

Dates for your diary

School Photographs

16th September

Newbury Weekly News

20th October

Photographer for pictures of the new reception classes

Meet the Teacher

20th September 4pm-6pm
(more details to follow)

Full Governing Board

Meeting

20th September 7pm

Year 1 Educational Visit

27th September –
Milestones

Year 2 Educational Visit

28th September – Oxford
Castle

PTA AGM

29th September 7-8pm

Year 2 Rowan Class

Parent/Child lunches

7th October 12-1pm (other classes invited later in the term)

Year 2 Millets Falconry

Visit

21st October – in school

End of term

21st October – normal collection time

Half Term

24th October – 28th October

Start of Term 2

31st October

School News

On Friday morning the school hall was filled with children saying “cheese!” and “sausages!” as Tempest were in to take pictures of the children. We will hand out the proofs to classes once they have all been received and you can then order directly online.

Invitations have been sent out for the forthcoming Year 1 and Year 2 trips. Please ensure that you complete permission and payment for your children to attend and confirm if they require a school packed lunch or not, via Parentmail.

Meet the Teacher invitations have also been sent via Parentmail. To choose your slot and book on (4pm and 6pm only), please go to the payment section in Parentmail and then scroll down until you see the shopping trolley at the bottom of your screen. Once you have clicked on the trolley there will be a slight delay and then you will see the available times at the bottom of the page.

We have sent some communications out this week with regards to Performance Club which is on offer to all children in Year 1 and 2. The club will take place on a Monday between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. Please do sign up as soon as possible if your child would like to participate.

A reminder that PE kits should be sent in at the beginning of the week as well as Outdoor Learning Kit (waterproof trousers and jacket and wellies/walking boots). Not only does this mean that your child will have spare clothes in school in the event that they become dirty or wet, but it also means that we do not have to send out last minute communications if unavoidable changes are made to the timetable at short notice.

Our Reception children have enjoyed their first full week – they’ll all sleep well this weekend!

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 –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the playground –

Laura Hooke or
Charmaine Kelly

**Please come to our PTA
AGM**

**Thursday 29th
September at the school
hall 7pm-8pm**

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

What a wonderful start to the term. The children have enjoyed learning our nursery routines and are beginning to join in with our 'Hello song'. The song is sung every day to help the children recognise their own names, along with the names of their friends and nursery staff.

We have enjoyed lots of playing and exploring, inside and outside in the garden. The water table has been a firm favourite amongst the children. They have enjoyed scooping and spooning water into different-sized containers and water wheels.

We all had a practice holding onto the safety rope in the garden. This is vital so that the children can move as a class together around school safely. It's really important for the children to understand to walk independently and hold on to an adult's hand when asked. Maybe over the weekend, if you go for a walk, you could practice handholding with your child.

Any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Many thanks.

Acorns (Nursery am and pm)

Welcome to all our new families. It has been lovely to meet you all. The children have settled so well this week! We are very proud.

This term's topic is "Why do you love me so much?" We will be talking about our families and who lives with us. We have already been looking at ourselves and how we are all different and have painted portraits of ourselves.

The children were very good on Wednesday for our first Outdoor Learning session. We talked about the rules of Outdoor Learning, how to carry sticks and found some interesting autumnal items in the garden. Please bring your children in their own clothes every Wednesday with named waterproof trousers/jacket/all in one and wellies if possible.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Reception the children have done amazingly well with all the new routines.

In phonics we have been working on listening and identifying sounds and copying rhythms. We have also been practising our rhyming skills. In English we have been reading the story, 'Halibut Jackson' and making sentences, thinking about who, what they are doing and where they are.

In maths, we have been sorting objects in different ways and saying what is the same or different about similar objects.

In PE, we had our first session with Danny. We practised throwing and catching beanbags.

In outdoor learning, we went for a walk around the school and explored the different outdoor classrooms.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

It has been a busy second week in Year 1. We have written lists of our favourite toys and also labelled and created a caption for a toy by describing its colour, material or other features.

In maths, we have been learning to identify numbers as words, count on from a given number (without starting from 0!) and answering 'one more' problems.

Our science topic this term, we are learning about, 'our bodies'. This week the children matched word labels to the correct area of the body. We also discussed our senses; so see if your child can remember and name the five senses (sight, smell, taste, hearing, touch).

In computing this week, we discussed the meaning of 'technology' (Anything that has been man-made that helps us to do something - so this includes a pencil!). We sorted pictures of things that were and were not examples of technology and we discussed the uses of modern technology like laptops and mobile phones.

We look forward to seeing you at the 'Meet the Teacher' evening next week to explain more about our Year 1 curriculum and how you can support your child at home.

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

This week in Year 2 we have been busy learning about knights and all the things they have to do to become knights. We have written a diary entry pretending to be a knight and we have completed comprehensions about Castles. We have continued to look at place value in Maths and the children are becoming much more confident with tens and ones and reading and writing the written word for a number, well done.

In Computing we have looked at the different types of information technology that we have in school from cameras, I-pads, printers, whiteboards and computers. The children have been asked to investigate the information technology that they have at home.

We have been investigation materials in science and looking at why materials are suited to certain objects and we have been using the words transparent and opaque. The children have loved exploring the new outdoor learning area and were able to use a palm drill to drill a hole in a stick as we have been learning about structures.

As you may know, we will be visiting Oxford Castle on the 28th of September (more information to come home separately). If you are able to offer your time to support on this trip, please speak to Miss Henly, Mrs Jones or Mrs Harlow - any help would be greatly appreciated.

Please can the children not bring in football cards to school as it is becoming a big distraction to them, when they are supposed to be inside and learning.

Many Thanks

Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

Welcome back to all our 'Bees' and welcome to all our new 'Bees'. The children have settled well into the Bumblebees routine and enjoyed exploring our resources. They have all sat and eaten well at dinner time. Our year 2 children have been very good at helping our younger children to clear their plates.

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



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The PTA

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