

Dates for your diary

School Photographs

16th September

Newbury Weekly News

Date TBC

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
(more details to follow via Parentmail)

Year 2 Educational Visit

28th September – Oxford Castle
(more details to follow via Parentmail)

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

“Welcome back!” to all our previous families and “Hello and welcome!” to those of you that have just joined Mrs Bland’s Infant and Nursery School. We hope everyone had a lovely summer break.

As ever, our existing children have all moved onto the next year with ease and are taking it all in their stride. Our new starters have shown great resilience and have started the term full of enthusiasm. Your child will be bringing a letter home today which contains key information about their class and some upcoming dates for your diary.

School works

We had a lot of work completed over the Summer Holidays and now have new hard flooring throughout the reception classrooms the corridors and the office reception. We have had lots of new pipework fitted and our hot water system has been improved. The entire school has had a deep clean and that, along with the new flooring, has really brightened up the whole school

PE T-shirts

All children (Reception and KS1) will be provided with their PE T-shirt, which they will be bringing home today. Siblings have been placed in the same teams.

PTA

The PTA held a hugely successful coffee morning today for our new reception parents and several parents have signed up to join. If you were unable to attend but would like to join the PTA then it is never too late! Please do contact our current PTA at mrsblandspata@gmail.com

Reminders

Please may we ask that children do not play on the outdoor equipment before and after school for their own safety. This includes the bike stands and any walls inside the playground.

Dogs are not to be brought into the school grounds in any circumstances.

If your child rides a bike or scooter to school, please ensure they dismount before entering the school grounds.

Please ensure you park considerately and in fairness to our neighbours.

Thank you!

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**

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

What a wonderful start to the new academic year. It's been lovely getting to meet our new starters and their families this week during home visits and welcoming back our Little Acorns from last year. The children have all enjoyed coming in and exploring the nursery and meeting new friends.

Please remember that staff are there to help, so any questions or concerns, please do feel free to ask.

We do strongly advise named wellie boots and waterproofs are brought and kept in the nursery due to current weather conditions.

Acorns (Nursery am and pm)

It has been lovely to spend time with the nursery children this week. All of the children have settled well and have been busy making new friends. Despite the weather, the children managed to spend time in our outside area and have had fun exploring both inside and out.

We look forward to a wonderful term!

The Acorns Nursery Team

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

Well done to all the children in Reception. They have done amazingly well in their first week and enjoyed exploring throughout the classrooms and outside.

Please can you make sure ALL clothes, lunchboxes, shoes etc. are named as we already have a couple of jumpers we are trying to match to their children.

Also please do not put any food in the children's bags as there are children within school with severe allergies to a variety of different allergens. School provide children with a snack daily.

We look forward to our first full week next week, details of days for outdoor learning and PE will be sent separately.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Well done to all the children for a fantastic first week in Year 1. We have been really impressed with how well they have settled into the new routines. The children have been introduced to our topic of 'Toys'. Our role-play for this term is a 'toy museum' and we are learning all about the history of toys and how the type and material of toys has changed over time. To support our topic, we would be grateful for any examples of **old toys** for 'show and tell'. If you're happy for them to stay in school to be handled by children please let us know, if not the children can bring them straight back home after showing to the class.

As part of our topic we will also be visiting Milestones Museum on Tuesday 27th September. More details will follow shortly, but in the meantime, if you are able to help on this trip, please can you let us know.

In maths this week we have been learning to sort objects by colour, size and shape. We have practised our careful counting and used numberlines to record the numbers in writing. We have also introduced how to count along a hundred square and we have made our own personal hundred squares with the odd and even numbers in alternate colours.

In English lessons we have focused on the alphabet - finding missing letters, saying letter names and matching lowercase to uppercase letters. We have also had guidance to use the role play toy museum and work on our speaking and listening skills. The staff have been busy sorting reading books for all the children, taking in to account any progression or repetition needed from over the summer so reading books will be sent home consistently next week (if you haven't already seen them!).

If you have any questions, please do come and speak to any of us at the end of the day, or leave a message with a staff member on the gate in the morning. We look forward to working with you this year.

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

Wow! What a fantastic first week back at school for year 2! The children have been absolutely brilliant this week and despite being very tired, they have worked extremely hard.

