



Newsletter

24th October 2025

Message from the Headteacher

Thank you for your understanding and patience with regards to the school closure yesterday. It was very frustrating for us all. The children have come back today and settled back into their learning.

It was great to see **almost every parent attend the parents evening this week and our Share and Celebrate session**. We hope both events gave you a good understanding of the progress your child is making and the next steps for them in their learning journey. We know this is something parents have requested in our feedback surveys and the PLG. Parents are always welcome to come into the classroom to see their child's work, and to make an appointment to talk with their child's class teacher, if they have any questions or concerns.

We have an **exciting Reading Challenge** for our children this half term! To promote the importance, and love, of reading, we are challenging the children to **get caught reading somewhere exciting/adventurous/cosy/interesting** over the half term break! They need to bring in a photo (or send it to the admin office) and these will be displayed in our library- the most amazing will **win a book token** to spend on a new book! The excitement of learning to read was captured in a comment by Millie in Year R, when she talked about it being "only 3 sleeps until I can take my first book with words home!" Let's work together so all our children have this **love of reading!**

On the Monday following the half term break, staff will be having an INSET day led by Miss Burton. We will be learning about **Ordinarily Available Provision**- how we can further enhance the provision we have in place in the classroom for children with SEND, which will also benefit every child.

We look forward to seeing everyone **back in school on Tuesday 4th November**. Have a great break- and enjoy some fantastic reading yourselves!

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Mrs Beulah Letchford
Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in celebration assembly: Polly, Izzy, Bea, Evie.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in celebration assembly: Bella, Sienna Br, Louis B, Nina.

Congratulations to the following children who had a piece of their work selected to be displayed on our **Reach for the Stars** board this term: Millie, Enid, Jack, Humphrey, Nora, Seb, Ella R.

Congratulations to Tahlia (KS1) and Polly (KS2) for winning this months Art competition!

Sports Reports

Y5/6 Hockey Festival

A team of seven Y5/6 children went to Henwick sports ground to take part in our first hockey festival. Newbury and Thatcham Hockey Club hosted and some of their coaches and players umpired the games and led coaching sessions in between games. The children really enjoyed playing matches in a different sport- and they improved really quickly! They particularly liked the gum shields!! The hockey club is looking for young players so if your child is interested please get in contact with them. A big well done to Teddy, Elsie O, Scarlett, Erica, Eoin, Eleanor and Georgie!



Key Notices

Head lice

We have had a number of head lice cases this week. Please make sure to check your childrens hair for signs of head lice and treat is necessary. Long hair should always be tied back. Further guidance and advice can be found [here](#). Thank you for your support.

Friends of Burghclere School (FOBS)

A huge thank you to Charlotte and Megan for all their hard work and dedication to FOBS over the past 2 years, you've left us with some big shoes to fill!

If you'd like to get involved, learn more about what we do, or lend a hand for just an hour or two, please contact Katie Gray, Tanya Vokins, or Katie Neal at friendsofburghclereschool@gmail.com

We're excited to announce our first event of the school year, a "Back to School Disco" on Friday, 7th November! Full details and payment options are available on the FOBS website.. www.fobs.online

We are pleased to say that Apple/Google pay is now available on the website to purchase tickets.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Dates for the Diary

Friday 24 th October	Flu Immunisations - please complete the consent form as per communications After school cake sale! End of term
Half Term	Reading Challenge!
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
Friday 7 th November	500 Words story competition entries in FOBS Autumn Disco! - all year groups
Monday 10 th -Friday 14 th November	Anti-bullying week
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance service
Thursday 13 th November	Parent Liaison Group Meeting 2pm Rugby Fixture @ Kingsclere - 3:30pm - selected children only
Thursday 20 th November	Rugby fixture @ Kingsclere - 3:30pm - selected children only
Friday 28th November	FOBS Market Day
Thursday 4 th December	FOBS Wreath Making (time TBC)
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