

Dates for your diary

School Census day – Into the Wild Lunch Menu

Thursday 6th October – please order your child a school meal for census day

Year 2 Rowan Class Parent/Child lunches

7th October 12-1pm (other classes invited later in the year – see planner)

Flu Immunisation Yr 2 Tuesday 18th October

PTA Halloween Disco Tuesday 18th October – more details to follow

Newbury Weekly News

20th October

Photographer for pictures of the new reception classes

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

Another busy week has flown by!

On Tuesday, Year 1 had an exciting visit to Milestones Museum in Basingstoke as part of their 'Toys' topic. The children came back with lots of stories to tell about the old-fashioned toys they played with and tales of the man on the toilet – if you know, you know!



On Wednesday Year 2 then had their first educational visit of the year as part of their 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets' topic. They visited Oxford Castle and came back buzzing with enthusiasm and keen to learn more about castles.



A great big thank you to all our parent helpers for both trips – we couldn't do it without you!

We had the nurses in on Wednesday too for the flu immunisations. For those that missed it, as well as all our Year 2 children, we will send a further letter with details on signing up for the immunisation very soon. The nurses will next be in on 18th October.



The Autumn Term is a time when as a school, we celebrate being thankful. This year as part of our Harvest celebrations we ask that those that can, donate food/toiletries to our local foodbank via local supermarkets rather than bringing donations into school. We are aware that not all households will be in a position to make a donation and wanted to remove any pressure to donate in the current financial climate. We will still discuss the Harvest in school as normal.



Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Thursday 6th October 2022**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Finally, a polite reminder. Please can we ask that you do not smoke/vape on or around the school grounds for the health and safety of the school community.

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**

Christmas card orders can be completed and paid for online. If you have any problems in completing your order, please contact the PTA on the email above. The deadline for orders on 14th October!

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns, we have thought about the concept of 'big and small'. The children have been looking at different items during carpet time, and together we have been trying to sort these objects into groups of 'big and small'.

For music time this week, the children have enjoyed choosing from our rhyming spoons. Our focus song this week has been 'Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes.' Together we have enjoyed trying to identify the different parts of our bodies. Why not have a go at singing this song with your child this weekend and see how hard they have been working?

Outside we have been developing our ball skills. We have seen how the children can swing their legs back and forth independently for some very big kicks! We have looked at how we can throw a ball over arm and investigated which balls can bounce.

Well done everyone, what a lovely week we've had.

Acorns (Nursery am and pm)

This week in Acorns the children have been looking at different homes. We have talked about where we live and how all our homes are different.

In maths the children have been using shapes to make pictures of their houses.

In outdoor learning we collected different materials and made some pictures.

We have started an experiment in science to find what happens to bread if we touch it without washing our hands. Check out seesaw for progress!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Reception we have learnt the letter sounds n, m, d and g. We have practised writing simple words and making them with magnetic letters. We are looking at books with no words or repeating sentences with the children in school, in groups and individually.

In English we have been practising writing our names and talking about ourselves.

In maths we have been comparing size – big/small and length – long/short and tall/short.

We have been tasting lots of different fruits in preparation for making our own fruit kebabs next week.

In outdoor learning we explored the sounds we could make using sticks on different surfaces.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

We had a great time at Milestones Museum this week, exploring all the toys and games. The children were very well behaved and showed lots of enthusiasm when playing the games from the past, e.g. pick up sticks, Jacks and hopscotch. A big thank you to all the parent helpers that joined us to support the children's learning. If your child mentioned seeing a man behind a toilet, don't worry it was only a model in one of the exhibits!

Back in school, we wrote some sentences to reflect on our trip, detailing what we saw and learnt. For instance, we learnt to match toys from a box to ones in a cabinet to create a timeline of toys from the 1940's to the year 2000. Our other English lessons this week have been based on the story: 'The Tiger who came to Tea' by Judith Kerr. We have created story maps and started to write a recount of the story. We will continue work on this book next week. See if your child can retell the simplified version of the story that we performed with actions.

In maths, we have been learning to understand and use vocabulary to compare quantities: fewer, more, less than, greater than and equal. We also introduced the symbols for less than, greater than and equals (<, >, =). It takes time for the children to use these correctly (e.g. $2 < 5$, $9 > 3$, $8 = 8$) so it will be revisited throughout the year.

The children have continued to enjoy the new phonics games. This week's new sounds were: ue, e-e (split 'ee'), i-e (split 'i') and wh.

Please can you support us to get the children swiftly changed for PE by practising changing into these clothes at home and also practising taking the clothes out of the bags and putting them carefully back in again. Thank you!

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

This week we were very excited to visit Oxford Castle. We had a workshop where we looked at different objects from castles such as chainmail and jugs. The children thoroughly enjoyed the tour of the castle, climbing up the 101 steps to the top of the tower where we had 10 mile view of Oxford. Then they visited the cells and saw a rich person cell and a poor person cell. Can you guess which the children preferred? We were able to climb to the top of the mound and look at the views from there and see the well. Thank you to all the parent helpers for coming with us on the trip.

In English this week we have finished our fact files about ourselves and wrote about our trip to Oxford Castle. We have been counting in 2, 3, 5, and 10's this week. The children are more confident counting forwards than backwards so please practise counting backwards with them from any given number.

During Outdoor learning we have been learning different ways of lashing sticks together. This week we managed to use a tripod lash and we created our own tripods using sticks.

Please can you work with your child to help them become quicker at changing for PE by giving them the same target at home to get ready in 3 minutes. Also please ensure that the PE kits have within them a t shirt, a pair of shorts and a tracksuit, as it is starting to get colder and the children will be doing PE outside on a Thursday and Gymnastics on a Wednesday (where they need to be wearing shorts and not leggings or tracksuit bottoms).

Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

This week in Bumblebees the children have enjoyed taking turns playing chess and ping pong games.

We are enjoying our meal times and our Year 2 children are being very helpful, clearing the dishes away and loading the dishwasher!

Bumblebees Stars

Friend

Alexandra Y1

Dinner Star

Isaac Nursery

Playtime

Clara Y2



Whole School Stars

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

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