



Newsletter

26th September 2025

Message from the Headteacher

This week I challenged the children to get involved in the **BBC 500 Words writing competition**. It's a fantastic competition and we are encouraging every child to write a story and enter. Details of how to submit stories are on the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words> I've already been told of two children who have started planning their stories already! We will also be holding our own competition- children will need to bring a printed version of their 500 words story into school. The closing date for both is Friday 7th November. Developing children's writing skills is one of the focus areas we have on our school improvement plan this year, and we are developing a range of strategies and initiatives to help them do this. Having a purpose for writing can really motivate children, so please encourage your child to take part!

It was great to see so many of you at our **Reading Café** on Thursday. To see children sharing books with parents and grandparents, as well as staff in the classrooms, was brilliant- and really promotes a **love of reading**. Thank you for the donations, £38 was given, and will be spent on books for all the children to enjoy.

The first **Parent Liaison Group** meeting of the year was held yesterday. Different questions were raised and discussed, and representatives will be feeding back to parents. I will also use the newsletter to communicate further information that parents would like to receive. One question was about our **After School Club** and what children do in the time. We very much see the club as a place for children to relax and socialise with their peers. The children play board games, puzzles, lego, and do arts and crafts when in the after school club room. We always try to spend as much time as possible outside, and if the weather prohibits this, time is spent in the hall doing an organised game, so children can burn off some energy! We will put photos on our Facebook page so everyone can see some of the things the children do. If you would like to book a place for your child, please go to your Sco Pay account.

Finally, it was wonderful to see the brilliant election posters the children had made for their bids to become members of our **school council**. Congratulations to those who were successful! They were awarded their badges in our celebration assembly. We look forward to seeing the work they do over the year.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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Mrs Beulah Letchford
Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in celebration assembly: Frankie, Lincoln, Veronica, Humphrey.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in celebration assembly: Clara, Jack, Ed, Millie.

Key Notices

Healthy Lunchboxes and Snacks

If your child brings a break time snack to school, please ensure it is fruit or vegetables. We encourage home packed lunches to be healthy- children shouldn't be bringing in sweets or chocolate bars. Please talk to your child about what is in their lunchbox and what they eat during break times. **If parents support this, it makes it easier for all the children on the playground.** Thank you.

Parking

Please note that the yellow zig zag lines outside the school gate and front entrance are not to be parked on. To do so, causes children crossing the road to have less visibility, and may cause an accident. We also ask that parents drive slowly when going past the school particularly at drop off and pick up times, when children are crossing the road. We want every child to be safe.

Safeguarding and Child Protection policies

All staff and volunteers have a responsibility for safeguarding children in our school. Our policies are updated annually and are available for everyone to read on our school website.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 1 st October	8:50-9:20am 'Understanding SEND' parent info session in school hall - all welcome
Thursday 2 nd October	Open Morning Y5/6 football match 3:30pm Selected children only
Monday 6 th October	4:00pm KS2 Footgolf - selected children only
Tuesday 7 th October	Newbury Weekly News 'First Class' photo for Acorns
Monday 13 th October	9:00am PGL Assembly to parents of Falcon Class
Friday 10 th October	Harvest Festival 9:30am- all welcome (TBC)
Tuesday 14 th October	Robin Class Trip
Wednesday 15 th October	Individual Portraits

Thursday 16 th October	KS1 Multiskills - selected children only
Tuesday 21 st October	Parents Evening
Thursday 23 rd October	Parents Evening
Friday 24 th October	Flu Immunisations - please complete the consent form as per communications End of term
Monday 3 rd November	INSET day
Tuesday 4 th November	Children back to school Robin class swimming (six week programme)
Thursday 6 th November	Open Morning
Monday 10 th -Friday 14 th November	Anti-bullying week
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance service
Friday 12 th December	Secret Shopping
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 (Robin and Falcon) Carol Service 5pm at the church TBC
Wednesday 17 th December	Pantomime Trip
Friday 19 th December	Carole service at the church 9:30am TBC