



# Newsletter

27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear all,

On Monday I had the pleasure of taking 26 of our KS2 children to perform at the O2 as part of the Young Voices choir. It was a fantastic night with children getting to not just perform but watch amazing singers, dancers and a fabulous band! There are some clips on our Facebook page- please take a look! Thank you to the parents who travelled to London to watch us!

On Tuesday we had the first cricket sessions with the cricket coach from Berkshire Cricket- the children loved them!

On Wednesday our Governors spent the morning in school to see teaching and learning in action. It was a very positive day and they were able to see all the great work staff do as well as talk to them about the challenges we face. This will help them work with myself and Mrs Field on delivering the strategic vision for the school.

On Thursday Rock Academy started the first of the rock band sessions- and the children loved it! We are excited to see how these progress over the term.

Next week, we look forward to celebrating reading on World Book Day. Children have been asked to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Some of our Y3/4 children will need to remember they will have to change out of it for the rugby festival in the afternoon- as will I! We look forward to welcoming you to our Reading Café in the morning.

Have a lovely 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: Nora, Shayla, Avery, Ed.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in celebration assembly: Georgie, Cole, Nancy, Toby V.

Congratulations to Elise O and Isabelle D for winning this months **Art competition!**  
Some beautiful pieces girls - well done!

### Sports News

#### Y5/6 Netball

Members of our netball team played the second of our Newbury Netball league matches on Tuesday against Kintbury St Marys. The first half was very close but we pulled away in the second half and won the match 17-5! A fantastic effort- particularly as some players were so tired after the YV concert!



### Key Notices

#### World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March!** Children are welcome to come to school wearing a costume themed on a book character. We are also hosting a **Reading Café** in the school hall from 9:00am-9:30am, where you can sit with your child and read your choice of book! There will be refreshments available too, and if anyone would like to buy the school a new book, there will be a link to an Amazon wish list. Children should come into school as usual and staff will bring them to the hall once you have arrived.

#### Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that doors open for Breakfast club at 8:00am.

### **Staffing News**

We said goodbye and thank you to Mrs Burroughs this week. She has supported children in Robin class and lead our Sensory Circuits.

We welcomed Miss Martin, who will be working in Robin class.

### **Second hand uniform**

If you would like any items of second hand uniform, please contact Emily on 07557780875 and she will be happy to assist - we have lots of good stock!

### **Message from the Governing Body**

*The Governing Board would like to say a huge thank you to the staff and children for a fabulous Governor Visit Day on Wednesday! And thank you to all of you who took time to talk to us!*

*We spent the whole morning observing the children in their classes, in 1:1 and small group lessons, and at break times. We also spoke to small groups and individuals about the school and their learning on various subjects from handwriting, maths, writing, PE, internet safety, and school life in general. They all said they felt happy and safe, had the resources they need and enjoyed life at Burghclere, especially all the extra-curricular activities and school trips!*

*The children demonstrated the school's golden rules and values perfectly throughout the day. Classes were calm, the children were ready to learn and were fully engaged in their learning, and everyone was happy! This demonstrates what positive and supportive relationships they have with their teachers, LSA's and their peers. We loved seeing the support for the youngest children in school by their older peers, this included leading play activities.*

*The teaching was a joy to watch. Ordinary Available Provision was evident across the school with learning boards, visual timetables, and resources available to all, with targeted teaching for those who need extra support.*

*Children talked proudly about the progress they were making in their writing when we looked at books and spoke to them during learning walks. I especially loved seeing the reception children be fluent with their phonics and the level of handwriting was great!*

*Staff also feel part of a well-supported team.*

*Well done everyone!*

*Kindest regards*

*Amanda Thelwall*

*Vice Chair of Governors*

### Dates for the Diary

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	<del>Eco re-fill shop</del> <del>FOBS family bingo night - 6:30pm - all welcome</del>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Netball v Speenhamland (H) 3:30pm - selected children only
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent SEND workshop - supporting wellbeing, anxiety & emotional regulation 8:40am-9:20am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Reading Café in the hall 9:00am-9:30am Y3/4 Tag Rugby - selected children only
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports hall athletics finals - Brighton Hill School - selected children only
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Cricket Festival - selected children only
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/6 Rugby Festival - selected children only
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Football - selected children only <del>Year 6 Height &amp; Weight Measuring Programme ↓</del>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Cross Country - Newbury Showground - selected children only
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Girls rugby festival - selected children only
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red nose day! Details TBC
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 6 Height &amp; Weight Measuring Programme</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	House talent show - inhouse End of term FOBS Easter Bingo
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April & Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Days
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Parent SEND workshop - understanding and supporting attention, focus and independence 8:50am-9:20am
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3/4 Cricket - selected children only
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 Tri-Golf - selected children only
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Quad Kids Athletics - selected children only
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Acorn Class trip - details to follow
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5/6 Girls Cricket - selected children only
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Robin Class trip
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	FOBS Summer Fair
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Cricket - selected children only Girls Dodgeball - selected children only
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	KS2 Dodgeball - selected children only

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day 9:00am-12:00 followed by family picnic on the field
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	FOBS Colour Run!
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Multi-skills - selected children only
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of term