



Newsletter

5th June 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear all,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. Staff and children have jumped straight back into learning and it's been great to see all the exciting new learning journey's across the curriculum begin.

In our assemblies this week we have been learning about empathy- the ability to understand the emotions, thoughts and perspectives of another person. We have listened to two authors talk about how reading stories can really help us to develop our empathy skills. Father John talked to us about the story of The Good Samaritan. Please talk to your child about their understanding of empathy, and how, when we understand how someone else might be feeling or thinking, we can then consider own actions and responses to them.

The weather has been very changeable this week- two sports events have been sadly cancelled by the organisers and I share the children's disappointment, but it can't be helped. It has been noticeable how many children didn't bring a raincoat to school this week. We like to get the children outside even if it's lightly raining, so please ensure they have a coat with them.

I'm writing this whilst waiting for Robin class to return from their overnight stay at Ufton Court! The photos on our Facebook page look great and I'm excited to hear their stories! This is the first time we have run an overnight stay for the Y3/4 children so a BIG thank you to Miss Burton and the Robin team for organising this- I hope they all managed to get some sleep!

Have a good 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: Avery, Frankie, Robin Class!

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in celebration assembly: Ivo, Elsie F, Robin Class!

Key Notices

School uniform update

Following the Parent Feedback Questionnaire, we have been carefully reviewing our school uniform, and we have decided to make a slight adjustment to the colour of some non-branded items, and, with our older children wearing their PE kit for two days each week, introduce a PE hoodie. We are **phasing this in for September 2027**. Please see attached the new guide - the notable changes are navy to grey items (skirts and pinafore dresses) and our **new PE zipped hoodie**. FOBS have kindly agreed to purchase 1 PE hoodie per existing child (YR-Y5) **for September 2026** (thank you!). Please look out next week for information on how to order one for your child.

We **do not** expect families to buy new items straight away, we are, however, asking that next time you are purchasing any of the new items, to please choose the new colour. These new colours will be much easier for parents to purchase from a wider range of supermarket and clothing stores. Skoolkit, based in Newbury, stocks our three branded items; jumper/cardigan, PE t-shirt and the new PE hoodie.

Emily runs the FOBS second-hand uniform shop and always ensures items are in good condition. If families leaving us at the end of Y6 have items they would like to donate, she would be very happy to receive them.

If you have any questions, please ask.

Yellow Zig-Zag Lines

Please do not park on these lines when dropping children off for school. This blocks the vision for those crossing the road, making it unsafe. Thank you.

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!

Staffing News

We are looking for a new member of the team to work in our growing **after-school club**. If you, or someone you know, is interested in this role, please contact Vanessa.

Lost Items

Please ensure all items of clothing, drinks bottles and snack boxes are named so that items found can be returned to their owners asap.

Lunch Ordering

Please ensure you have ordered your child's lunch before the start of the week- even if they are having a school packed lunch we need to know. If children haven't ordered,

they won't have a lunch. Miss Pummell does always check on a Monday, however this is taking up an increasing amount of her time.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 8 th June	FOBS volunteers meeting - please come along! The Carpenters Arms, Burghclere @ 7pm New summer picnic lunch option available
Wednesday 10 th June	No Netball Club
Friday 12 th June	Men's Football World Cup begins- our flag challenge will be launched! Further details next week!
Monday 22 nd June	Robin Class trip - please respond with consent
Saturday 27 th June	FOBS Summer Funfest
Tuesday 30 th June	Girls Dodgeball - selected children only
Tuesday 30 th June - Monday 6 th July	Travelling book fair every day after school under the barn
Wednesday 1 st July	Freestyle Football Workshop! KS2 Dodgeball - selected children only
Friday 3 rd July	Sports Day 9:00am-12:00 followed by family picnic on the field
Friday 10 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 13 th July	'Moving up' afternoon
Tuesday 14 th July	Falcon Class play to parents - PM (times TBC) KS1 Multi-skills - selected children only
Thursday 16 th July	Rocksteady performance to parents (of children who have lessons) 10:00-10:30
Friday 17 th July	Acorn & Oak Class trip - more details to follow
Wednesday 22 nd July	End of term