

Items for Action:

- Dates for the calendar

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- Autumn Term Calendar dates

Dear Parents and Carers

This week Year 5 have travelled back to Ancient Greece – they have made frescoes, candles from olive oil and clay pots as well as learning many things about Ancient Greek life. Holly class this afternoon were studying Mondrian and have been painting their own interpretations of his art; they have really concentrated and completed some amazing pieces of work. I had a quick chat with Year 4 too, who were telling me how they were going to create an Anglo-Saxon settlement and how different it would look to how we live today, apparently they didn't drive cars in Anglo-Saxon times! In Conkers they were cutting up vegetables to make their soup and in Nursery they were making currant cakes. What talented children we have, I wonder how many will grow up to be chefs! Thank you to the teachers who inspire all this learning.

Today is National Teaching Assistant Day and it is important I share with you how fabulous our Teaching Assistants are – their support in school, for children and the staff, is incredible and we very much value their contribution to our team at Farley Hill.

Thank you for your support about traffic and parking. I have had a response today from Wokingham Borough Council which outlined again some reasons for the traffic road markings etc. and the opportunity in the coming month to have a meeting with officers from the Council. Again, if you have concerns about safety on Baston Road, I would encourage you

to contact Wokingham borough Council through the Highways general enquiry form:

https://highways.digital.wokingham.gov.uk/webpage/hgedetails?context_record_id=566253&webpage_token=f351b20610ff4f55980a1e43fc56142a29ee5bc8350d820341c12ab7e053c4fc

Please also bear in mind there is a zebra crossing painted on our grounds as you turn into the car parking area to the left, please be considerate of children and families crossing there.

Next week Year 6 are off to STEAM and there will be lots of learning happening in school – let's hope the weather improves!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Head Teacher

2024 – 2025 Term Calendar Dates

Monday	30/09/24	Yr 6 STEAM Museum
Monday	07/10/24	Yr 6 Condoover Parent Meeting 5.30pm
Monday	07/10/24	Harvest Assembly PM (Children only)
Friday	11/10/24	Yr 5 Beech Class Assembly
Mon-Fri	14-18/10/24	Yr 6 Condoover Residential
Tuesday	15/10/24	Yr 4 Woolley Firs
Thursday	24/10/24	Yr 6 Oak Class Assembly
Friday	25/10/24	Inset Day
Monday - Friday	28/10 – 01/11/24	Half Term
Tuesday	12/11/24	School Photos
Monday	18/11/24	Yr 3 River and Rowing Museum
Wednesday	27/11/24	Yr 4 Viking Day
Friday	29/11/24	Yr 3 Sycamore Class Assembly
Friday	20/12/24	Last day of Autumn Term 1PM close
Monday	06/01/25	Inset Day
Tuesday	07/01/25	First day of Spring Term
Monday - Friday	17/02 – 21/02/25	Half Term
Monday	24/02/25	Inset Day
Friday	04/04/25	Last day of Spring Term 1PM close
Tuesday	22/04/25	First day of Summer Term
Monday	05/05/25	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Friday	23/05/25	Inset Day
Monday - Friday	26/05 – 30/05/24	Half Term
Wednesday	23/07/25	Last day of Summer Term 1PM close

This Weeks Awards

Unicorn Awards			Values Leaf Awards		
Daphne	1	Holly	Romilly	1	Holly
Logan	1	Silver Birch	Arthur	1	Silver Birch
Yadavi	2	Aspen	Ella	2	Aspen
Alexander	2	Maple	Anika	2	Maple
Lochie	3	Sycamore	Arlo	3	Sycamore
Ellie	4	Willow	Grace	4	Willow
Beech Class	5	Beech	Kaartikeya	5	Beech
Grace	6	Oak	Charlie	6	Oak

Disabled Parking Bays

A polite reminder that disabled parking bays are for parents, grandparents and visitors who require these specific bays. Please do not park in these bays unless you are a blue badge holder. The disabled bays have designated space around the parking bay to allow for easier access. Please also consider that there are a wide range of impairments or conditions not necessarily visible to others, please be considerate and respect others.



Weekly Birthdays

We wish the following children, a very happy birthday for this week:

Izzy E
Charlie H
Leah
Taylor
Logan L
Harry JB



Leave of Absence Forms

If your child requires time off school for any medical appointment, please ensure that you complete a Leave of Absence form which can be obtained from our website or paper copy from the Office Reception.

Year 5

Year 5 travelled back in time to ancient Greece on Wednesday. They learnt about traditional crafts such as pottery and fresco painting; they experienced what it would have been like to be a slave crushing olives and lighting lamps. We re-enacted the Battle of Marathon, traded at the agora, sampled some Greek food and even tried traditional Greek dance. We had an amazing day and learnt so much!



Attendance

In the Government's document 'Working together to Improve Attendance' it states: 'All schools have a continuing responsibility to proactively manage and improve attendance across their school community. Attendance is the essential foundation to positive outcomes for all pupils. This is why we continue to set expectations about attendance levels for our children. **However, we work with all families, and especially those with children who have SEN or medical needs, to support them with any attendance concerns regarding their children. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if support would be helpful.**



FACT: The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment.

Parking – Polite reminder

Please refrain from parking in the residents and visitor car parks on the residential roads near the school.

Several people have had an idea that may help the traffic flow through the school and on Baston Road. If all drivers could make a left hand turn onto Biggs Lane where it meets Baston Road (after exiting the school). This may help the flow of traffic leaving the school site not come to a standstill.

By driving down to the roundabout and coming back up Biggs Lane it may actually save time for everybody.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Bateman