

Dates for your diary

25th September 2018
Newbury Weekly News
photographing Reception
pupils

27th September 2018
6pm Meet the Teacher

4th October 2018
Year 2 trip to Oxford Castle

4th October 2018
Community Health Bus visiting
school

9th October 2018
School Photos (Individual &
sibling)

9th October 2018
3.25pm Travelling Book Fair
Nursery & Reception

10th October 2018
3.25pm Travelling Book Fair
Year One

11th October 2018
3.25pm Travelling Book Fair
Year Two

11th October 2018
Year 1 trip to Wellington
Country Park

12th October 2018
9.30am Harvest Festival led by
Hazel Class
(Hazel parents welcome)

12th October 2018
3.25pm Cake Sale
(Rowan Class)

19th October 2018
End of Autumn Term 1
School Finishes at 3.25pm

School News

Collection of children at the end of school

If your child is being collected by another adult, other than parents/carers, an orange slip (available from staff) should be completed and signed in advance so staff release children to the correct adults. You can also phone the school office if collection arrangements change and they will complete slip for you. If you have a permanent arrangement to have another parent/carer collect your child, please send a letter or email to the office which can be kept on file.

Meet The Teacher

On Thursday 27th September from 6-7pm, you have the opportunity to come into school to talk to your child's teacher about how they have settled in to their new class.

There will be a short (approx. 5 minutes) presentation at 6pm in each year group which will outline the learning and expected end of year outcomes for each year group. If you have children in more than one year group we will make the presentation available online.

After the presentation you will have the opportunity to see the children's work on display and talk to the class teacher. This event is for parents/carers only and is not suitable for pupils.

Census Day – Thursday 4th October

Census Day is when the government check how many children are registered in schools and how many Infant take up their free school entitlement. We are only funded for free infant school meals (UIFSM) based on the number of children take up these meals on census days. To support the school's budget, please order a school lunch on the 4th October. The funding formula relies on a high take up of school lunches. A lower take up results in less funding for the school. Even if your child brings in a packed lunch that day, please do order a lunch for them and let them try some of it, alongside their packed lunch.

Forest Fun Holiday Club

Primary aged children £22.00 per day or £100 per week.
(3 Nursery spaces available at £25.00 per day)

22nd – 26th October

8.30am to 5.00pm each day

Booking forms are available from the school office.
Children should be in Forest Fun clothing with wellingtons
and waterproofs. They should also have a packed lunch and
change of shoes and clothes with them and arrive by 9am.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

We are very pleased to say that Little Acorns have settled into their surroundings very well. The children have enjoyed learning each others names when they kick the football to each other. They have loved mixing in the mud kitchen and making chocolate cakes! We have also enjoyed listening to stories and singing lots of songs. The children love playing outdoors and are trying to put their own shoes and boots on! Next week we will be thinking about pets that we have or pets that we would like.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

This week in Acorns class we have been painting our pets or a pet we would like! Watch out as there are some interesting pet choices including squirrels and giraffes! We have also enjoyed singing, 'Walking Through the Jungle' and reading the story book, as well as the book, 'Dear Zoo'. We have painted our self-portraits, so look out for these in the cloakroom next week!

We have been counting pine nuts and acorns whilst making cakes and soup in the mud kitchen and have been very good at taking turns on the scooters and trikes! As the weather is getting wetter please bring in coat and wellies for your child every day.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we met the school guinea pigs; Pip and Squeak. The children have learnt about how to look after them and what they like to eat. We also met Mrs Jones's dog, Bramble and she loved all the children.

We have read the story, 'Some Dogs Do' and 'The Great Pet Sale'. The children enjoyed learning that Sid the dog could fly. In Maths we have been creating graphs of the pets in the class and which animals are our favourites.

The children have enjoyed being in full time this week even if it has been tiring. Please remember to keep your child's PE kit in all week and ensure that all clothes are named including trainers/pumps and tracksuits. If your child wears earrings please can they take them out on PE days for health and safety reasons.

If your child has a school dinner you can go online and order for them to ensure that they are having something that you know they will eat. You can go to school website to see the menus.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

We have had a very busy week with lots of exciting learning happening.

