

Newsletter Term 5 Number 4 Friday 16th May 2025
Values of the term: Kindness, understanding, forgiveness
'Peace begins with a smile' – Mother Teresa

Dear Parents,

A huge well done to our incredible Year 6 children for their amazing efforts during SATs week. Year 6 - you approached each day with calm, confidence and



maturity, and we could not be prouder of the hard work and resilience you have shown. You truly gave it your all! They have ended their week enjoying a pizza party – a huge thank you to Nathan at the Lamb and to Nesta for their help with this. As we move forward, there is so much to look forward to for our Year 6 class - Junior Citizens, Swimming, Bikeability, Oliver with a Twist, transition days... and more! This is a special time for our oldest children as they embrace all the special moments that come with their final term in primary school and begin to look ahead to the exciting journey of transitioning to secondary school.



Whole school trip

We are thrilled to be heading to Hill End for our whole school trip on Monday 21st July! The children will be taking part in a range of exciting activities - it's always a real highlight to enjoy a day out altogether. We will be looking for volunteers to accompany us - if you are one of our regular helpers and would like to join the trip, please let Lesley know. Many thanks in advance!

This week in class –

Acorns - have been sharing 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and other stories this week. Through these stories, the children have been learning all about life cycles and the changes that take place. In PE, we have enjoyed exploring the bikes on the playground (Huge thanks to FOBS for funding these). Big Acorns have been looking at patterns when exploring numbers to 20. Little Acorns have been exploring capacity and talking about containers being full or empty.



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Beech - have been writing instructions. They had to tell Mrs Elliott how to make her jam sandwich and make sure they made their instructions clear. In science, we learnt about materials that are soft and squishy or hard and strong. In maths we have had a quiz about multiplication and division and are now starting to learn about money. We have also written, practised and performed our class worship. Our worship showed amazing teamwork and collaboration with the whole class supporting one another.

Sycamore - This week in Sycamore we have been working hard in Maths on using money - we have been looking at counting in pounds and pence, ordering money as well as adding/subtracting amounts. In Guided reading we have been looking deeper into Secrets of a Sun King, for science, we have looked at the functions of a leaf and how photosynthesis works. In Art we looked worked hard on drawing flowers and trying to use shading to add detail to our drawings. We finished the week by completing our portfolio fact files on Tutankhamun.

Oak - have had a very different but successful week in school. The Y6's have completed their SATS incredibly well. The adults in school are extremely proud of all the children's efforts. Throughout the week, the Y6s have constantly looked out for each other outside the classroom whilst having an amazing attitude to answer lots of challenging questions inside the classroom. The Y5's have enjoyed their time together in the ICT room by adding and subtracting decimals in Maths as well as typing their portfolio work onto the computer. As a class, we have developed our Tennis skills on the playground and top field. We have also shared how we can overcome adversity to empower ourselves in Circle Time and used Google Drawings to create a range of pictures in Computing.

Staffing updates:

Next week is Mrs Gorham's last week with us at Buckland school. We can't quite believe that she will be leaving us - it has all gone so fast.

Roasting -

The concept of 'roasting' as a form of humour - making jokes or comments at someone else's expense - is something we've become increasingly aware of in school. While it may be portrayed as playful banter online, in reality, it can often cross the line into unkindness. For many of us, this use of the term is new, especially when it's used as an excuse to say hurtful things. It's likely that some children are picking up the idea of roasting from older siblings who are on social media, YouTube, or online gaming platforms, where this type of so-called humour is sometimes popularised.



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These types of trends come and go, and as a school, we remain vigilant. Our role as a school, is to support and educate our children around the content they might encounter online, helping them to navigate the ever-changing digital world with empathy, respect and awareness. We encourage you to have conversations at home too - together, we can help children understand the impact of their words and actions, both in person and online, and keep Buckland a safe, positive, and supportive place for all.

Next week:

Monday - Sycamore swimming

Tuesday afternoon - Oak class are visiting Abingdon School for a Biology workshop all about the Heart.

Friday - Year 6 are visiting Junior Citizens in Oxford.



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!



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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/>

FOBS are urgently looking for a new treasurer! Please see info attached to newsletter.



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

This week's certificates have been awarded to:
Acorns – Alavander, Annabelle and George D
Beech – Emmy and Ira
Sycamore – Freddie and Chloe
Oak – All of Year 6 for SATs!
Niah and Tom H in Year 5.

Badges and house points will be in next week's newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team