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Values of the term: Diversity, tolerance and equality

'Even the smallest one can change the world' - Peter Rabbit

Dear Parents,

Another amazing week with our awesome children!



Cross Country finals - We need to offer a huge congratulations for the Year 5 & 6 girls' Cross Country Team who took part in the County Finals on 26th March at Radley College. Eleanor, Sophia, Matilda B and Thea were incredible. All four girls pushed themselves to their limits and performed so well against a very strong field. They finished in second place, earning themselves silver medals. Eleanor and Matilda both came in the top 10 (in 4th and 9th places respectively). Now it's time for all the Year 2 - Year 5 children to start training for the next competition at Buscot Park in September! Many thanks to Mrs Miller for supporting the girls.

Faringdon Festival of Performing Arts

Last night was one of the highlights in the Buckland School Diary - the Faringdon Festival of Performing Arts! An evening of great variety - singing, dancing, a rock band and concert band all made up of children from Faringdon schools. We couldn't be more proud of the group of singers that represented Buckland School - amazing, cool, mature, confident and calm are some of the many adjectives that have been used to describe their performance of 'Mountain' by Sam Ryder, one of our favourite school songs. The children were wonderful and, as a proud mum said last night, 'they absolutely smashed it!'





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Classes this week -

Acorns spent the week practicing for and then performing their class assembly. We are all very proud of them. They have also enjoyed learning how to skip for Maypole dancing and how to say 'My name is...' in French. In Maths, the Little Acorns have learnt about the number 6 and the different ways you can make it and the Big Acorns began to learn their number bonds to 10.

Beech have enjoyed completing their Biography about Mary Seacole. In Maths, they have been measuring in meters and comparing lengths and heights as well as starting multiplication. Yr1 have used repeated addition while Year 2 have started to use the multiplication sign - X. We have also enjoyed learning about Florence Nightingale in History and the conditions of the hospitals when she arrived in the Crimea. In DT we have assembled the parts of our moving picture associated with George's Marvellous Medicine.

Sycamore We have had a busy week in Sycamore this week. In History we have been creating our own oracle bones and writing ancient Chinese messages on them. In English we have been writing up our diary entries ready for portfolios; in Maths we have been looking at tenths on number lines and converting them into decimals. In PE we had double dodgeball this week which everyone loved and where the children showed excellent teamwork and honesty.

Oak have been innovating August's first day at Beecher Prep to a very high standard this week in English. In Maths, the Y5 children have been using protractors to measure angles as well as use their knowledge of angle facts to solve problems. The Y6s have been calculating the mean and using their knowledge of fractions, percentages and decimals to interpret line graphs and pie charts. Lots of small sided Netball games took place on the playground before next week's intra school competition. In Computing, children used the Expedia website to plan a three day holiday around their birthday! All of the children have designed and created their Benin masks from clay - next week they will paint them and then take them home. We will discuss this process in our class worship on Thursday morning.

Next week –

Wednesday – It is Sycamore's turn to visit Williams F1 on Wednesday. A Parent Pay message has gone out to Sycamore parents with further information. Please drop your child



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off at the memorial hall at 8.20 am – bus will be leaving at 8.30. We are really looking forward to hearing about Sycamore's trip – Oak absolutely loved theirs!

Wednesday – Science fair finals at Rutherford Appleton Lab.

Thursday – Easter prayer walks to St Mary's – children and staff only.

Friday – FOBS will be organising an Easter Egg hunt on Friday morning. School finishes at 1.15pm for the Easter Holidays.

FOBS

Dear Parents, Carers, and Staff,

Get ready for a magical evening of fun and adventure at the FOBS Spring Family Fun Event!

Inspired by the playful spirit of Roald Dahl, this event is sure to be a gloriumptious time for the whole family!


A delicious BBQ & refreshing treats (even the BFG would approve!)

Sports and games to put your skills to the test

Exciting stalls filled with surprises


A golden-ticket worthy raffle with amazing prizes, including:

- An Annual Family Membership to Blenheim Palace
- Afternoon Tea at The Belfry Hotel
- A Family Ticket to Birdland
- A Family Ticket to Science Oxford
- £20 voucher for Aston Pottery

 Friday 25th April

 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

 Buckland Memorial Hall

 £3.50 per child, adults enter for free!



Book your tickets here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbuckland/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=94120>

We believe everyone should have the chance to join the fun! If cost is a concern, please speak to the office, and we'll make sure you can attend.



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Can you help make this a truly whoopsy-splunkers event?

- Donate second-hand books for Matilda's Bookstore to the parent shelter
- Drop off lucky dip prizes to the parent shelter
- Bake a cake or sweet treat worthy of a Willy Wonka creation
- Volunteer to help—either beforehand or on the night
- Run a Roald Dahl-themed game
- Know a business that could donate a raffle prize? Let us know!

It's set to be a phizz-whizzing evening—so gather your human beans and join us for an unforgettable night of fun!

The FOBS Team

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.

Staffing – 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	127	107	112
Running total	445	396	418

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Penelope and Alavander

Beech – Finn and Georgia

Sycamore – Marnie and Darcey O

Oak – Noah and Henry



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Silver badges have been awarded to:

Horse: Noah R, Daisy J, Austin, Emmy, Albie D, Orest, Finley

Ox: Willow and Adelaide

Dragon: Daisy M, Georgia, Millie, Chloe and Camillo

Congratulations to all.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team.