



Information



We have children in school who have serious, potentially life-threatening allergies to nuts.

We don't allow any nut or nut products in school.

This includes Nutella!

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher, or email Emily in the office.

CAR PARKING

Could we please remind parents that they should NOT be parking in the staff car park (or in front of the gate) when they drop-off or pick-up their children.

If you drive to school, please park in the village hall car park or the layby on the road. If there is no space in either of those, there is usually lots of space in Bell Lane. This is a short walk down the footpath by the school (and there are less cars to worry about). If you aren't sure where this is, please ask Emily in the office.

If you have to park on the road, please make sure you don't park near the bend by the chequers pub as this makes it very dangerous for cars to get past. Thank you for your help in this matter.



School Dinners

School dinners can be booked through Schoolgrid, where you can also view the menus and make payments. If you have any problems, please let Emily in the office know.

Dinners are free for all children in Reception, years 1 & 2. There are some children that will also qualify for free school meals due to family income and circumstances. For a confidential chat, or to pick up a form to apply, please speak to Emily.



Parentmail

ParentMail is our main communication program. You use it to receive emails and permission forms as well as paying for items and booking sessions. **Please** make sure that you can access ParentMail and that you check it regularly. If you can't get onto the system, please let Emily in the office know as soon as possible.



Information



Football club is back next week (Sept 11th), run by Oxfordshire Skill Acquisition Academy.

Sessions will run from 3.10-4.10pm on Monday afternoons, with a full 12 week schedule for year 1s through to year 6s. Please book via the following link.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_CXzqIBIXiK6OdBiB6IXeHvO7Y_7zTvQAmtpdLG889k/edit

After School Club will be in the hall now on Fridays, so please use the front entrance rather than the side gate. Thank you!

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Your child is bringing home a sheet of paper today, which needs to be signed by them as well as parents / carers, and then returned. This is for our Home School Agreement, which will have been sent to you through ParentMail today.

Please take the time to read through it with your child, so they know what is expected of them.

Please see the message from Mr Jeffries for more details.

FLU FORM

The flu form which has been sent doesn't have a school code on it. I've contacted the team for clarification and will let you all know when we receive one. Apologies!

Absences

If your child is going to be absent - what you must do:

- Either log your child's absence on ParentMail, phone us and leave a message or email the office, before 8.45am for each day of your child's absence.
- Tell us in advance, of any medical appointments (preferably by email).
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival. If we think they are unwell, we will ring you. (If they have had vomiting or diarrhoea, they must stay away for 48 hours)
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance or lateness, please talk to us so we can help!

What we will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.



Chair: Sinead Andrews
Treasurer: Kayleigh Horne
Secretary: Vacant

What is the SPSA?

The SPSA is a group of parents who work to raise money for the school, to make the school a better environment for children to learn. Last year we raised an amazing £9,300!

What do we do?

Christmas Fayre and raffle
Bike Night BBQ
Quiz Night
Disco
Sponsored events
Christmas Cards
Easter Egg hunt
Tea towels
Second hand uniform

What do we spend the money on?

Subsidising school trips, swimming lessons, and the trip to the pantomime
Subsidised the purchase of Chromebooks
Playground equipment
Easter Eggs
Ice lollies on Sports Day

How can you support us?

Come along to SPSA meetings: we meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Red Lion, Cassington (unless it falls during a holiday). Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th September.

Lend a hand: give as much or as little of your time to the SPSA as you wish.

Donate: if you don't have any time to give, but still want to support us, please consider a regular monthly donation.

If you are interested in supporting us, or for details on how to give, please email spsavol@gmail.com, or come along next Tuesday.



In Maple class today we had a visit from the wonderful **History Man**, kick starting our topic by transporting us back to the Stone Age. The children learnt how to use tusks of mammoths as a horn, make fire and pots from clay. Maple got very competitive in a game of tug of war and learned how to play the ancient game of Knuckle Bones. The children were also able to try on clothes and wigs, which were very fashionable! We had a brilliant day to finish our first week back at school!

Chaplain Chat



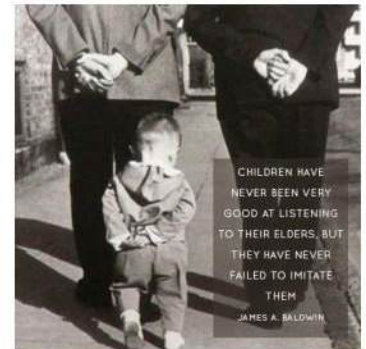
We have been many places during the summer and our journey has brought us back to this place and to this time: September and the start of a new school year.

