

Dates for your diary

4th May

Y2 visit to Thatcham Discovery Centre

5th May

Coronation celebrations (red, white and blue)

11th May

YR bus 'journey' and miniature railway

11th May

PTA Quiz Night – see Facebook for more details!

12th May

Maple Class Parent/Child Lunch 11.45am-12.45pm

12th May

PTA - Birch Class Cake Sale (after school)

21st May

Burghfield May Fayre – Please visit our bottle tombola (donations from 5th May)

26th May

End of Summer Term 1

5th June

Start of Summer Term 2 & Science Week

9th June

Governor Visit Day

16th June

YR visit to Mudeford Beach

22nd June

Y2 Educational Visit to Bristol

23rd June

Armed Forces Celebration Day

School News

We have certainly packed lots into this 4-day week!

Classes have been busy preparing for today's celebrations and have made crowns and other decorations for the big day. Classes have completed a trail around school learning about the Coronation traditions.

On Thursday, our Year 2 children visited Thatcham Discovery Centre as part of their 'wriggle and crawl' topic. The children loved this visit and found out lots of information and had a hands-on experience.

Thank you for everyone that volunteered, we couldn't run these trips without you and so we are very grateful!

Mental Health in Children

This week Neal Ridley from the West Berkshire Mental Health Team came in to give a talk to parents. Those that attended said they found the talk helpful and now have more of an idea on how the West Berkshire Mental Health Team can help them and their families and also ways to support their children.

Reminders

A gentle reminder of our school drop off and collections times. It can be very unsettling for children when they are dropped off or collected late on a regular basis (we understand that sometimes these things cannot be avoided!). As well as potentially unsettling your own child, it can also cause disruption to the other children in school/nursery.

Reception-KS1 – **9.00am** (gates open at 8.45)–**3.25pm**

Acorns Nursery – **8.45am–11.45am & 12.30pm–3.30pm**

Little Acorns Nursery – **8.50am–11.50am & 12.30pm–3.30pm**



Coronation of King Charles



To finish off a wonderful week we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles today. The classes and class areas all looked fabulous with their decorations and the children enjoyed their class parties in their red, white and blue outfits. The King would be proud!



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**

**From 5th May please
bring in your bottle
Tombola donations
ready for the May Fayre
on 21st May**

11th May

PTA Quiz Night – see
Facebook for more
details!

Little Acorns Class

This week in Little Acorns we have been learning all about the King's upcoming Coronation. We have been learning the words to sing the National Anthem as well as our song of the term (Animal Fair) and all our familiar nursery rhymes. We use our Nursery Rhyme Basket full of nursery rhyme friends, the Spoons with pictures depicting various nursery rhymes and our Tap-Tap Box containing special themed stones to help us to sing a wide range of nursery rhymes every day and sometimes use musical instruments to make our time for singing more special.

We have been reading books with a royal theme as well as a new story with the title 'Slug Needs a Hug'. The children have been enjoying learning the moral of the story to love being yourself, and have re-told the story using animal puppets and toys.

The children have been exploring their creative side with blue, red and white playdough to make shapes to match the union jack flag. They have used their fine motor control skills to uncover royal themed scenes celebrating the Coronation which were hiding beneath red/white/blue coloured gravel in the classroom as well as decorating crowns and keepsake bookmarks. Lots of mini royals have been seen in the nursery this week – role playing kings, queens, princes and princesses with the dress up box!

In maths, the children have been using minibeasts to count out different number of creatures from 1-10 to put into ten pots so that they can recognise the numbers, begin to 'subitise' (recognising quantities without counting), and start to know when one quantity is more or less than another.

In the Little Acorns Garden this week, we have participated in lots of garden games (team and individual), used 'teapots' to pour lots of cups of 'tea' from our foamy water tray, and imagined ourselves on the beach making sandcastles using buckets and spades in the sandpit.

Acorns Class

This week in Acorns we have been learning all about the upcoming Coronation. In maths we were putting jewels on the St. Edward's Crown one by one.

In literacy we have learned lots of different facts about the King's Guards and the King himself.

We have been practising the National Anthem this week in music and have learnt a special Coronation Song.

