

Newsletter Term 5 Number 1 Friday 25th April 2025
Values of the term: Kindness, understanding, forgiveness
'No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.' - Aesop

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school - we hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. As we step into this new term, we're excited for all the opportunities ahead packed with activities, new challenges, and chances to grow together – summer term is always very busy and fun!



In our Monday worship this week, we focused on Earth Day, which is celebrated every year on 22nd April. We watched a video that explained why this day is so important, and we talked about the book 'Greta and the Giants', which tells the story of Greta Thunberg and her efforts to protect the planet. We had a thoughtful discussion about the ways we can all help look after Earth, and as always, the children had fantastic ideas - using reusable water bottles, turning off lights when they're not needed, switching off the tap while brushing teeth, putting rubbish in the bin, planting flowers for pollinators, recycling, creating areas in our gardens for wildlife and walking or cycling to school, just to name a few. We talked about how small changes, when made by many, can lead to a big impact. Article 29 of the UNCRC is about the aims of education, it says that one of these is to make sure children and young people develop respect for the natural environment.



Here is a link to the story if you wish to share it at home:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/524abe0fe4b0dcb06636c225/t/5ea5f7cbee8832657c90145d/1587935204974/greta+and+the+Giants+story-compressed.pdf>

Chance to Shine Cricket

Yesterday, all classes from Rec-Year 6, had a chance to take part in Cricket Engagement lessons led by Chance to Shine cricket – the children really enjoyed



taking part in a variety of activities in an inclusive and enjoyable way. If any of your children would like to continue with cricket outside of school, the tutor did



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mention to them the All Stars and Dynamos programmes that are run by local cricket clubs. Faringdon is currently booked up but Bampton and Stanton Harcourt still have spaces www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars

May day celebrations with strawberry cream teas!



Next Thursday, 1st May at 2:30pm, we'll be celebrating May Day on the playground. The children have been working hard practising their dances, and we're all really looking forward to coming together to share this special event.

Enjoy a Cream Tea while you watch the Maypole dancing -

FOBS will be providing strawberry cream teas on the playground to accompany the pupils' maypole dancing. You can buy on the day, but it would ease pressures on the volunteers/queue if you are able to pre-order at:

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbuckland so your order is ready to collect. Children can enjoy their treats after school when they have finished dancing.

Staffing updates

This week, we've been delighted to welcome Mrs Blackwell, who has joined us as our new School Administrator. She will be working with us on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. I'm sure you will all join me in giving her a warm welcome to Buckland School!

Next week:

May Day on Thursday 1st at 2.30pm (please see info above).

Sycamore class worship on Friday at 9.15 in the school hall – parents welcome.

Topic overviews are being sent out today with information about learning in Term 5 and some key dates and reminders – please look out for these.

Primary School Health Nursing newsletter – for parents and carers in Oxfordshire – please have a look, there is lots of useful information –

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/jQu57EsFWmL3SyAl?ref=email&loc=play>

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.



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Staffing adverts – we are currently advertising for 2 lunch time assistants – one for 3 days and one for 5 days. If you know anyone who may be interested in either of these roles, then please share -

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140278/EDV-2025-BCEPS-42359>

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140278/EDV-2025-BCEPS-62844>

Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	61	78	51
Termly total	61	78	51

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Ingrid and Florence

Beech – Tudor and Hermoine

Sycamore – Dylan and Charlie Y

Oak – Scarlett and Dexter

Silver badges have been awarded to:

Horse: Ira, William H, Daisy J and Noah R

Ox: Elodie

Dragon: Dylan

Congratulations to all.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team