It is a particularly special time for me as my eldest grandchild (pictured here with his little sister on his final walk home from nursery) starts school for the first time, stepping out into the unknown with a mix of excitement and uncertainty, full of questions about what it is going to be like.

As parents, grandparents, carers, teachers and other staff, we're all full of questions about our children right now: Will they learn enough this year? Learn the right things? Will they be influenced in good ways – or bad? Will they be successful? Will they be happy?

One thing we *can* be certain of is that they will be strongly influenced by the environment that surrounds them, through their active and reactive participation within it. In everything we do as adults in their lives, we play an important part in creating that environment. Of course we want our children to grow up as productive, independent members of society, but we also want to give them a firm foundation that will last a lifetime. A crucial way to do this is to lead by example.

During a time of transition – as with the start of a new school year – you can open a window onto your life by sharing with your child a transition you've experienced, how you felt and how you managed it. You could also use examples of family and friends. In the midst of change, it can be really comforting to remember what isn't changing. Reassure your child of what is the same, both in the big things, like how much you love them, and in the practical details, such as who will collect them.



Sometimes when we're trying to do our best for our children it's hard to know whether we're on the right track. As a Christian, I look to the character of God, and the life of Jesus through the stories in the Bible, to guide me in everything I do. An image that helps me is of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, who calls his sheep by name, leads them from the sheepfold and goes ahead to show them the way to the good pasture. You might have come across Psalm 23, 'The Lord is my shepherd' (well known as a hymn). In this psalm there are the words 'Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.' 'Goodness' and 'Mercy' are sometimes known as God's sheepdogs, bringing up the rear and keeping the sheep moving forwards in the right direction!

I leave you with a prayer you could use wherever you are on the path of life:

*God of the ages,
you are the beginning of our journey
and our strength as we pause along the way.
Hold us by the hand as we grow,
show us where to seek you,
and guide our steps that we may find you.
Give us devoted hearts that we may love you,
and your peace when we reach our journey's end.*

Every blessing

Heather (EPA Chaplain)





Calendar



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

SEPTEMBER 2024

- Tuesday 10th - **Maple** curriculum meeting for parents - 3:15pm
SPSA meeting - Red Lion at 8pm — all welcome
- Wednesday 11th - **Oak** curriculum meeting for parents - 2:45pm in hall
Willow curriculum meeting for parents - 3:15pm
- Monday 16th - Bikeability for **yr 6** (please make sure your consent form has been completed)
- Tuesday 17th - Bikeability for **yr 6**
- Wednesday 18th - Apple Tree craft afternoon

OCTOBER 2024

- Tuesday 8th - SPSA AGM - Red Lion at 7:30pm — all welcome
- Monday 14th - **Flu immunisations**
- Tuesday 22nd - Parents evening (all classes)
- Wednesday 23rd - **School photos** - 9am (Younger siblings welcome—please see Emily)
Parents evening (Apple, Maple, Willow)
- Thursday 24th - Parents evening (Oak)
- Monday 28th — Friday 1st November **HALF TERM**

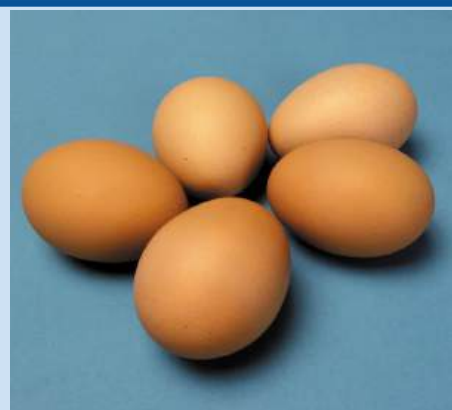
NOVEMBER 2024

- Monday 1st - **INSET DAY** (School closed)
Final payment for YENWORTHY due
- Tuesday 2nd - Term starts back

Fresh eggs

If you would like some of our school hens' delicious eggs, we ask for a contribution of **£1.50 for 6 eggs** which we then put towards the cost of their food and care.

If you would like some, please email me in the office and I'll pop your name on the waiting list, or just call in!





