

Newsletter



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Friday 14th February 2025



Apple Tree class enjoyed taste testing Chinese food and practiced using chopsticks to celebrate Chinese new Year!



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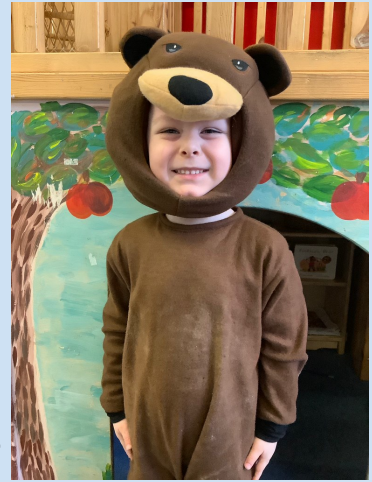
PEANUT/NUT FREE
SCHOOL

We currently have children who have serious nut allergies. Please remember that we don't allow any nuts or nut products in school. **This includes Nutella.** Thank you for helping us to keep St Peter's School a safe place.

We have had a brilliant time here in Apple Tree, whilst learning all about brilliant bears. We have learnt about real bears and characters from stories. This has given us the opportunity to think about old and new and think about some well-loved bears our teachers / parents and older generations have loved, but also about their own bear teddies, who are newer. A special bear doesn't always have to be one you have had since you were little either, it may be that the bear teddy came into your life later, but it holds a special meaning to you, which makes it special. We met so very many of Apple Tree's special bears and teddies - thank you!

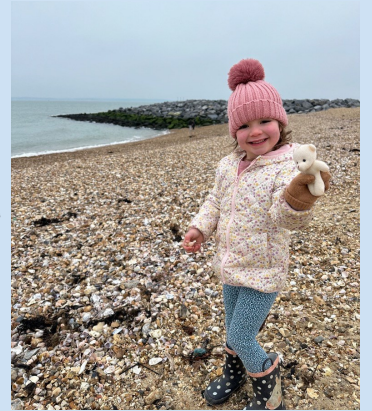


Some of Apple Tree even turned into bears during our Goldilocks Day, and we were very fortunate to have a special visit from Goldilocks herself!! The children thought of, and wrote, some brilliant questions to ask her during her visit, which they did with confidence. They asked a lot about the decisions she made and why she went into the woods and the bear cottage. We were able to think about how we behave and how we approach people and places we don't know. We also made some porridge and put different toppings on it to try and then we saw which was the favourite - of course the winner was chocolate!



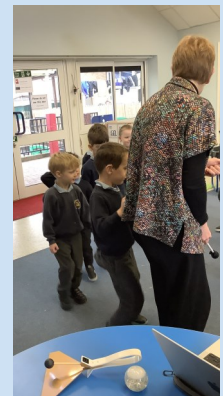
During this term Apple Tree have been taking care of their very own 'everywhere bear,' just like in the story. They had to keep them safe and keep a diary of their adventures, before returning them to school for a Teddy bear picnic!

The bears enjoyed meeting each other and all our families were able to come together to share a picnic, prepared by the children, and celebrate our value of 'friendship.' It was such a wonderful afternoon, with the time to eat, play and talk together. Thank you to all the parents support and contributions too!



We have enjoyed learning about Lunar/Chinese New Year and shared a Chinese banquet together in the classroom, where we tried new foods and attempted to use Chopsticks to eat. We were very impressed with their skills!! We also discovered which animal it was, the year we were born.

Heather has also been with us for our spirituality through music, which the children love! They remember the songs and activities so well and will ask Heather for their favourites. This is such a lovely, interactive music session, involving all children and introduces them to some lovely sounds, songs and instruments, all whilst demonstrating brilliant listening skills.



Our Artist this term is William Morris, who uses printing to create his work. A print makes a copy, and he usually uses repeating patterns for his creations. The children have explored printing with many objects, such as hands, blocks, stampers, and then chose from a few objects to attempt to print a repeating patters, just like William!





**Don't forget
the SPSA
Valentines
Day disco
tonight!!**

(Parents MUST attend!)