In Science we made and decorated cakes for our afternoon tea on Friday!

If you take part in any Coronation Celebrations over the weekend, please email your pictures to reception@mrsblands.w-berks.sch.uk so we can share them as a class on Thursday!

Please keep an eye on your child's Seesaw account as Mrs Tanner is off to London and will share some of the day with you!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

We have been immersed in all things 'Coronation' this week.

In Literacy we have read 2 books – 'The Runaway Crown' and 'The King's Hats' which helped us think about what jobs the King has and how he might be feeling getting ready for the Coronation. We also learnt some facts about King Charles, his family and what happens in the Coronation and took part in a quiz with a friend to test the knowledge we had learnt.

All classes were given an item from the coronation to find out about and make a class display. Maple found out about the Sovereign Orb and Beech the two Sovereign sceptres.

The children have created some excellent models, made bunting and crowns and played coronation themed games. Our cloakroom area looks fantastic!

On Friday we made scones, played games and had a tea party with the whole school. In Maths we have continued to revise numbers to 11-20, how to write them and recognise the amounts on a ten frame. We also recapped on what we remembered about shapes from last term, looking at how they rotate.

In phonics, we are learning to segment and blend cvcc words like stamp, bring, flip and train and use these in our sentences. We have all enjoyed the new game 'karate chop' in our phonic sessions.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

This week in Year 1 we have been busy preparing for and celebrating the coronation of King Charles III.

Both classes have made items and learnt facts for a table-top display. Cherry class display focussed on the King's crown and Birch class have created work all about Westminster Abbey.

Both classes made flags and crowns for the coronation celebration we had on Friday. Cherry class used coloured rice for some flags and made others by painting on fabric. Birch class made their flags with a mixture of tissue paper, coloured paper strips and colouring with pencils. We hope the children enjoy wearing their crowns and using their flags at home too!

As part of our celebration on Friday the children also made some yummy cupcakes – thank you very much to Miss Lambarth for being super busy cooking with the children!

In keeping with our 'Coronation' theme: This week in English the children made their own version of the story 'The Queen's Knickers', adapting it to be about a king. We loved seeing all their great use of verbs, adjectives and adverbs.

In maths this week, we had lots of practical fun learning how to share objects into equal groups and recognising that by doing so we were 'dividing'.

We wish you all a fantastic special bank holiday weekend!

Kind regards Year 1 Team

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

This has been a really exciting week for year 2 as we went on our trip to the Thatcham Discovery Centre! We had such a fantastic time learning about different minibeasts and their habitats. We (very carefully) collected and studied different minibeasts up close and even got to look at some pond dwelling creatures in their natural habitat. Everyone behaved beautifully and we had a lovely day in the sunshine. Thank you so much to all of our wonderful parent helpers for their support on the day.

We have also been getting ready for the King's Coronation! In Hazel class we learned about the King's interests and incorporated these into a brand new robe which we designed ourselves. Did you know that King Charles III is extremely passionate about the environment? In Rowan class we researched the state coaches that the King will travel in on his coronation day. We found out that the original state coach is over 250 years old and is extremely uncomfortable. On Friday, we celebrated the coronation in style. We played games, baked cookies and came together for a tea party in the afternoon. It was lovely to see everyone in their red, white and blue!

In science, we have been exploring the habitats and microhabitats within our school grounds. We are extremely lucky to have areas of grass, mud and trees as well as our pond area. We chose two different habitats within the school grounds and conducted a survey to see which creatures we could find living there. Then, we presented the data we had collected in a pictogram and talked about the most and least common minibeasts we had seen.

Finally, in art we have been focusing on drawing and painting butterflies. We were inspired by the work of Kjell Bloch Sandved who was a nature photographer. We experimented with different water colour techniques and then used these to add colour and pattern to our butterfly wings. Some of our work can be seen on seesaw!

Considering it has been a short week, we have certainly crammed a lot in. We are ready for another three day weekend to recover!



Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees



This week we have been focussed on crafts associated with the Coronation of King Charles. We have made bunting, paper chains and a wall hanging of Royal designs. On Friday we were treated to a special 'afternoon tea' buffet. Yum yum!

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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