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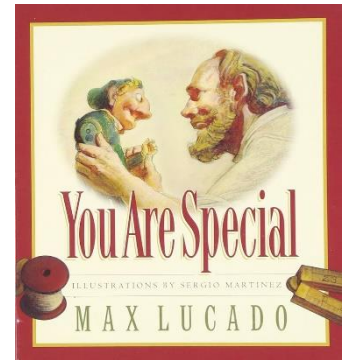
Values of the term: Belief, Trust, Respect

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."

- Matthew 5:14

Dear all,

During this week's Monday worship, we shared the heart-warming story 'You Are Special' by Max Lucado, a tale that reminds us of the importance of kindness, self-worth and seeing the good in one another. The children thought carefully about the message that our value does not come from the labels others place on us, but from who we are inside. It sparked thoughtful conversations about celebrating each person's uniqueness and treating everyone with compassion.



This week in classes -

Acorns - This week Acorns have shared the story of the Nativity. We have also begun learning the words and actions to the nativity songs ahead of our own performance of the nativity later in the term. The children have enjoyed joining in with story dough, making their hands and fingers strong as they imagine and create their own models. They have also been reflecting on their learning so far since starting in Acorn class and celebrating their successes.

Beech - Beech have had a super week. In maths, we have been continuing our work on place value. We have been finding 1 more and 1 less and finding numbers on a hundred square. In writing, we have been rewriting the story of Man on the Moon. The children have thought carefully about sentence structure and using full stops at the end of every sentence. In PE, the children enjoyed working with a partner to mirror balances. The children have enjoyed learning the songs for the Christmas service today. I wonder if you will hear some of them at home!

Sycamore - This week in Sycamore, the children have been busy across all areas of learning. In English, we explored modal verbs and used deliberate practice to build strong,

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well-crafted sentences in preparation for writing our own explorer stories. In Maths, we continued to develop our confidence with multiplication and division, working hard to secure our understanding. Our Science lessons focused on how liquids turn into solids, and we carried out an investigation by freezing different types of water to observe the changes. In Computing, we began our unit on audio production; the children have enjoyed recording audio on the Chromebooks and will begin editing their recordings over the next few weeks.

Oak - It's been a busy and productive week in Oak class! The children have been working hard across a range of subjects as part of our assessment week. They've been tackling Maths, SPAG, and Reading questions, and our Year 6 students experienced their first mock SATS week. They showed incredible determination, resilience, and courage as they approached the challenges. I'm so proud of how they supported one another before and after the 'quizzes'. We'll be discussing all the outcomes at the upcoming parent evenings. Alongside the assessments, Oak class has been busy with some exciting activities. In Art, they've been sketching Stonehenge, while in PSHE they created racism awareness ribbons as part of our 'Celebrating Differences' theme. In Science, the class carried out a leaf investigation and in Geography they identified the main rivers in the UK. History lessons have been focused on the impact of the Iron Age on our lives today, and in PE the children enjoyed playing Hockey games. To top it all off, they've been rehearsing songs for our Christmas Service with the rest of the school.

Parents meetings -

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our parents' meetings next week, which are taking place on Tuesday and Thursday. These meetings are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements. To help the evening run smoothly, please note that each appointment is 10 minutes, and we kindly ask for your support in helping us keep to these timings. Children's books will be available for you to browse before or after your meeting in the following locations:

- Beech Class books – Hall
- Sycamore Class books – Willow Room
- Oak Class books – DT Room

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parent survey

We're delighted to share the link to our Annual Parent Survey. Your feedback is so valuable in helping us understand what is going well and how we can continue to grow. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by 28th November. Thank you for your support!

[Parent/Carer Survey November 2025 – Fill in form](#)

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Stay in control of your child's health this winter

Download the free **Healthier Together** app - "It's like a mini doctor for you at home!"

NHS

Healthier Together

FOBS

Dear Buckland Families,

Please find attached information regarding FOBS' upcoming event – Buckland Prepares for Christmas – lots of wonderful activities happening and all for an amazing cause!

We'd love to welcome more parents and carers to the FOBS team.

Next open meeting (please come along!): **Monday 10th November, 8pm The Crown, Faringdon.**

With thanks,

The FOBS committee

BUCKLAND PREPARES FOR
Christmas

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FESTIVE COCKTAILS,
CANAPES, SHOPPING AND COOKING DEMONSTRATION
BY CLAIRE CONNOLLY.

NOVEMBER
FRIDAY **28** 7PM

BUCKLAND MEMORIAL HALL

£25 A TICKET. PRICE INCLUDES:
A GLASS OF BUBBLES & PLENTY OF FESTIVE FOOD — PLUS
COOKING TIPS GALORE TO HELP YOU PREP FOR A STRESS-
FREE CHRISTMAS!

STALLS INCLUDE:
LAMB ON TOUR, HECTOR & QUEEN, FINO OLIVE OILS &
VINEGAR, ALBEE JEWELLERY, SARAH SAMPLE CARDS,
HOMEWARES.

ALL PROCEEDS TO FRIENDS OF
BUCKLAND SCHOOL REGISTERED
CHARITY 118692. PLUS A RAFFLE IN
AID OF MIND.

BOOK YOUR
TICKET HERE!

A message from Reverend Talisker -

Pet Service and Remembrance of Animals in War – Sunday 30th November, 10:30am, Buckland Church

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All pets are welcome! During this special service, we'll be reflecting on how animals have worked alongside people and supported us in times of war and suffering.

Purple poppies, which are used to remember animals affected by war, will feature in the service - and we'll also be selling handmade purple poppies to raise funds for the Blue Cross, originally founded during the First World War to help animals injured in conflict. Please bring your pets along - and do make sure they don't eat each other!

Purple poppies will be available for a donation, from Monday 10th November at the school gate in the mornings and from the school office.

Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	81	74	60
Termly total	242	221	212

Bronze badges have been awarded to: Niah, Sophie T, Laura, Heather, Arthur, Matilda, Dahlia, Thea, Bertie, Jacob, Leo, Forest and Elodie.

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Alex and Hannah

Beech – Georgia and Austin

Sycamore – Charlie and Elodie

Oak – Iris and James

**Have a lovely weekend -
Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team.**