



# Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear all,

On Wednesday, myself and Mrs Laidlaw worked with 19 of our Y5/6 children who have volunteered to be involved with our new **Eco-refill shop**. They completed four training modules teaching them about marketing, profit margins, branding and team work, to help them write a business plan. We will shortly be sending all parents a questionnaire to find out more about our potential customers and their shopping habits. This is a really exciting initiative and we hope you are able to support us!

Our **school council** are working with pupils on ways to make us more sustainable, as part of our Climate Action Plan, which can be found on our school website. They are particularly keen to **reduce packaging and to find ways to reuse waste**. Thank you to everyone who is already sending fruit/vegetables in for children's healthy morning snacks. This is reducing waste already. The school council would now like to get our **gardening club** up and running! If, or someone you know, may be interested in leading this please come and talk to us.

Have a great week!

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Mrs Beulah Letchford  
Headteacher

## Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in celebration assembly: Emmy, Jacob, Cole, Esme.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in celebration assembly: Humphrey, Isabelle D, Ella G, Elsie F.

Congratulations to **all of the children** who participated in the **BBC 500 Words Competition!** We had some amazing entries and the children should be very proud of what they produced. The judging has been **so hard** but we are thrilled to announce the winner of the competition is **Dylan J!** Well done!

### Sports News

Our Y5/6 football team have had a busy week! On Monday they faced Oakley school as part of the Hampshire league. It was a competitive match but we held them to 0-0 at half time with some brilliant goal from Barney! At the start of the second half a great effort from Scarlett gave us a 1-0 lead. Oakley became more determined to score and equalised late into the half. In the last minute, despite a near miss from us and a great effort in defence, they managed to score and win the match 2-1. Players of the match were Scarlett and Barney.

On Tuesday the finals of the West Berkshire league took place. Our team were one of the top eight schools in West Berkshire- an amazing achievement! We had three matches. Unfortunately, we lost the first, but won the second and drew the third. Not enough to top the group but a brilliant effort from everyone! Player of the matches was Eoin who scored a fabulous goal. Well done to Teddy who demonstrated mature leadership skills on both days in his role as captain.

Well played Jackson, Teddy, Eoin, Barney, Scarlett, Dylan J, Marley, Zach and Dylan F.



### Key Notices

#### **Young Voices**

Well done to all the children who are learning the songs for this amazing concert! Every child attending needs to be able to sing these well. Thank you for your support in helping them to do this so they make the most of this incredible experience.

#### **Lunches**

Thank you for the feedback we have received regarding the lunches provided by the new catering company Chartwells. Concerns have been raised by a few of you regarding the portion size of the roast dinner, and the use of instant potato with the sausages. We have passed all feedback on to the company and Mrs Letchford and Miss Pummell will be meeting with them on Monday. We will share any feedback received. Please be reminded to order your child's school dinner on Scopay **every day** - even if your child is bringing a packed lunch from home, this should be recorded as an 'S'.

### **Trips**

We are very lucky to have several school trips across the school coming up soon. If applicable to your child's class, please remember to complete both the payment and consent forms on Scopay by the stated deadlines. If payments are not received on time, we may be unable to run the trips. Thank you for your understanding and support.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5/6 Netball tournament @ Park House 4pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Y5/6 Athletics @ The Clere 1-3pm Oak class trip to Reading Museum
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Y5/6 Archery @ Park House 4pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 Maths Challenge @ St Gabriels 1-3pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	SENCo Parent info session - everyone welcome in the hall - 8:50am-9:20am
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Falcon class trip to Ufton Court
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y2 Speed Stacking @ Park House 4pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5/6 Speed Stacking @ Park House 4pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Maths Challenge @ St Gabriels 1-3pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Robin class Egyptian workshop
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	FOBS silent letter day - more info to follow
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Young Voices
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	FOBS family bingo night - 6:30pm - all welcome