

Newsletter Term 6 Number 2 Friday 13th June 2025

Values of the term: Kindness, understanding, forgiveness

‘If you carry joy in your heart, you can heal any moment’ – Carlos Santana

Dear Parents,



This week in our Monday worship we explored the five core emotions from the film Inside Out - Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear, and Disgust - we discussed how emotions such as sadness can help us feel empathy for others, how fear can sometimes protect us by helping us stay safe and disgust might stop us from eating something we shouldn't.



We thought about different types of anger – righteous anger about something that is morally wrong, which can spur us on to take action and change things for the better, versus anger where we fall out with friends or someone in our family – this is not so good. With this type of anger, it's best to resolve the situation, forgive and then let go - that way, we don't dwell on whatever made us feel angry. If we hold on to this type of anger, it will upset us even further.

Finally, we explored how joy goes beyond momentary happiness, offering resilience and inner peace, even in challenging times. We appreciated that every emotion has value and contributes to our emotional well-being. It was truly inspiring to hear the thoughtful and wise insights shared by the children as they reflected carefully on these important themes.



Buckland Weekend

What a fantastic weekend the Buckland Festival turned out to be! Saturday's get-together at The Lamb Inn was a real highlight - great music, a lively crowd, and even a visit from our local MP, Charlie Maynard, who stopped by to soak up the atmosphere. Not even the classic British weather could dampen the spirit of the event!





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On Sunday, it was a real treat to explore the beautiful gardens around Buckland village - I must admit, I now have serious garden envy! The **Alice in Wonderland** theme was brilliant - so many creative displays and imaginative ideas brought the village to life. It was especially lovely to see the children having such a fantastic time at the Madhatter's Tea Party. Everything was beautifully



organised by FOBS, and a special thank you must go to Nesta, who worked tirelessly to bring it all together. This truly was a whole-community event, with the village and school coming together in the most wonderful way - how fantastic!

Message from FOBS –

Huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make the Madhatter's Tea Party on Sunday such a success! These events really would not happen without you, and we appreciate all your contributions, from setting up gazebos, stalls, signs, decorations, creating props, prepping, marketing, advertising, sourcing raffle prizes, clearing up, wrapping and labelling gifts and running stalls! THANK YOU! We will update you with the total raised when the numbers are firmed up.

If anyone would like to join, we are having a drinks social night for all those who helped with Buckland Festival Weekend, and to thank those who opened their gardens, where we will also announce the winner of "favourite garden!" Please come along on Friday 20th June to The Lamb Tavern, where the outside bar will be open for drinks, and results will be announced around 7pm!

This week in class –

Acorns - This week Acorns have been learning all about the wider world. We have been looking at maps and globes and talking about different places around the world. We have also been sharing stories about planet Earth and have been thinking about how we can help to look after our world and everything in it. Big Acorns have been learning to group and share in maths. Little Acorns have been continuing to learn all about shapes. All the acorns have enjoyed going to Forest School this week too.

Beech - In English, Beech have been retelling the story of Dogger. They have worked in pairs to verbally retell the story and have begun to retell the story in their own words. In Maths, the children have been learning about quarters and thirds. They have worked hard



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to split shapes equally into the correct number of parts. In History, we are learning about the history of Buckland and this week they all drew their favourite buildings in Buckland.

Sycamore - This week in Sycamore we have been writing our introduction and first few paragraphs for our Newspaper article on Howard Carter's discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun - the children have done really well in recalling all the key facts from our History topic. In Maths, the Year 4's have continued their work plotting on a grid, whilst Year 3's have been learning about time. In Geography, we learnt about the difference between 'climate' and 'weather' in Egypt.

Oak have been at St Hugh's School this week for their first swimming lesson of 4. Following on from our Science workshop at Abingdon School, we have labelled different parts of the heart and explained the role of our digestive, muscular, and skeletal systems. The class have produced some fantastic story openings based around The Midnight Fox this week. In Circle Time, we discussed some of the peer pressures we may encounter in our early teenage years and how to overcome this.

Next week – (busy week for Year 6!)

Monday – Oak swimming - details have been sent on Parent Pay.

Monday – Year 6 – FCC Roadshow 5.30-6.30pm - details have been sent on Parent Pay.

Tuesday – Year 6 Bikeability - details have been sent on Parent Pay.

Wednesday – Class photos am.

Thursday – Sports Day – details have been sent on Parent Pay.

Parent Governors – I'm pleased to share that Kerry Spurry and Kayleigh Taylor will be joining our Governing Committee as new Parent Governors. They each bring valuable experience and insight to the role, and I'm very much looking forward to working with them. Their contributions will undoubtedly be a great asset to our LGC.

Staffing updates - Mrs Joan Davenport will be joining us as a Lunchtime Supervisor next week. Joan will be working 3 days a week on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – she will be job sharing with Mrs Hambleton, who works on a Thursday and Friday. We are still looking for a 5 day a week lunchtime supervisor – if you know anyone who might be interested in this role, please share - <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140278/EDV-2025-BCEPS-42359>

New nurture room



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This summer, we're transforming our current IT suite into a brand-new nurture room! At the same time, we're also looking to improve storage solutions in our existing nurture space.

If you have any of the following items in neutral colours and in good (ish) condition looking for a new home, we'd love to hear from you:

- Sofas or an armchair
- Floor lamps
- A rug
- Shelves
- Wicker baskets
- Cupboards

We're also planning to hang curtains between Sycamore and the IT suite. If you're handy with a sewing machine and could lend a hand, we'd be so grateful for your help!

Thank you so much for your support!

Reporting your child's absence - please can parents notify the office either by email or to the office phone by 8.45am at the latest. **Please do not only leave a message with a member of staff – all messages of absence need to go to the office** so that Ms Harvey can add the correct information to our registers by 9.10am. Thank you for your support with this.

This week's mental health message is from Scarlett (Y6):
"Be somebody that makes everybody feel like a somebody."

Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	80	75	80
Termly total	173	168	173

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Daisy J and George
Beech – Chloe V and Ava S-M
Sycamore – Lola and Eddie



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Oak – Ruth and Bertie

Silver badges have been awarded to:
Eddie, Albie D, George D, Imogen and Poppy.

Gold badges have been awarded to:
Sophia O and Arthur

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team