

Dates for your diary

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

Year 2 Junk Man Orchestra

Wednesday 2nd November – in school

Remembrance Assembly

Led by Rowan class 11th November (Rowan class parents will be invited shortly)

Beech Class Parent/Child Lunch

11th November 11.45am-12.45pm (more details to follow on Parentmail)

Parent Consultation Evening

15th November 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Parent Consultation Evening

17th November 5.30pm – 8.00pm

Children in Need Assembly

18th November

Led by School Council

School News

What a final week - so many things have happened! We started the week with Flu immunisations (Year 2 and catch up) and Vision Screening (Reception and catch ups). Well done to all the children for being so well behaved and enabling them to run smoothly! We then had our ever-popular Halloween disco which was run by the PTA. There were some wonderful costumes and some fabulous dance moves! Well done to Sofia, Charlie and Scarlett who were the Halloween disco best dressed winners



To finish the week on a bang, Year 2 had a visit from Millets Falconry and the children loved this hands-on visit.

Looking forward to next term, Year 2 have another education visit from the Junkman Orchestra. Parent Consultations are also planned to enable you to catch up with your child's teacher about their progress so far this year and Year 2 parents will receive some information on supporting the children through their SATs.

Reminders and updates

As the colder afternoons draw in, we understand that more families will be using their cars to drop off and collect children. Please can we remind you to always park safely and considerately. Please do not park on double yellows, corners, zig zag lines or on drop curbs/blocking driveways. Officers from Pangbourne Police Station do spot checks at various points in the year, and we wouldn't want anyone to receive a parking fine.

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 –

**Laura Hooke or
Charmaine Kelly**

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

What a spooktacular week we've had in Little Acorns! The children have all thoroughly enjoyed the Halloween-themed activities this week, from gluing and sticking different coloured shapes onto a witches hat to painting pumpkins, mixing and stirring a witch's potion in the water tray and reading a variety of Halloween-themed stories such as 'Pip and Posy: The Scary Monster', 'Peppa Pig's Halloween party and '10 Little Monsters.'

During our rhyme time this week, the children even learnt a new song about 10 little pumpkins!

The children have worked especially hard to make a special keepsake for their loved ones to enjoy.

It's been a wonderful term and we are extremely proud of everyone.

Enjoy your half-term and well-earned rest.

Acorns (Nursery am and pm)

This week in Acorns the children have been learning about the Hindu Festival Diwali – The Festival of Light. The children made Diva lamps and decorated them with sequins.

In PE with Danny, the children were practising how to run safely with the ball. In our indoor PE session in the hall we moved our bodies to music.

We have enjoyed pumpkin printing and investigating pumpkins!



Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Reception we have learnt the sounds h, b, f (& ff), l (& ll), ss. We have been writing sentences using the tricky words – I go to the.

We have been reading stories about families and using them to talk about how we are all the same and different. We have drawn pictures of our families and labelled them.

In maths we have continued focusing on the numbers 1, 2 and 3 this week. We have found and matched sets of objects to 3 and have begun to use the language more/fewer.

Please can you send in a photo of your child as a baby, we will be using this after half term to begin to talk about the past.

A PE kit reminder – as it is getting cold now, children need a navy tracksuit as well as their P.E shorts. Girls also need a pair of socks for PE if they come to school in tights.

Please can you check names in all your children's clothes over half term. We have lots of jumpers without names waiting to be claimed.

Please note that next term **Maple Class** will have their outdoor Learning on a Monday.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

In Year One, we have enjoyed the last week of our toys topic. The children used the Chromebooks or I-pads to type up sentences to create class books about toys. We look forward to reading it in class when it is all printed out.

In our computing lesson, we shared rules of how to use computers safely and considerately and the children designed posters to remind us of these.

In maths, we have continued to focus on addition and we have developed our knowledge of number bonds to speed up solving addition problems. See if your child can think of all the number bonds to make 10 (0+10, 1+9 etc.).

To complete our Science topic, we enjoyed tasting a marshmallow sweet treat which we toasted over the fire pit during our outdoor learning. We described the look of the marshmallow and how it changed as it was warmed by the flames.