After School Club



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 2					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:10-3:40	Snack (Fresh Fruit and yoghurts) /mindfulness colouring 	Snack (Crackers with cheese spread and ham) /reading! 	Snack (Nachos with cheese and salsa)/ Word search 	Snack (Hot Dogs)/ Painting pictures 	Snack/ (Bagels with a selection of toppings) /mindfulness colouring and outside 3:10-4:15 
3:40-4:15	Sewing club 	Board games  Wooden blocks 	Puzzles  Dressing up 	Construction with Lego 	
4:15-5:15	Outside: Adventure play 	Outside: Obstacle course 	Outside for games: Such as Football or Rounders 	Outside: Adventure play 	

Week 3					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:10-3:40	Snack (Fresh Fruit and yoghurts) /mindfulness colouring 	Snack (Ice creams with cones) /reading! 	Snack (Beans on toast)/ Word search 	Snack (/) Colouring 	Snack/ (Bagels with a selection of toppings) /mindfulness colouring and outside 3:10-4:15 
3:40-4:15	Sewing club 	Hammer Beads  Babies 	Den Building 	Paper aeroplanes 	
4:15-5:15	Outside: Adventure play 	Outside: Obstacle course 	Outside for games: Such as Football or Rounders 	Outside: Adventure play 	



A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all had a restful summer and are ready for the start of the new term! We have lots of new families, so if you want to stop and introduce yourself or ask any questions, staff members are on the gate in the morning and at pick-up time to help you. As you know, Mrs Glass is now our assistant headteacher and she will be in school Monday to Wednesday. I will be in school on Monday afternoons and all day Thursdays and Fridays.

The children have had a really positive first week back and have settled in quickly. We can see lots of hunger for learning, with children picking up right where they left off in July. I have already received a request from a child for a visitor who we could potentially have for People Who Inspire Us. I contacted them today so we will see when we can get them in. Our children's enthusiasm for learning and ideas for how they can contribute to school life in general always amazes me.

Miss Ryan has wasted no time whatsoever in getting the first experience of the year in with the History Man visiting today. Have a look at the photos in the newsletter – the children had a fabulous time and engaged enthusiastically with all the sessions.

It has been a very busy week with setting up the new routines for the year. The children have applied for Pupil Leadership Group positions, and once again, over a third of children have wanted to contribute in some way to the direction of the school. As with last year, the groups are: Pupil Voice, Charity (supporting Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue), Events, Environment, Cool Climateers, Chicken Leaders, and Fish Leaders. You will be hearing much more about this very soon.

We have also talked through the Home and School Agreement with children. We have discussed the part that everyone can play to help us be a successful and thriving school community; we all have our parts to play. Emily has sent a digital copy of the Home and School Agreement to you, so please read through this carefully, discuss with your child what it means for you all as a family, then sign and return the slip that your child will come home with today.

The whole staff are very excited about the opportunities for this year and we all very much look forward to working with you.

Warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher

Value of the term

Respect

Child quote of the term

To follow next week

Question of the Week

To follow next week

'R' of the Term

Responsibility

Responsibility



I can choose to help others	
I can show care for the school and equipment	
I can demonstrate good choices	

Responsibility



I can demonstrate care for the world around me	
I can choose to put others' needs before my own	
I can explain the importance of playing my part	

Responsibility



- I can **build** awareness of myself
- I can **show** I own my actions
- I can **demonstrate** maturity and take initiative
- I can **discuss** the importance of playing my part
- I can **imagine** others' feelings
- I can **influence** by creating positive ripples

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.



Awards of the Week



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If your child has an award below, you are invited to join us for our Celebration Assembly next Friday at 8:45am in the school hall:

Class	Vision Award	Values Award— <i>Respect</i>	'R' Award— <i>Responsibility</i>
 Apple	<i>Theodore Gardete</i>	<i>Skylar Skinner</i>	<i>Niamh Moss</i>
 Oak	<i>Celia Sanchez Moril</i>	<i>Libby Baxter</i>	<i>Elliott Gale</i>
 Maple	<i>Teddy Prior</i>	<i>Zeraphina Muir</i>	<i>Abigail Andrews</i>
 Willow	<i>Layla Black</i>	<i>Alfie Bennett</i>	<i>Rueben Faulkner</i>
 Headteacher's Award	<i>Jack Baxter</i>		

If your child is away for any reason and not able to collect their award, we will present it to them the following week.



Join us for a just for fun quiz evening at the

Red Lion Cassington on:

Saturday 21st September

7:30 pm start

Teams of up to **6** people are welcome, entry is only **£2** per person, all proceeds will go towards the play area.

Gather your friends, test your knowledge, and support a great cause. We hope to see you there!

