



# Wootton St. Peters C of E Primary School

Our children become the rocks upon which a better world can be built.

Our Vision: Our children become the rocks upon which a better world can be built. We explore the values of *perseverance, compassion, and courage* to open up horizons of hope and aspiration.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

**19.09.25**

### Upcoming Dates:

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September-** Music Flood Week.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September-** Busking In The Playground at 3pm.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 10.30-11.30am-** KS2 Singing in the Market Square in Abingdon 10.30am- Parents Welcome.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September-** Jade Class Trip to Earth Trust.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October-** Opal Class and Reception Children- Trip to Farmer Gow's.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am-** Harvest Festival.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 1pm-3pm.** Moonstone Bikability session.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** Moonstone Trip to Kelmscott Manor.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 9am -** Moonstone Bikability Session 1.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1-3pm-** Moonstone Bikability Session 2.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October-** Non Uniform Day. Please bring a £1 Donation.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 10-12am -** Moonstone Bikability Session 3

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1-3pm-** Moonstone Bikability Session 4

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October-** Inset Day School Closed.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October-** Half Term Week.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November-** School starts 8.30am

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November-** Tempest-Individual and sibling Photos from 8.30 am.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas Fayre- After School.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December-** Nativity.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December-** Carols By Candlelight.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December-** School Christmas Dinner.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December-** Last Day of Term. School finishes at 1.30pm. **No ASC.**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January-** Inset Day.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January-** School starts 8.30am.

### Dear parents/carers,

What another lovely week we have had. The children have been busy practicing their songs for our Harvest festival next month. Key stage 2 have also been practicing their cross country running. They have been completing try outs, to see who will attend the competition next month. It has been so lovely for the children to be utilising the outdoor space and enjoying some learning outside in the sunshine this week.

**Little Gems** - The children in little gems have really enjoyed their outdoor learning this week. First, they read the story of the Ugly duckling; next they made some birds' nests, to keep their egg safe. There were big smiles all round. They have also been developing their cycling skills with Mr Cleal, and some children are using pedal bikes already - well done!

**Opal Class** - The children are really enjoying their topic about bears. They have completed some beautiful chalk drawings of polar bears. It's very impressive how they have smudged the pastels to blend the colours together. Beautiful work Opal Class.

**Jade Class** have also enjoyed brining their learning outside the classroom. The children read quite a challenging book about the stone age - 'The Boy with the Bronze Shield'. To aid their understanding of the text, they made the characters from clay and then created their settings, using natural materials outside.

**Moonstone Class** - the children have continued their art project about birds from the Amazon rainforest this week. The children have added water colour paint to their pictures, thinking really hard about how to mix and blend the colours together. In science, we have thought about how quickly microorganisms can spread - we used glitter to represent the bacteria spreading around

the class. We have also set up an experiment to see which is the best method for washing your hands to remove microorganisms: soap, water, wet wipes or hand sanitizer. We'll let you know the results next week.

Kindest Regards,  
Carina Phillips

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October we will be having our Harvest service in church at 9.30. In previous years, we have made harvest boxes. If you would like to make up a harvest box, please bring in dried food or tins. They could make up a meal, for example, a bag of pasta, tin of tomatoes, jar of herbs and tin of custard for pudding. You may prefer to bring in one item, rather than a whole box. Please only donate, if you are in a position too. All the food will be collected at the church and taken to the food bank in Abingdon.



Kindest Regards,  
Carina Phillips

### **Nut Free School**

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please make sure that you don't use Nutella in sandwiches and that all cereal bars are nut free. Some members of our school community have life threatening nut allergies, so it's essential that nuts are not brought onto school site. Thank you very much for your support. Please also refrain from putting sweets and chocolate into packed lunches, as it can really affect their concentration; biscuits or a small cake are fine, as part of a healthy balanced packed lunch.

### **Break Times**

As the weather has already begun to change, please make sure that your child has a change of shoes for play times, this can be trainers or wellies. They will only be allowed to play on the field if they have changed their shoes. If you would like to send your child in with a snack at break time, please make sure it's a healthy snack. Fruit and vegetables are preferred, alternatively you could send in crackers, yoghurt, cheese, bread sticks or something like that. Please no crisps or biscuits at break times.

### **Opal Class Making rain gauges.**



**Jade Class** have started reading the Boy with the Bronze Axe. To help the children to understand the setting described at the start of the story, they recreated the description using resources from the forest area. They also made the key characters from the story in clay. The children really enjoyed this creative, outdoor approach to reading comprehension, and their work was stunning!





**Moonstone** – Edie for fantastic work estimating numbers on a number line.

**Well done to all our wonderful mathematicians this week**

### This Week's ask me about??

**Little Gems** – Our trip around the Village.

**Opal** – Our rain gauges.

**Jade** - The Digestive System

**Moonstone** – Our Cross country run.

### School Bank details

Please see the Bank details below to make direct credit payments for your child/ren. School dinners, school trips, Before and after school club etc can all be paid this way.

**Bank-** Lloyds TSB

**Account No-** 19341368

**Sort code-** 30.80.12

**Reference-** Childs Name Lunch or Childs Name Care or Childs Name Trip.

Separate Payments should be set up for each child and service i.e. Lunch, Care or Trip.

### Short Story Competition



Winners in each category will see their story published as an eBook and Audiobook, available to members of Oxfordshire Libraries to borrow in 2026.

Children's entries need to have parent/carer consent. Full terms and conditions, as well as instructions on how to submit entries, can be found on the Oxfordshire Libraries

website: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition)

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### The School Shield

**Little Gems** – Henry for working so hard in his writing in Phonics. Great work Henry 😊

**Opal** – Beth for her lovely chalk drawing of a Polar Bear from our story The Five Bears. Well done Beth 😊

**Jade** – Franki for designing an excellent clay model to represent a character from the class story. Fantastic Franki 😊

**Moonstone** – Alfie for a fantastic information text about the Amazon. Well done Alfie 😊

### This weeks Maths Master

**Little Gems** – Oscar for never giving up and showing the right number on his fingers in counting club.

**Opal** – Archie for being very independent in his maths work, counting on from any number up to 10.

**Jade** – Thomas - excellent understanding of the intervals on a number line.

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### **Dealing with Emotions**

Dr Hazel Harrison talks about what happens in our brains when we feel different emotions by using an analogy of the brain being like a house, with different types of people living on each floor, to explain what is happening in our brains when we feel strong emotions. It can be helpful for children to understand this and explore practical exercises so that we can connect with our thinking brain and make sensible decisions.

[The Brain House - BBC Teach](#)

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