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Newsletter Term 4 Number 2 Friday 7th March 2025

Values of the term: Diversity, tolerance and equality

‘Keep Your Face Always Towards the Sunshine, and the Shadows Will Fall Behind You’ – Walt Whitman

Dear Parents,

It has been a fantastic week at Buckland! Our science semi-finalists, who represented our school at The Elms on Wednesday, have all made it through to the final. They did an incredible job, confidently presenting their science work while showcasing both curiosity and knowledge—a powerful combination.

We are extremely proud of them and wish them the best of luck in the finals, which will take place at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory Visitor Centre on April 2nd. A big thank you to Mrs Houston for supporting the teams and to parents who provided transport.



Our Oak girls who attended the football gala at FCC on Wednesday were absolutely fantastic! They played a total of eight matches, scoring plenty of goals while conceding just one. They supported each other, worked brilliantly as a team, showed great resilience, and demonstrated impressive skills. A huge thank you to Mr Stevens for taking them and providing his support.





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World Book Day – fantastic outfits all round, it was a joyous day here at Buckland with a focus on books, stories, characters. Thank you for all your support with the costumes – very creative!



Classes this week -

Acorns - have been learning all about Shrove Tuesday and why we celebrate Pancake Day. We have shared the stories 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and 'The Runaway Pancake' and talked about the similarities and differences between these stories and fairytales that we have recently read. The children have excitedly shared their own experiences of pancake day and have designed their own delicious pancake. We even had pancake races in the Acorns Garden!

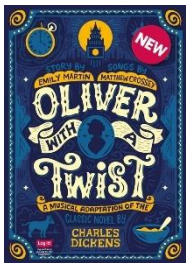
Beech – have started learning about length and measure; they measured the length of objects by 'how many blocks' long they were. They began their history topic about Mary Seacole- learning where and when she was born and what she was famous for. In English, the children have written amazing stories about George and Grandma's grand day out at Millet's Wildside. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed world book day especially sharing stories read by the children of Sycamore.

Sycamore - this week, we have moved onto equivalent fractions in Maths which everyone is working really hard on. In English we have looked at prepositions and been writing paragraphs using prepositions - the class have really enjoyed this! In PE we did our first OAA lesson where we looked at Teamwork and did lots of fun team building activities, we also learnt how to dodge and block a ball in dodgeball. World book day was a big success, and it was great to see all the different outfits and books the children brought in. Another brilliant week - well done Sycamore!



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Oak - have been converting a chapter from Wonder into a play script ready for their portfolio writing next week. They have continued to develop their Netball skills on the playground and experienced Yoga with Victoria in the Memorial Hall too. In Maths, the Y6s have been calculating the percentage of amounts whilst the Y5s have solved perimeter and area questions. Today, Oak have been trying to create the most streamlined boat that travels the fastest as part of our Science focus on water resistance. The children looked amazing yesterday in their World Book Day outfits - photos of the day will be on the Oak class page in the coming days.



Summer performance...drumroll...

We are delighted to announce that this year's summer performance will be...

Oliver with a Twist!

Next week – iSingPop – how exciting! We hope to see many of you at St Mary's church for the concert on Thursday evening.

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.

Feedback

Thank you to all the parents who took part in our parent survey. We truly appreciate your feedback, which included many positive responses as well as valuable suggestions for areas we can continue to improve. One key focus for us is continuously working on our club provision, to ensure children have access to a wide range of activities, which we recognise can fluctuate each term. Your ideas and input on what your children are interested in are always welcome. Your feedback is highly valued, and we sincerely appreciate your ongoing support.



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Toilets – please can I ask that adults do not use the children’s toilets at any time. If you need to visit the toilet whilst on site, please ask in the office and we can show you to the adult toilets. Thanks for your understanding.

The Oxford & Cambridge Singing School - Easter Course 2025 at St Barnabas', Jericho, Oxford. (Please see flyer attached)

Oxford Course: for those aged 7-13

When: 7 & 8 April 2025

Rep: to include Handel, Stainer, Ireland, Gibbons, plus some light hearted pieces by Copeland and Cole Porter

How: booking is via their website [here](#) . **We are a Not for Profit organisation. Bursaries are always available on our courses.**

Concert - There will be an informal concert at the end of each day to which families are warmly invited.

Wellbeing

This week’s wellbeing message is from Lacey in year 6 - "You don't have to be happy every second to be happy overall."

Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	80	64	60
Running total	123	103	118

This week’s certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – George and Noah R

Beech – Tudor and Freddie

Sycamore – Matilda and Ethan

Oak – Cora and Laura

Bronze badges have been awarded to:

Horse: Bertie R, Darcey C and Chloe

Ox: Ava

Dragon: Leo



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Silver badges have been awarded to:

Dragon: Josh H

Congratulations to all.

Have a lovely weekend – enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team.