St Peter's Church & Cassington Village Hall invite you to:

HARVEST COMMUNITY SUPPER

**WITH EYNSHAM MORRIS
AND THE CHAMBERRIES**

Saturday 12 October 2024 6.00pm - 10.00pm

ALL WELCOME

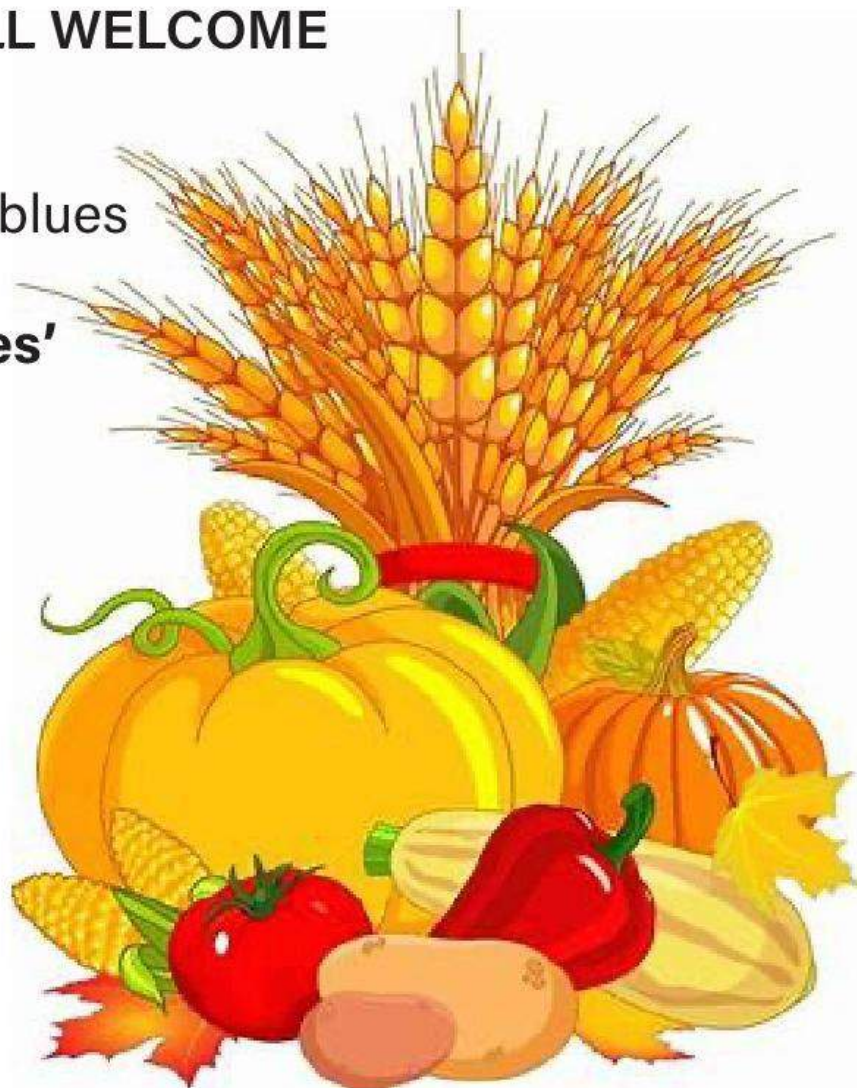
Join us for an evening of live music with jazz, blues and soul from local band **'The Chamberries'** and songs, dancing, shanties and fun from **Eynsham Morris**.

Ploughman's Supper included in ticket price and drinks available at pay bar.

Adults - £10

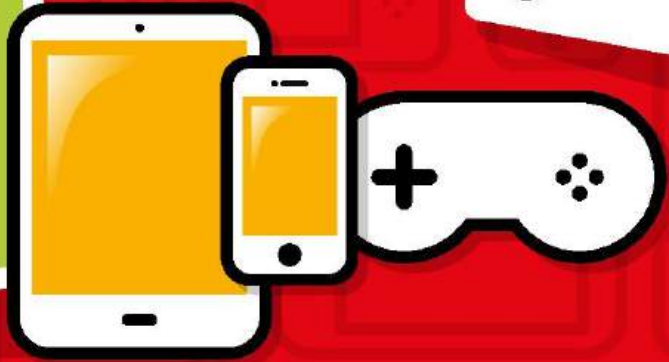
Under 16s - £5

Family ticket - £25



Contact: Carolyn Hinton 07747 621597 chinton260@outlook.com
or Jan Macdonald 07941 419219 janmacdonald78@aol.com

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.



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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.



