



Newsletter

30th January 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear all,

On Monday, the teachers reflected on the work we are doing to support children to **improve their handwriting**. Different strategies are being tried in the classrooms and there has been a focus on this in all lessons. The children are responding well and we have seen some real improvements in books. We hope you see this too when you join us for the **parent evenings** before half term!

We had an energetic performance from **Rock Steady Music School** on Thursday- the children loved it! They are offering rock band lessons to all children and we're excited to see that some of you have already signed your children up!

We would love to have more **volunteers in school** to listen to children read. Daily practice is vital if children are going to become fluent readers. If you can spare an hour once a week- or even just ten minutes after drop off or before pick up to **support a child with their reading fluency**, please do contact us. It will make a positive difference.

I had the pleasure of taking four Year 4 pupils to a **Maths competition** on Monday- a change from sport! Lincoln, Eddie, George and Josh had to solve different maths problems and work as a team. They were great and represented the school superbly! It was good to see their enjoyment of maths shining through- even when faced with some tricky problems! **A big well done to them!** Have a great 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: Maci, Liam, Phoebe, Lola.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in celebration assembly: Cody, Dylan J, Ronnie, Izzy O.

Sports News

Netball Fixture

Hungerford Primary School came to ours for our first netball fixture in the Newbury netball league. This was the first seven aside match the team had played this season. The training at netball club is really paying off and they demonstrated great netball skills throughout the team. The final score was 8-3 to us! Scarlett was chosen as player of the match. Well played Scarlett, Polly, Teddy, Eoin, Rose, Grace and Georgie!



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. **There will be rehearsal on Friday 6th February after school in Falcon class.**

Chess competition

As some of you may be aware, Lincoln has organised a chess club which runs on Tuesday lunchtimes! He is now launching a "Design a Chess Board" competition! Templates are available from Miss Burton and completed entries should be handed in to Lincoln by **Friday 6th February** - there will be a small prize for the winner - good luck! Any donations of spare chess boards would be very welcome.

Sports Events - RSVPs

We are so lucky to be able to enter teams in various sporting events across the school year. We have lots in the diary and many more to come! If you receive an invitation (via email) for your child to take part in any of these events, please make sure to respond as soon as possible so we can plan teams accordingly and organise logistics. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 2 nd February	Y3/4 Football @ Park House - selected children only
Tuesday 3 rd February	Y2 Speed Stacking @ Park House 4pm
Thursday 5 th February	Y5/6 Speed Stacking @ Park House 4pm
Friday 6 th February	Y5 Maths Challenge @ St Gabriels 1-3pm Young Voices rehearsal in Falcon class 3:15pm-4:00pm
Monday 9 th February	Y5/6 Football v Tadley (H) - selected children only
Tuesday 10 th February	Robin class Egyptian workshop Parents Evening No KS2 Art Club
Wednesday 11 th February	FOBS Secret Sound Day
Thursday 12 th February	Parents Evening
Friday 13 th February	FOBS Second hand uniform sale - under the barn after school
Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February	Half term
Monday 23 rd February	Young Voices
Thursday 26 th February	Netball v Kintbury (H) 3:30pm - selected children only
Friday 27 th February	Eco re-fill shop FOBS family bingo night - 6:30pm - all welcome
Wednesday 4 th March	Parent SEND workshop - supporting wellbeing, anxiety & emotional regulation 8:40am-9:20am
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day Reading Café in the hall Y3/4 Tag Rugby - selected children only
Wednesday 11 th March	KS1 Cricket Festival - selected children only
Thursday 12 th March	Y5/6 Rugby Festival - selected children only
Monday 16 th March	KS1 Football - selected children only
Tuesday 17 th March	KS2 Cross Country - Newbury Showground - selected children only
Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April & Tuesday 14 th April	INSET Days
Saturday 27 th June	FOBS Summer Fair
Saturday 11 th July	FOBS Colour Run!