**SPSA
DISCO**

Valentine's Day

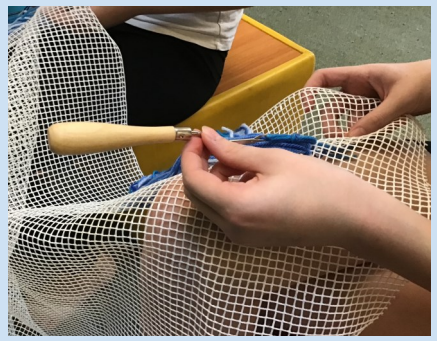
**APPLE & OAK 5-6PM
MAPLE & WILLOW 6-7PM**
£2 donation on the door

**FRIDAY
14TH
FEB, 2025**

**SNACKS & DRINKS
GLOWSTICKS
TATTOOS**

CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

PARENTS MUST ATTEND



HELP NEEDED!

As you probably know, Heather and the children in each class have been working hard to create a 'sensory sea rug' for our Spirituality area. However, they desperately need **DARK BLUE WOOL!** If you happen to have any lying around at home that you don't want, or if you want to buy some to donate to us, it would be very gratefully received! Thank you.

YENWORTHY PHOTOS!



All the Yenworthy photos have now been transferred onto the USB drives that I've been given and have been handed back to your child (or teacher). A few of the USB drives weren't large enough, so those have been returned to you. They need to be **4.5gb** to fit all the photos on.

If you haven't got round to bringing one in yet, there is still time! I will do another batch after half term. If you have any problems, let me know.

Just a reminder, PLEASE be respectful of other children's privacy and don't post any of these photos on social media unless they are solely of your child, or you have the permission of other children's parents.

Value of the term

Creativity

Child quote of the term

Let your imagination run wild and
BE CREATIVE! — Arthur Prior

Question of the Week

Which of our senses is the
most important?

'R' of the Term

Resourceful

Resourceful



I have energy	
I want to explore	
I can ask questions to solve problems	

Resourceful



I can choose equipment to help me	
I can ask questions to find out more	
I can use my imagination for new learning	
I can create new ideas	

Resourceful



- I can **choose** resources to help me
- I can **connect** different areas of knowledge
- I can **prioritise** next steps needed to improve my learning
- I can **question** to clarify my learning
- I can **create** new ideas linked to my learning
- I can **hypothesise** different possibilities

Your children will recognise these posters from their class. You may find these useful to use at home and to help reinforce what we are doing in school.



A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy last couple of weeks of term and the children have had lots of fun with their learning. Highlights include the Oak class trip to the Ashmolean Museum which supported learning for their China topic. The children enjoyed all the exhibits and the educational sessions. The children were ambassadors for the school with their excellent manners and behaviour.

Apple tree class rounded off their topic of Brilliant Bears with a teddy bears picnic and a visit from Goldilocks! The children had great fun and a big thank you to all the parents who were able to join us and support the event by bringing in lots of food!

Maple class have chosen their play which will be Joseph. The children put a huge amount of effort into auditioning for their parts and now rehearsals are in full swing. We look forward to the performance at Easter!

Willow class will have a trip to Compton Verney after half term which will introduce them to their new topic of the Shang Dynasty. The class will investigate what Chinese bronzes were used for and how they were made.

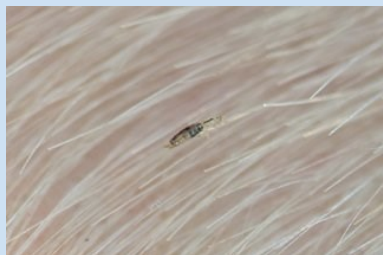
Thank you all for helping with the voluntary contributions which allow these trips to happen. With the cost of coaches ever increasing, your support, alongside the SPSA's significant donations, become ever more important as we try to keep the cost of trips as low as possible.

On Monday we had a visitor for People Who Inspire Us. Kate Woods came to talk about her work with the Tear Fund charity and specifically about toilet twinning. The children learned many interesting facts including that nearly 25% of the world's population don't have access to a toilet. Next term we will be doing some fundraising to twin toilets and details of this will follow. Please see the poster for Kate in the newsletter to see more detail.

Wishing you all a peaceful and healthy half term. Hopefully we will see more sunshine and warmth when we return!

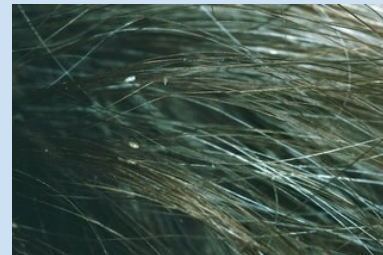
Jon Jeffries

We currently have a lot of head lice doing the rounds. Could you please check your child's hair for any evidence (see pictures for more info) and treat if necessary. Thank you!



Head lice are small insects, up to 3mm long, which can often be difficult to spot in hair.

