go onto ice or into the water to rescue a dog, move to somewhere that the dog will be able to climb out and call them towards you.



For more information visit www.rlss.org.uk

Enjoy Water Safety



Free early years sessions

WED 25 FEBRUARY - MARCH

Cholsey Pavilion, Station Road,
OX10 9PT

3.30-4.00pm
Age 2-4 Born to Move

Story based fitness adventure, where will we go next - library, toy box. Come along and explore with us.



SCAN ME



FREE

For more information and to book, visit southandvale.gov.uk/termtimeactivities or scan the QR code

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MAKE AND MOVE

FREE MOVEMENT AND ART SESSIONS

CHOLSEY PAVILION, STATION ROAD
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RECEPTION - YEAR 6

4 WEEKS OF SESSIONS FROM WED 25 FEB
4.15-5PM

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