



Newsletter

28th February 2025

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing half term break.

The children have settled back into their learning very well. New topics have been started and imaginations sparked! I hope you all enjoyed talking to your child's class teacher about the progress they have made so far this year, and the next steps in their learning journeys. If you weren't able to make an appointment to meet your child's class teacher, please do get in contact to find a time. We know from the parent questionnaire how valuable these meetings are, and want to ensure every parent feels able to talk to their child's class teacher about their child's learning.

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March rather than the national Thursday 6th March. This is due to the rugby tournament- we didn't want those children missing out! Children are asked to come to school wearing their pyjamas as there will be plenty of opportunities to curl up and read throughout the day! Our ever popular Reading Café will be open in the morning and we look forward to seeing you there!

Today we got excited about our visit from athlete Nerys Pearce in a few weeks' time. The children are challenged to take part in different exercises with Nerys to raise some sponsorship money which will go towards some new sports equipment for the school and raise money for Great Athletes- an organisation aiming to inspire children across the UK to have fun whilst keeping active.

We are delighted to announce that Tyron Fussell is joining us as a Parent Governor. We look forward to working with him.

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Mrs Beulah Letchford
Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Pheobie, Ted D, George, Toby V.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Gus, Chloe, Lola.

The winners of February's Art Competition were Brooklyn from KS1 and Ella L from KS2! Well done.

Sports News

Newbury Netball League

Our netballers travelled to St Barts to play matches against Falkland, St Nics and John Rankin schools. The other schools were very good and the team had to work hard. We won our first match, with some great shooting from Lettie as GS; our defenders were kept busy in the second match and put in some great interceptions but it wasn't enough and the second match was lost. The third match was a close fought game but we lost by one goal. A great afternoon of netball which was enjoyed by all! Well done to Dylan, Lettie, Eoin, Sophia, Chloe, Lara and Ella! Thanks to Caz Chitty for umpiring.



Hampshire Netball League

More of our netballers travelled to Kingsclere to play the next match in their Hampshire league campaign. It was hi-five netball meaning only five players on the court and players rotated positions after each quarter. The team played well and some fine shooting by Teddy when in the GS position, saw a great win of 7-1! Well done to Teddy, Kacper, Emma, Eleanor, Georgie, Grace and Darcey! Thanks to Caz Chitty for umpiring.



Hampshire Football League

Our third match in this league was played at home against Whitchurch. It was a very competitive match played in the right spirit. Burghclere had some great chances and

their goal keeper made some good saves, as did Barney! However they had some great strikes against the run of play and scored three goals. The final result was a 3-0 defeat. The team were disappointed with the result, but the performance was their best yet. Well done to Pip, Carter, Scarlet, Teddy, Eoin, Dylan, Kacper and Barney! Thanks to Mr O'Sullivan for refereeing.



Key Notices

- **FOBS events** are in the diary! Please take a look and sign up- they would love to hear from anyone who is keen to volunteer in any way! It's non-uniform day on Friday- please note this is not a dressing up event.
- **Sports Kit-** please could all kit used for sports events be washed and returned asap- as we have a lot of events coming up!
- **World Book Day-** as part of our celebrations we want children to come to school in their pyjamas so they can curl up and enjoy some books.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 3 rd March	Y5/6 Football match v Kingsclere (away) -selected children only
Wednesday 5 th March	PBS/SENCO coffee morning for parents/carers Y5/6 Sports hall athletics finals
Thursday 6 th March	Y3/4 Tag Rugby Festival- selected children only
Friday 7 th March	World Book Day celebrations - wear your pyjamas! Reading Café - 8.45am
Wednesday 12 th March	KS1 Cricket Skills event- selected children only
Thursday 13 th March	Y5/6 Tag Rugby Festival- selected children only
Monday 17 th March	Paralympian visit - Robin & Falcon to wear PE kit No Muddy Monday - Tuesday 18th instead
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief

Tuesday 25 th March	West Berkshire Cross-Country event- selected children only
Thursday 27 th March	Y5/6 Rugby League match @ Kingsclere
Friday 28 th March	Parent Liaison Group Meeting FOBS Easter Disco
Tuesday 1 st April	Acorn Class trip to Finkley Down Farm
Friday 4 th April	Easter Service - Burghclere Church @ 10.00am - families welcome
Monday 7 th April - Monday 21 st April	Easter holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	INSET Day
Wednesday 23 rd April	Children return
Thursday 24 th April - Friday 25 th April	Y6 Bikeability
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 1 st May	Robin Class trip to Ufton Court
Monday 12 th May - Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATS
Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May	Half term
Saturday 7 th June	FOBS Summer Fair
Tuesday 24 th June	Book Fair - after school every day this week
Friday 4 th July	Sports Day
Friday 11 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of term