

Newsletter Term 6 Number 1 Friday 6th June 2025
Values of the term: Kindness, understanding, forgiveness

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 6 – how has that come around so quickly?
I hope you all had a wonderful break. It's been lovely hearing about the children's exciting adventures over the holiday.

We've jumped straight back into the swing of things this week. A particular highlight has been the start of rehearsals for *Oliver with a Twist* – it's so impressive to see how many of our Year 6 pupils already know their lines! A huge thank you to parents for your support with this – it's really paying off.

A big well done to our Year 3/4 and 5/6 Quad Kids teams, who did an excellent job representing the school at FCC. They competed in: Vortex Howler, Standing Long Jump, Sprint and Long-Distance run.

Both teams came 2nd in the group events, and we had some brilliant individual results too: Eleanor came 1st in her race, Sophia 2nd, and Freddie 3rd – what a fantastic effort! The whole group has qualified for the finals – a super achievement!

They all returned beaming with pride. Mr Henry shared how they cheered each other on, looked out for one another, and truly embodied our school values throughout the event. A heartfelt thank you to Mr Henry and Mrs Houston for accompanying the children, and to Mrs Johnson and Mrs Old for generously volunteering their time – we're so grateful.



Year 6 also had their first Bikeability session this week. Despite a bit of classic British weather, they approached it with positivity and resilience – true Buckland spirit on display!

Speaking of rain – we do our best to ensure the children get outside to play, whatever the weather. If rain is forecast, please make sure your child brings a waterproof coat and a spare pair of dry socks or tights in their bag. Thank you for your support.



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This week in class –

Acorns - This week Acorns have been learning about the author Eric Carle and enjoying sharing lots of his fantastic stories. Big Acorns have been using their super maths skills to add and take away. Little Acorns have been exploring 2D shapes. In phonics we have all been recapping the sounds that we have learnt so far, including our special friends. Acorns have also been working on our aiming, throwing, jumping and running skills ready for sports day in a couple of weeks.

Beech - have had a brilliant first week back at school. In English, we have been writing descriptive paragraphs about our favourite teddy, leading on to a unit based on the book 'Dogger'. In Maths, we have started learning about fractions. This week has been based on parts and a whole and equal and unequal parts. In History, we are learning about Buckland and its history – we started by learning about timelines - what they are and how they show when certain events happened.

Sycamore - This week in Sycamore we have been looking at newspaper reports in English; we have been able to recognise the features needed for a newspaper report and will soon move onto writing our own based on the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. In Maths we have recapped some prior learning - we have been practising column addition and subtraction as well as looking at symmetry. We have also started our Geography topic where we are looking into Egypt in more detail - we used atlases to discover the bordering countries to Egypt. In RE we started looking at the Creation Story and the children were able to recall what they thought was wonderful about our world. Well done on our first week back Sycamore!

Oak – Oak class have started the term well. In English, we have read the first chapter of The Midnight Fox to support our narrative writing. The children have introduced similes, metaphors and clichés into their work to support their story telling. In Maths, our Y5s have been working with negative numbers whilst the Y6 have been comparing the prices of supermarket goods to get the best deal possible, which most of them found very challenging. We have discussed that no-one is perfect and beauty should be defined from our personality and not appearance in Circle Time. We have also started our rehearsals on the school stage for our of year production - the children have made a great start with this.

Next week –

Oak are swimming on Monday – details have been sent on ParentPay.



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Staffing updates:

Mrs Jones and Mrs Langlay-Smith will be spending some time in school over the coming weeks, to familiarise themselves with routines, spend time in class, and meet with staff. This will help ensure a smooth start when they are officially back.

A message from FOBS –

We are busy getting ready for the Buckland Festival Weekend! The Sunday event is our school fete this year. There will be a fancy dress parade on the Sunday 8th June at 5.15pm. There will also be a decorating a teapot competition (template attached). Please decorate the teapot however you would like - make sure your entries are returned to school by Friday 6th June to be entered into the competition.

Classes are as follows for Fancy dress parade and teapot:

Under 3, Under 5, Under 7, Under 9, Under 11 and Open class any age.



FOBS –

🍷 Don't Miss the FOBS Buckland Festival Weekend! 🍷

A fun-filled weekend for all the family — and all in support of our school!

📅 Saturday 7th June @ The Lamb Tavern

BBQ from 4pm • Live Music from 6pm

Tickets: £10 (children – includes BBQ, ice cream & live music)

£20 (adults – includes BBQ, salad & live music)

Relax, enjoy great food, and dance the evening away while the kids are fully entertained!

📅 Sunday 8th June @ The Memorial Hall (2–6pm)

Mad Hatter's Tea Party!

Fun for all with games, stalls, a bar, raffle, and Open Gardens trail.

Tickets: £2.50 (under 3s go free)

Bring your friends and family and make a weekend of it!

Every ticket sold helps raise funds for our school — thank you for your support



👉 Get your tickets now <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbuckland/>



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FOBS are urgently looking for a new treasurer!

FOBS do a fantastic job raising funds for the school, helping to provide a wide range of opportunities for our children - from trips and workshops to essential equipment and more – without their help we would simple not be able to offer the children the wide range of enrichment opportunites that we do - their support makes a huge difference. If you're able to spare some time and would be interested in helping as treasurer, please get in touch with Abi White.



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.

Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	93	93	93
Termly total	93	93	93

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

- Acorns – Emmy and Alex
- Beech – William H and Arthur
- Sycamore – Orest and Imogen
- Oak – Evie and Emily

Silver badges have been awarded to:

- Ava K, Freddie C, Forrest, Albie R, Isaac, Gethyn, Ingrid, Matilda D, Chloe

Have a wonderful weekend – hope to see lots of you at the Buckland Festival Weekend!

Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team