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Newsletter Term 2 Number 1 Friday 7th November 2025

Values of the term: Belief, Trust, Respect

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

- Matthew 5:9

Dear all,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. We've had an excellent first week back, with plenty taking place across the school.

Manners – kindness and respect

At school, we place a strong emphasis on good manners and kindness in everything we do. Every day, we remind children how important it is to be respectful - saying please and thank you, listening carefully when others are speaking, and showing consideration for everyone around them. We also talk a lot about how the way we speak to one another matters - our words have power, and they can lift others up or bring them down. These small actions make a big difference, helping our children grow into confident, thoughtful and well-rounded individuals, just as I know you encourage at home too. I've been listening out for good manners throughout the day and am so pleased to hear them more and more – in class, in the lunch hall, during playtimes. We are very proud of how our pupils show kindness and respect, which sit at the heart of our school values.



This week in classes -

Acorns have had a great first week back and the children have really enjoyed reuniting and playing with their friends. We have been sharing the story Funnybones and talking about our experiences of Halloween. We have also been learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. The children have created beautiful firework pictures using chinks, paints and different tools. We also learnt about the importance of being safe on Bonfire night and have been dancing to firework sounds to make our arms and fingers strong.

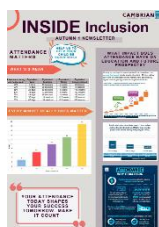
Beech have had a very settled first week back. We have started our new book Man on the Moon and have enjoyed imagining what it would be like on the moon. In maths, we have

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been learning to counting in 1s beyond 20 and counting in 10s. The children have enjoyed learning about planet Earth in science and about Christopher Columbus in history. On Friday, the children enjoyed a very peaceful handwriting lesson to music. There has been a parent pay sent home today to inform you that PE days are now on Wednesday and Thursday. Please can children come to school in PE kits, there is no need to bring a change of clothes.

Sycamore - This week in English, Sycamore Class have been crafting exciting story settings, using compound adjectives to bring their worlds to life. In Maths, we've been mastering subtraction and exploring inverse operations. The children have shown great confidence and will be ready to move on to multiplication next week. We've begun our journey into the fascinating world of the Ancient Maya, where the children have posed thoughtful and curious questions that will guide our discoveries over the next few weeks. In Science, we've started exploring States of Matter. The children worked scientifically to answer a tricky question - how do we know gases exist? Their investigations and discussions showed fantastic scientific thinking and curiosity.

Oak - have been busy this week conducting research on Stonehenge and creating detailed mind maps in preparation for next week's non-fiction writing task. Alongside our core text for the term, *Skellig*, the children have also been listening to and analysing three songs written by Sia, exploring how language and emotion are expressed through music. In Maths, the Year 5 pupils have been developing their understanding of adding and subtracting mixed numbers, while the Year 6 pupils have been tackling multiplication and division involving fractions and integers. During Computing, the class used the school laptops to explore what makes an effective website, identifying key design and usability features. In Geography, the children have been using atlases to locate and label a variety of physical features on a map of the United Kingdom. Meanwhile, in Science, they have been learning about Charles Darwin's discoveries, explaining how finches adapted to their environments over time. Finally, each pupil has set new personal learning targets, outlining what they hope to achieve before the Christmas holidays.



Please find attached our Inside Inclusion newsletter with information on attendance and safeguarding.

Poppy Appeal – Year 6 pupils are selling Poppy Appeal items at the school gate. All donations are welcome to support this important cause - cash only. From Monday they will also be selling Purple Poppies – please see below.

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Next week in school – Antibullying week

Monday – Odd Socks Day - we'll be taking part

to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. The idea is simple - wear mismatched socks to school as a light-hearted reminder that we're all different and that's what makes us special.

Everyone is encouraged to join in – staff too!

Tuesday – Remembrance service in school for children.

Friday – Beech trip to Abingdon School science labs for Biology workshop.

FOBS



 **A Fantastic Start to the Year –**

Meet FOBS and Our Spooktacular Success! 

Dear Buckland Families,

We'd like to introduce ourselves - we're FOBS (Friends of Buckland School), your Parent Teacher Association! Our aim is to bring the school community together through fun events and activities, while raising funds to support and enrich our children's learning experience.

We're thrilled to share that our first whole-school event of the year, the Spooky Disco, was a huge success! Thanks to your amazing support, we raised an incredible £950 profit!

  Every pound goes straight back into making Buckland School even better - funding resources, experiences, and little extras that make a big difference for our children.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, baked, donated, or danced the night away. We couldn't have done it without you!

Keep an eye out for upcoming events and ways to get involved - 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

A message from Reverend Talisker -

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

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!

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

Remembrance Services Across the Benefice – This Weekend

Buckland Memorial Hall – 10:45am

War Memorial, Charney Bassett – 10:45am

St Mary's Church, Longworth – 10:45am

St Margaret's Church, Hinton Waldrist – 10:20am Holy Communion, followed by an Act of Remembrance at 10:55am (You're very welcome to attend just the Remembrance part - please arrive by 10:50am.)

Evening Service, Littleworth – 6:00pm

Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	72	71	67
Termly total	72	71	67

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Sophie and Noah

Beech – Daisy M and Sofia

Sycamore – Edward and Indigo

Oak – Marni and Evelyne

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