We hope you all have a lovely and well-earned half-term break. When we return, our topic will be 'Fairy Tales and Forests'. We would be happy for the children to bring in their own fairy tale books for us to read during story time. As part of our DT lessons, we will be looking at mechanisms to make moving pictures in books and we will be designing our own Fairy Tale based moving pictures. Again, if any children have any books with moving levers/wheels in at home, they would be handy to show as examples.

Thank you for your continued support.

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

In English this week, Year 2 have been learning about the story of Saint George and the Dragon! Although it is not quite the right time of year for the story, it links so well with our topic about castles and knights. The children have enjoyed learning the story off by heart with lots of actions - ask your child if they can retell the story to you.

In maths we have been learning how to use our knowledge of number bonds to solve addition and subtraction problems. We have used tens frames, rekenreks and numbers lines to learn how to solve problems in lots of different ways. We have been so impressed with how well the children have persevered, even when the learning has been tricky.

On Friday we had a visit from Millets Falconry centre. The visitors brought in a range of birds of prey. The children had the chance to ask questions about the birds and even see them fly across the hall! It was an amazing experience.

After half term the children will have a visit from the 'Junk Orchestra' to kick off our new topic - 'Beat, Band, Boogie!' They will have the opportunity to make their own instruments using unconventional materials. Please can we ask for donations of the cardboard tubes from the middle of kitchen rolls for this session. Thank you in advance.

It has been a very busy first term in year 2 but we have been so proud of how well the children have settled and how hard they have all worked - they deserve a restful half term break and we look forward to seeing all of their smiling faces on the 31st.

Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

The children have enjoyed lots of Halloween fun in Bumblebees this week. We have carved a pumpkin and played pumpkin bowling!

We have also done lots of dressing up in a variety of spooky costumes!

Bumblebees Stars

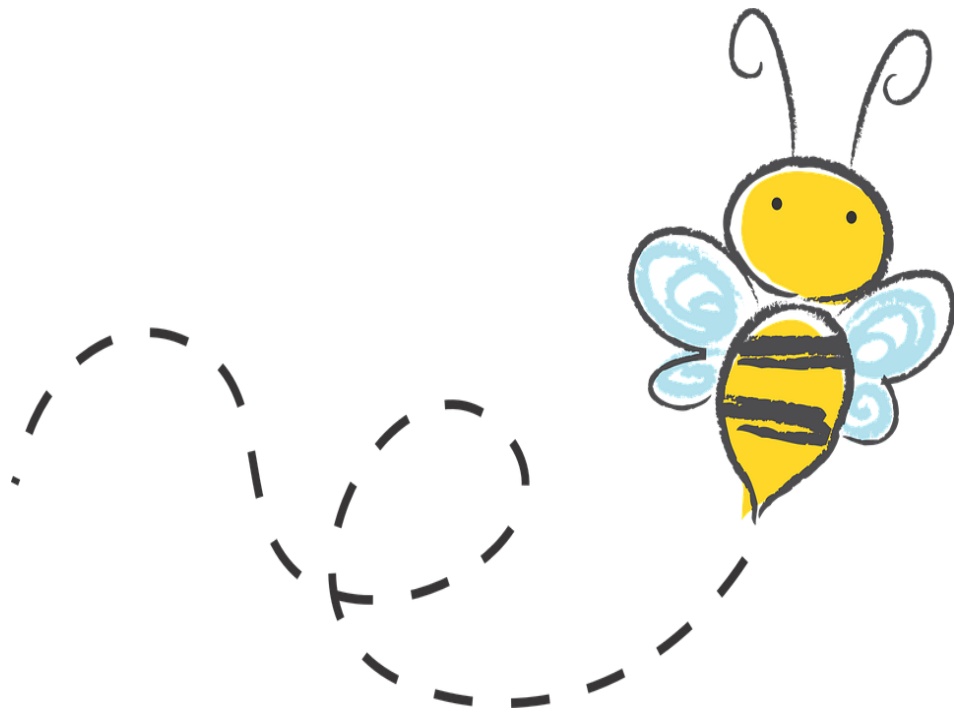
Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



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The PTA

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