

Dates for your diary

16th March 2020

**Year R –
Height/Weight/Hearing**

20th March 2020

**12.15pm Birch Class Parents
invited to lunch**

23rd – 27th March 2020

Jungle Book Week

26th March 2020

**Magic Theatre “Jungle Book”
in school**

27th March 2020

**12.15pm Cherry Class Parents
invited to lunch
3.25pm Cake Sale – Cherry**

31st March 2020

**3.40pm – 5.30pm Parent
Consultations**

2nd April 2020

**5.30pm – 8.00pm Parent
Consultations**

3rd April 2020

**9.30am Easter Assembly –
Year 1 parents invited
End of Term – School Finish
1.45pm**

20th April 2020

**Inset Day – school closed to
pupils**

21st April 2020

Start of Term 5

28th April 2020

**Year 2 to Thatcham Discovery
Centre**

5th May 2020

Year 1 Fossil Workshop

8th May 2020

VE Bank holiday

School News

What a fabulous week we have had! It has been lovely to speak to the children about the author they have been learning about and the varied activities they have been participating in. We finished the week by coming together and sharing what we had learnt about the authors and the books we had been focussing upon. Thank you for all your hard work getting costumes ready.

Please see below the photos from our character parade assembly – well done to Natalia, Jaxon, Emily and Max who were all chosen as the best dressed by the class teams!



A photograph of all the children will be in the Newbury Weekly News on Thursday 12th March

Parent and Child Lunch

We are looking forward to inviting the Year 1 parents in to have lunch with their children during March. Year 2 parents will be invited in for lunch during the summer term. Please look out for the invite in the ‘Form’ section of Parentmail. Birch Class are invited on 20th March and Cherry Class will be invited on the 27th March.

PTA News

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MrsBlandsPTA>

Get in Touch via –

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or catch someone on the playground –

Loic Manneville, Jo Nuckley, Claire Oakes, Gareth Bowen

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns we have been busy learning what changes Spring brings... we have been noticing the beautiful blossom on our tree in the garden and have created blossom paintings, why not see if you spot them inside our classroom on your next drop off? The children are very proud of their work. We have been learning about the different animals you may see on a farm and the noises, they make! The children were very enthusiastic to 'moo' like cows and 'cluck' like chickens.

Book week was a great opportunity to read books we all love as a group, we read inside and outside, and more interesting places. We talked about how to care for our books, so we can read them over and over again!

The children have been very good at washing their hands this week, why not ask them if they sing you the 'this is the way we wash our hands' song?

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

This week in Acorns we have been learning about Eric Carle. The children have learnt lots of facts about him and listened to his stories. We have made our own collage of the Hungry Caterpillar. We have had lots of fun seeing how many places we could listen to stories. We have been in all year groups and even in Mrs Nisbet's Office!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

We have had a very busy week...

It started with a Book Week Assembly. Then all the grown-ups in school brought their favourite story in to read to the children. They came back full of the new stories they had heard.

On Tuesday all the children went to Rushall Farm, where they met lambs, cows, chickens and pigs, went on a tractor and trailer ride, did some pond dipping, explored the woods looking for colours in nature and learnt about bees through a dance! A big thank you to all the helpers that volunteered!

On Thursday each child got to visit our local library and listened to a story there. Please if you haven't visited before do so as it's a good way of sharing new books with your children.

The children all looked amazing in their Beatrix Potter inspired costumes, we have read lots of her books and had a go at drawing illustrations inspired by them.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Year One have thoroughly enjoyed Book Week! 'Oi Frog!' by Kes Gray is now a firm favourite - we have laughed at all the funny places that the animals had to sit. We have made our own books with our own silly rhymes! We loved listening to lots of different adults tell stories and going to the local library was fun too. The best part was the dressing up! Thank you to all those parents and relatives who came and read with us during the week.

Our 'Animals Around the World' topic is really engaging the children. The Quirks Roadshow came in on Tuesday and we all got to stroke or hold a tree frog, a chicken, a snake and a rabbit.

We have been learning about the different body parts of different animals such as tails, wings, beaks etc. and have been drawing and labelling different animals with these features.

In RE we have been thinking about Jesus as a Special Person and the welcome he received in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. In PSHE we have thinking about how to share with others, and how it feels to be left out. We have also tasted different vegetable soups in DT and thinking about which ones we liked best.

Reminder:

PE days for Cherry class are Tuesday and Thursday, Forest School day is Wednesday. PE days for Birch class are Tuesday and Wednesday and Forest School is Thursday.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in English, Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the author and illustrator Anthony Browne, as well as having a chance to read and compare a number of his story books. The children have noticed some common themes and illustrations running through his books which we discussed as a class. We focussed on 'The Tunnel' story which the children either wrote character descriptions for or a diary entry as one of the characters.

Art and Design linked with this week's author. The children have looked at his illustrations of gorillas, as seen in a number of his books, as well as other pictures of this animal and have made some good attempts to produce their own sketches.

In Maths, both classes have been learning practically about 3D shapes and how to describe them using the correct vocabulary and information about each (such as their names, the number of faces and curved surfaces, the shape of each face, and the correct number of vertices).

The children have been learning about the main parts of a plant as well as the function of each and have enthusiastically continued to spot and learn the names of flowers growing both in the school grounds and on the way to Forest School.

Breakfast Bees and Bland's Bumblebees (Before and After School Club)

The children have had fun creating their own stories. We made some lovely fairy cakes which we had for pudding! We even managed to get outside in the evening and enjoyed the fresh air.

Friday Funday Cafe

This week's children who have shown lovely table manners at lunchtimes, kindness to friends and have kept the dining hall tidy and will visit the Friday Funday Cafe are:

Maple:	Theo & Hobie	Beech:	Cohen & Aaron
Birch:	Dhvaneet & Maisie	Cherry:	Jasmin & Jack
Hazel:	Jacob & Sianna	Rowan:	Cory & Frankie

Star of the Week

Friendship Star



**Demi - Acorns
Bonnie - Beech
Jack - Maple
Peter - Birch
Ellie - Cherry
Alice - Hazel
Frankie - Rowan**



**Emilija - Acorns
Edgar - Beech
Tailan - Maple
Henry - Birch
Sophie - Cherry
Emily - Hazel
Skylar - Rowan**

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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-blands-infant-and-nursery-school>