In maths we have started our unit on place value. We have been revisiting some of the learning from year 1, completing missing number sequences and beginning to partition larger numbers into tens and ones. Next week we will be ordering and comparing numbers.

In writing we have been making links to our history topic and learning all about castles. We started off by labelling some key parts of castles and considering how and why they were used. We then started learning about the roles of knights. We will continue this learning next week as we write about 'how to become a knight!'

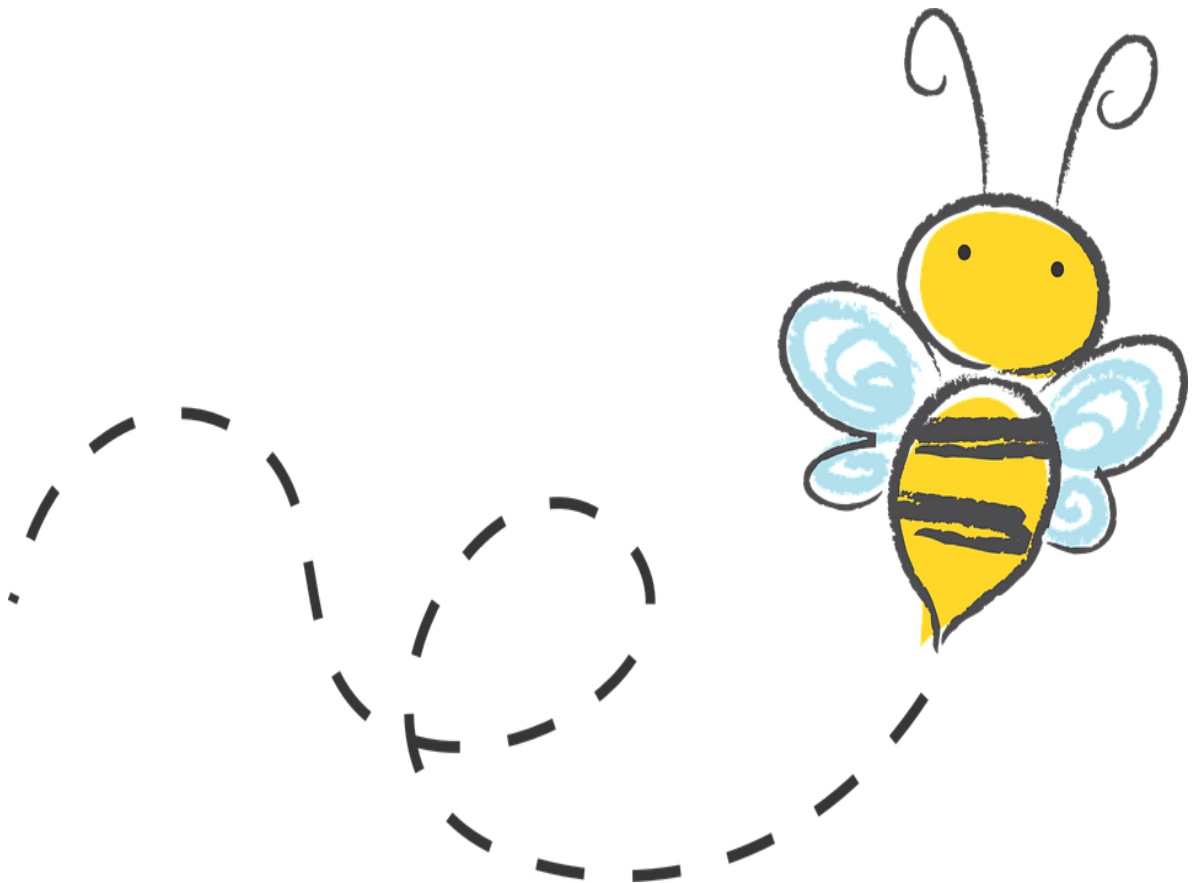
Our afternoons have been filled with computing, science, geography and art which the children have loved! We are looking forward to continuing this work next week.

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.

Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

Welcome back every one and welcome to our new starters! We have had a good start to the term and the children have had a ball! We will update you next with the Crumbs menu and the timetable for the term – thank you for your patience.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



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School Lottery

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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