In English this week we have been reading and writing instructions. We have identified imperative verbs and put them in order. We followed instructions to make shortbread. The children all loved measuring, mixing and rolling. Hopefully they were delicious too!

In Maths, we have been matching numbers to their quantities - counting different natural objects outside and selecting the correct Numicon shapes for numbers from 11-19. We also have started to read numbers in words. Maybe you could see if you can find any written numbers when you are out and about. Spellings came home on Monday. Please practise these with your child. You could write them in rainbow colours, use chalk outside, orally rehearse them or any other interesting way. We will test them in school on Monday and record their scores for you to see.

In ICT the children used Purple Mash to colour a picture of the witch's house and save it. You can also access this task at home with the passwords which were sent out last year. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need a new password.

PTA News

4th October 2018
7pm PTA meeting

12th October 2018
3.25pm Cake Sale
(Rowan)

2nd November 2018
7.30pm Race Night
tbc

11th November 2018
7pm PTA Meeting

1st December 2018
Christmas Fair

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the
playground –

Aaron White, Claire
Desai, Jo Nuckley, Claire
Oakes, Gareth Bowen,

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in English, Year 2 have been working hard at reading and writing facts about knights, pages and squires. To help them prepare for their writing, they have enjoyed role-playing being a page and a squire, and have rehearsed sentences orally before writing.

In maths, the children have continued learning about place value, and have been learning different ways of representing and partitioning two-digit numbers into tens and ones, both practically and by recording their work. They have also learned to compare two-digit numbers using the symbols for 'greater than' and 'less than'.

The children have had fun learning about heraldry, and after looking at many different shield designs, have designed and made their own fantastic shields. Next week we will be completing them with the finishing touches. As Year 2 will be building model castles in DT this term, we would be grateful if you could please help us to collect kitchen and wrapping paper roll tubes, as well as small boxes, such as cereal boxes.

Please do let us know if you are able to help at Forest school or listen to children read. Hazel Class in particular would welcome a volunteer to listen to readers.

Thank you for your support.



Forest School



Hazel class had their first Forest School session on Fri 14th September. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OLIVIA'S DAD for stepping in at the last moment to help out.

We met our tree - a Hornbeam - which we will be studying all year round. We had our photograph taken with it and we will watch it change as the seasons come and go. Each class now has a "Tree diary". We were "leaf detectives" working out which tree it was by describing the leaves. The group had a wonderful time exploring our new woods. It has lots and lots of great trees for climbing and large holes animals have dug! We will be learning more about burrowing animals next week.

Monday 17th Sept - Willow Class had their session on site this week. We sat under the Year 1 tree (Norway Maple). The children joined in a game learning about how we use trees and how much humans and animals depend on them. The children then sat and drew the tree. We talked about which parts of the tree they could identify.

Woodwork Club - It was the first week of Woodwork Club. The children learned about using tools safely and identified some of them and their uses. We then helped Mrs Wilby by putting up a rail to hang pots on, in the mud kitchen area. The children then chose pieces of wood, sanding and decorating them. Next week they will be joining them together using drills, hammers and screw drivers.

Beech and Maple had their first forest school sessions this week on school grounds. This was to enable us to get to know each other and learn our most important Forest school rules about listening and "sticky toes". We also met our class tree (an oak tree) and looked at the acorns and leaves from the tree. We did some bark rubbings and enjoyed an explore and drink. We looked at the school nature garden and saw the log cabin.

We will need volunteer parents, Grandparents, aunts, uncles or friends to come with us when we go to the woods each week so please see the class teacher to sign up! Volunteers will need to do a short induction the first time they help in school. Please speak to Mrs Hudson in the office to book yourself in for an induction.

Star of the Week

Friendship Star



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Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!
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Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School will be really grateful for your donations.

If you have a tablet or smart phone you can download the 'easyfundraising' app which is easy to access.

School Lottery

Please click on the link below to access the new school lottery where you can win money and prizes whilst supporting the school. Please share this link with your friends and family. The more people that buy tickets, the better the prizes and the more money we raise.

Thank you for your support and good luck everyone!

The PTA

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/mrs-blinds-infant-and-nursery-school>