Head lice eggs (nits) are brown or white and attached to the hair.



- Head lice can make your head feel itchy.
- The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice.
- You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

How to get rid of head lice

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

Check everyone you live with, or have close contact with, and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You do not need to wash your laundry on a hot wash.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. (The 'nitty-gritty one is brilliant!)

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, using a detection comb, from the roots to the ends. It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.
- When you've finished combing the hair, comb through all the hair again for a second time.
- Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child to use, and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.

Treatments that are not recommended for head lice

Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

You cannot prevent head lice

- There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice.
- You can help stop them spreading by wet combing regularly, using a detection comb, to catch them early.
- Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp.



Amazing animals stay and play

Please come along to our stay and play
session at St Peter's Primary School in
Cassington, OX29 4DN

Friday 14th March 2025
2-3pm

Suitable for families with children
aged 0-4 year olds
£3 per family

<https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/nursery-children/>



3:10pm School finishes

3:15pm—3:40pm Registration/Snack

3:40pm—4:15pm Activities











4:15pm—5:00pm Activities

5:00pm—5:15pm Tidy up










5:15pm After School Club finishes

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Miss Akers	Miss Akers	Miss Akers	Miss Akers	Miss Akers
Mrs Partridge	Mrs Humphris	Mrs Forest	Mrs Forest	

Week 1 WC: 24th February 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:10-3:40	Snack (Fresh fruit and yoghurts)	Snack (Salad, Breadsticks and dips)	Snack (Hot dogs)	Snack (toasties)	Snack/ (Bagels with a selection of toppings)
3:40-4:15	Sewing club – Pencil toppers  	Free Play  Outside – Adventure playground 	Hammer Beads 	Den building  Outside 	Free Colouring and outside  
4:15-5:15	Bored games and puzzles	Looking after and feeding the fish	Outside 	Children's quizzes on the big screen	

Week2 WC: 3rd of March 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:10-3:40	Snack (Fresh fruit and yoghurts)	Snack (Pancakes with a selection of toppings)	Snack (Toasties)	Snack (Beans on toast)	Snack/ (Bagels with a selection of toppings)
3:40-4:15	SEWING CLUB - PENCIL TOPPERS  	Cooking – making our own pancakes  Outside 	Arts and crafts –  	Decorate your own biscuit  Outside 	3:10-4:15 Games and Puzzles 
4:15- 5:15	Games	Looking after the fish and feeding them	Word searches (Option of colouring)	Chromebooks TTRS Or educational games	



Calendar



Please see the website for more information - <https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/diary>

FEBRUARY 2025

Monday 17th — Friday 21st **HALF TERM**

Monday 24th - **Term starts** back

Thursday 27th - Willow trip to **Compton Verney**

MARCH 2025

Tuesday 4th - **Netball** - yr 5&6 - Bartholomew School - 3:45pm—5:00pm

Tuesday 4th - **SPSA meeting** - 8pm in the Red Lion - All welcome!

Thursday 6th - **World Book day**

Friday 14th - **Stay & Play** in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - Amazing Animals - £3 per family

Thursday 20th - Apple Tree class to **Crocodiles of the World**

Tuesday 25th - Oak class **Florence Nightingale WOW day**

Tuesday 25th - Parents evening (all classes)

Wednesday 26th - Parents evening (Apple, Maple, Willow)

Thursday 27th - Parents evening (Oak)

Friday 28th - **Stay & Play** in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - Easter - £3 per family

APRIL 2025

Tuesday 1st - **Class Photos**

Tuesday 1st - Oak class - Mary Seacole session

Tuesday 1st - **Maple play** - 6pm

Wednesday 2nd - **Maple play** - 1:30pm

Thursday 3rd - Easter Pause Day

Friday 4th - Term ends at 1:15pm

END OF TERM!

