

Dates for your diary

Monday 4th October

Harvest Festival - Churches
Together foodbank

Tuesday 12th October

Sir Linkalot school visit

Monday 18th October

Yr 2 Millets Falconry in school

Friday 22nd October

Inset Day – school closed to
pupils

Friday 22nd October – Friday 29th October

Half Term

Monday 1st November

Autumn Term 2 begins

Tuesday 2nd November

Yr 1 Explorer dome in school
– am

Yr 2 Junkman visiting – pm

Friday 5th November

Remembrance Assembly- led
by Rowan

Friday 12th November

Children in Need assembly
led by The School Council

Tuesday 16th November

Parents Consultation Evening
3.30pm-6.00pm

Thursday 18th November

Parents Consultation Evening
5.30pm-8.00pm

School News

This week in school the children have been busy planting their bulbs in their outdoor learning sessions. We look forward to seeing all the lovely flowers in the spring and would like to thank you all for your kind donations.



Another thank you to those parents that have been able to donate tyres and planks for our children to build obstacle courses. It is great to see the children engaged in planning, constructing, and navigating their courses. They were very pleased with themselves! We would still like 10 more tyres and some long planks.



Year 2 had their visit to Oxford Castle at the beginning of the week and the children all came back enthusiastic about the sights they had seen and keen to connect their experience to their learning in school. My final thank you goes to the parent volunteers that came with us on this trip. Your time is greatly appreciated - we couldn't do it without you, and hope you enjoyed the day too.



As the colder/wetter weather closes in on us we know many more parents will choose to drive to school. We would like to please remind you to always keep the yellow zig zags clear so that there is a safe place for other children and parents to cross, to not block the driveways of our neighbours and to park in consideration of other road users.



Labels, labels, labels! Please ensure that ALL items in school are clearly labelled (this can be as simple as writing on with a marker). This includes coats, wellies, lunchboxes, water bottles, hats, gloves and scarves. This will ensure we can always reunite items with their rightful owners.

PTA News

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

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

PTA AGM Dates - TBC

Get in Touch via –

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or catch someone on the playground –

**Ben Ash, Laura Hooke,
Sian Killen, Charmaine
Kelly**

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns the children have enjoyed Tap Tap box. A special box which contains lots of different rhyming stones. . . but only when we sing and tap the magic rhyme. The children have really developed their sitting and listening skills already which is brilliant to see.

Together the children helped create interestingly shaped train tracks which managed to cover the entire carpet! The children used their turn taking skills to share the duplo trains.

We have been talking about emotions this week, what makes us happy and sad and thinking about how our faces look when we feel this way. The children used mirrors to help them investigate. Some children enjoyed looking at the emotion stones too.

Outside the rain didn't stop our fun, in fact it blessed us with lots of muddy puddles so we could practice our jumping skills whilst singing the muddy puddle song.

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

Well done to the Acorns children for being so kind and caring to their friends in Nursery this week! The children have been learning this week about their families and pets. The children loved the 'You Choose' story and have talked about what homes and pets they would choose. Next week if you could bring in a photo of your children's home that would be great.

Some parents have asked about useful websites - this one is useful for phonics games; (Phase 1) –

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/1>

And for counting games –

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting>

Next week we will be thinking about how we belong in our homes and families as well as the different rooms in our homes and what they are for. See if your child can count how many windows and doors you have in your house. We will also be exploring the book 'Titch'.

In Maths we will be practising counting and matching numbers, and comparing heights by tall/short. With the weather becoming more Autumnal, please remember to bring a named coat everyday as we go outside in all weathers, and to wear outdoor clothes on a Wednesday when we have Outdoor Learning. If you have any questions, do ask myself, Mrs Collis, or Mrs Tanner and Miss Phillips.

Maple and Beech class (Reception)

In Reception this week we have been reading the story, 'Super Duper You' and thinking about things that make us special. We have been practising writing our names too. We have begun looking at healthy eating using a big non-fiction book. We will continue next week if you could talk to your child about healthy and unhealthy foods over the weekend.

In maths, we have been comparing objects using language such as big/small and tall/short and longer/shorter and comparing quantities using language such as more/less.

We have talked about our emotions and made pictures of faces showing different emotions. Each child will have their own Purple Mash login card which will come home today. Purple Mash is an online learning platform which we use in school and that you can also access at home. Sometimes we set challenges for the children to complete on Purple Mash, this will come up as a bell. We have set a challenge for this week using Purple Mash for the children to draw different emotions on the face.

As it was raining, we had PE with Danny inside, we practised our throwing and catching skills with beanbags. We also practised our gymnastics skills, balancing on beams and landing safely.

Our word this week in Sir Linkalot was 'I'.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

In year 1 this week we have been writing our own story about a naughty tiger who came to school. He ate our fruit, drank the tea and played in the classrooms! In Maths we have been partitioning numbers under 10 e.g. $6=4+2$.

We have been learning about the UK in Geography, named the four countries and where in the UK they are. In RE, we have listened to the story 'My Wonderful Earth' to understand what Christians believe about the sequence of events when God created the Earth. Thank you to everyone who has donated bulbs. We have been busy planting these in our outdoor learning sessions.

We are making a chair for a teddy bear in DT next week. If you have any kitchen roll tubes or small boxes, such as toothpaste tubes, please send them in.

This week our Sir Linkalot words are - vowels, was, all, tall, small, are

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 2 this week! We were all so excited to visit Oxford Castle on Tuesday and put everything we've learned about castles into practice. We were very proud of how well the children behaved and I think they impressed the staff at Oxford Castle with how much they already knew! A huge thank you to all the parent helpers to come with us too, we very much appreciated all your help.

In English, we've been writing a recount about our trip to the castle, and in maths we are thinking about fact families and how we can link addition and subtraction. The children have used bar models and part/whole models as well as cubes and counters to help them.

In RE, we've been thinking about kindness, and we created our own pictures to retell the story of the paralysed man. We've also been thinking about hopping and skipping during our gymnastics lessons and been very creative in how we move over and around the apparatus.

Our Sir Linkalot words this week are **Interest, machine, marvellous and natural.**

Wishing you all a great weekend, the Year 2 Team.

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



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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>

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Amy to add Headlice leaflet and possibly further COVID guidance??