Tuesday 22nd - New term

Wednesday 23rd - **Heights & Weights** for Yr 6 & Reception, **Vision screening** for Reception

Wednesday 23rd - Dance festival - yr 1&2 - Bartholomew School - 9:30am—10:30am

KATE WOODS



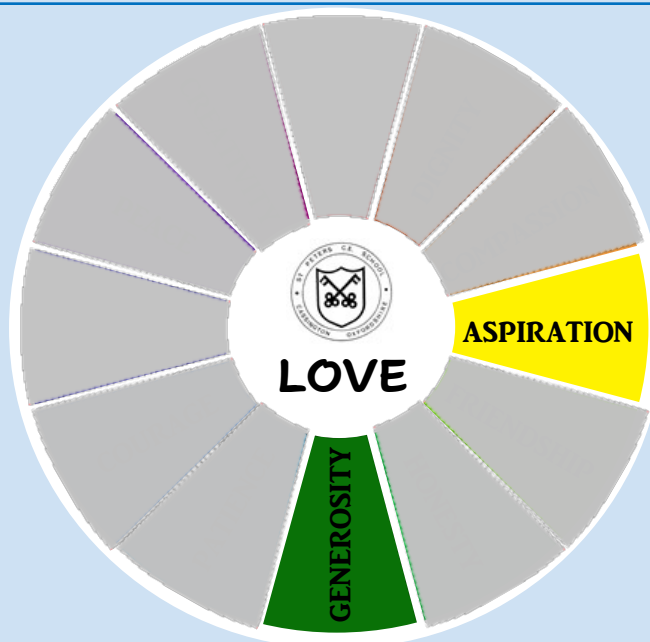
Kate works for a charity called Tearfund who help people who are living in poverty. They currently reach people in 53 countries. Tearfund helps people in different ways which include being creative in farming so crops are protected and helping people clean water so they don't get ill. Tearfund also helps with re-building houses after extreme weather. Over 20% of the global population don't have their own family toilet and that might mean they have to share a village toilet which could involve a walk of 5-10 kilometres. Kate was inspired to work with Tearfund from a young age because her mum and dad sponsored a toilet when she was young, and she remembers the toilet twinning sign on their bathroom door. When she was 20, she went to Brazil and worked with children in an orphanage. She always wanted to work with Tearfund because she wants to help other people. Kate's job involves telling people about the things that they could do to help communities build toilet facilities.

ASPIRATION

Kate wants the best for other people and works hard to achieve this

Kate aspired to do this job and work with Tearfund and now she is doing it!

Kate wants everyone around the world to have toilet facilities



GENEROSITY

Kate chose a career that would help other people

Kate never gives up until she has achieved what will help people

Once her children are older, Kate wants to spend some time visiting people in a different country that she can help

MESSAGE TO US

Make a difference in other people's lives

Unpaid Meal Policy



General

Dolce does not offer credit and asks for all SchoolGrid accounts to be kept in credit at all times, by parents and staff. However, we do accommodate a three meal 'emergency' zone for incidents such as damaged or forgotten packed lunches, parents forgetting to top up their account etc.

Procedures

When a pupil account has fallen out of credit, and into debt, a reminder email will be sent directly to the parent, via email, advising them to 'top up'. They will receive an email for each meal taken, where they have no funds and are using the three meal credit limit (maximum of three emails).

Once a pupil's account has reached their three meal limit, their account becomes frozen and Dolce will no longer continue to supply school meals.



FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
MOST SUITABLE FOR 5-16 YRS

SCIENCE BAZAAR BEYOND

Saturday 1 March 2025

9:30am – 11:30am Relaxed autism-friendly early opening
11:30am – 4pm Open to all

Fun activities, hands-on workshops, experiments, talks, shows, competitions and cafe

BOOK TICKETS

www.brookes.ac.uk/science-bazaar
sciencebazaar@brookes.ac.uk

X @obuengagement #BrookesBazaar25
f @OxfordBrookesPublicEngagementResearch
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Oxford Brookes University, Clerici Building, Headington Campus,
Gipsy Lane, Headington, OX3 0BP

NO PARKING ON SITE EXCEPT FOR ACCESS NEEDS

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NEV THE LEV'S PRIMARY RUGBY LEAGUE

JOIN THE FUN
WOOD GREEN SCHOOL, WITNEY
WEDS 5:30-6:30 FROM 12TH FEB 2025

YEARS 2 TO 6
GIRLS & BOYS

FIRST SESSION FREE FOR NEW STARTERS, THEN JUST £4 EACH WEEK

PAY ALL SESSIONS UP FRONT FOR £5 OFF TRAINING WEAR

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

QUALIFIED DBS CHECKED COACHES

FIRST SESSION FREE FOR NEW STARTERS

SAFE & SUPPORTIVE PLAY

TOUCH, NOT TACKLE

MAKE FRIENDS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS

#JOIN THE LEVELLUTION

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BE SMART ONLINE



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SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



M

MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.





Dino Digital Detectives

Name	
Class	
Potential harmful activity detected	
Date handed to office	

Action	
Review	

Unlocking....

Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives

