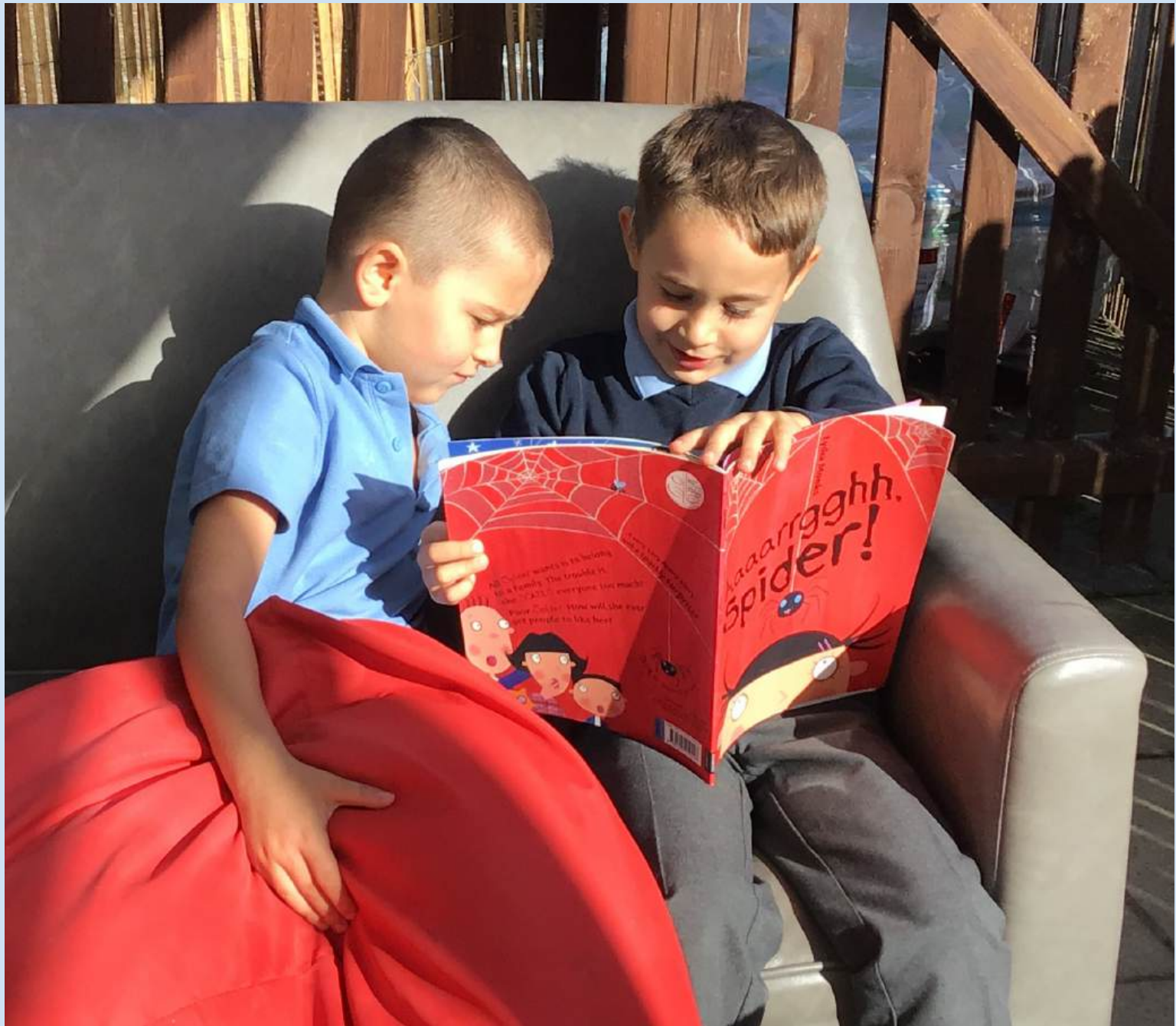


# Newsletter



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Friday 3rd October 2025



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THANKS FOR REMEMBERING  
THIS IS A



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.



# Information



## Weather appropriate clothing

Although the weather has been beautiful lately, it probably won't be long until it's cold and wet again!

We try to get the children out at lunchtime every day, so unless it's absolutely pouring, they will be going outside.

Therefore, please remember to send your child to school with a sensible, warm, waterproof coat and wellies.



## Wear Pink to School on Thursday 24th October

We will be wearing pink to school on Thursday 24th October to raising money for Breast cancer. This is to show support for our lovely Mrs Forest who is currently battling breast cancer.

## Christmas Cards

Every year the SPSA (PTA) organise the very special treat that the children can design their own Christmas cards, as well as raising money for the school.

You can buy bags, tea towels, wrapping paper, gift tags and much, much more with your child's design on!

What great Christmas gifts!

We ask that the children design their own cards, please see the photos with how to decorate.

Please bring your designs back to your class teacher or to the office by

Monday 13th October 2025.



## Request for Tissues!

It's that time of year again where we ask if you could pop an extra box of tissues into your shopping for us. There are lots of runny noses in school at the moment, and it's very easy for us to spend a huge amount of money on tissues, which could be spent on much better things! Therefore, if you are able to donate a box (or 2?!) to us, we'd really appreciate it! Thank you!



## Harvest Celebration at St Peter's Church on Sunday at 3pm



All children are warmly invited to join in with the singing at the Harvest festival celebration at 3pm on Sunday. Duncan says you will be singing the song that you have been practicing in collective worship.

If you are able to come, please just turn up (although if you let Emily know, she'll let Duncan know the numbers so he knows what to expect!)

## 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 to their class teacher. This is for our Home School Agreement, which can be viewed on the website:

<https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/home-and-school-agreement/>

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.

## Dress as British Wildlife Day

**On Tuesday 4th November** we are asking everyone to **dress up as any sort of British wildlife**, and if they want, to bring in a small donation to the school's adopted charity, Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue.

Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue, is an independent award-winning wildlife rescue charity based in the south of Oxfordshire. They specialise in the rescue, care and rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned British wildlife. They do this with the aim to return their patients back to the wild once fit and healthy enough to fend for themselves. As a small charity, their work is funded entirely by the kindness and generosity of donations made by members of the public. Every penny goes towards helping more animals.



Our Pupil leadership group organise events throughout the year to raise money for OWR. They will also be doing a small presentation during the assembly on Dress as British Wildlife Day about how to help Hedgehogs! Emily in the office volunteers for Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue and has been fostering 2 baby hedgehogs since they were 5 days old.





Everyone in Oak Class has made a fabulous start to the new school year. The children have settled in so well and are eager to learn and discover new things!

As part of the first week back activities, we read the book, *The Dot* by Peter H.Reynolds. This book encourages resilience and a 'can do attitude'. The main character, Vashti, realizes that she just needs to make her mark with a dot. Having received encouragement to have a go and then been successful, she then gives encouragement to others which helps them to achieve – a little like the 'positive ripples' that Mr Jeffries encourages us to show. Following on from the story, we did some dot-based activities. Using oil pastels, the children produced some wonderful dotty pictures, based on the concentric circles of Wassily Kandinsky. These pictures now adorn the oak cloakroom for all to admire. The children were really proud of their results. It just shows what you can do when you make your mark!

We have all enjoyed our Fairytale topic! We have explored fairytales from different countries, read some twisted stories where the villian becomes the hero and created our own characters. We are looking forward to our Wow Day at the end of term.

In Computing, Year 2 have demonstrated how much they have remembered from last year, being able to get themselves logged onto the chromebooks successfully. They were then able to use a paint program to create dotty pictures. Some children worked out how to create concentric circles and were teaching each other how to do it. Year 1 have been excited to start using the chromebooks. They have done a superb job at using their login and password for the first time and are on their way to discover more new skills in Computing.



We have been exploring Design and Technology this term. Everyone designed, made and decorated their own hand puppets!

In our Thursday and Friday Maths lessons, we have been focusing on shape, first 2D shapes and now moving onto 3D shapes. Oak children have been impressing us with their knowledge and use of mathematical language to describe the properties of shapes. They have also been able to apply this knowledge to reasoning and problem solving tasks, such as finding the odd shape out and giving reasons for it. The children are discovering that there can sometime be more than one answer and are ready to explain why.



As part of the transition from Apple Tree, we are slotting some opportunities for choosing time into the week. Busy Time, at the end of Friday, is always popular. The children really enjoy having the flexibility to choose their own tasks and games to play. Their creativity and imagination is fantastic. It has been fabulous to see the children working together, sharing ideas and resources as they learn through play.





# Apple Tree



Apple Tree have loved making apple crumble using the apples from the tree in the garden. They worked hard together to peel and cut apples and then mixed butter sugar and flour to make a crumble. We cooked it and ate it at Forest school with some custard. The children seemed to enjoy eating it!



**Super me stay and play**

Come and play with us at St. Peter's school, whilst we learn about our wonderful selves and how to stay healthy

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
**2-3pm**

Suitable for all families with children aged 0-4years

Please book and pay here  
<https://bookwhen.com/stpeterscassington/e/ev-spg1-20251024140000>  
 £3 per family





# After School Club











- 3:10pm School finishes
- 3:10pm - 3:40pm Registration/Snack
- 3:40pm - 4:15pm Activities
- 4:15pm - 5:05pm Activities
- 5:05pm - 5:15pm Tidy up
- 5:15pm After School Club finishes








**After School Club contact details -**  
**ASC@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk**  
**07396 801472**

Although we aim to stick to this timetable as much as possible, there may be occasions where we need to substitute activities.

## Week 1 WC: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:10-3:40		Snack (Fruit and yoghurts)	Snack (Beans on toast)	Snack (Sausage rolls and cheese and onion rolls)	Snack/ (Bagels with a selection of toppings)
3:40-4:15		Games and Puzzles  Outside 	Arts and crafts –  Outside 	Games and Puzzles  Outside 	<b>3:10-4:15</b>  Free colouring  Outside 
4:15- 5:15		Looking after the fish and feeding them	Word searches (Option of colouring)	<b>Chromebooks TTRS Or educational games</b>	

## Week 2 WC: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:10-3:40	Snack (yoghurts and cereal bars)	Snack (Make your own Pizza)	Snack (Nachos with salsa)	Snack (Hot dogs)	Snack/ (Bagels with a selection of toppings)
3:40-4:15	LEGO CLUB – 	Den building  Outside 	Arts and crafts – 	Outside Games 	Games and Puzzles 
4:15-5:15	Outside 	Looking after and feeding the fish	Arts and crafts continue		



# A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, we have relaunched our Home and School Agreement with the children. Class teachers have carefully explained the shared commitment between children, school, and families, to enable us to have a happy and safe place to learn. Please visit our website and look under the 'Key Information' section to find the Home and School Agreement to discuss with your child, then return the signed slip. As an added incentive, the first team in each class to submit their signed agreements will be rewarded with additional team points. We have added a new section 'Online Interactions' so even if you are very familiar with the document, please read this.

Last week, Maple class had a trip to the Oxford Story Museum which provided the children with an immersive learning experience that built upon the learning in class. The children had a mixture of activities inside the museum and around Oxford City Centre itself. Thank you for your support with voluntary donations which, alongside SPSA contributions, make these trips possible.

I am particularly excited to announce the installation of our new bird hide, which will significantly enhance our forest school sessions and forest tots sessions. We are planning for each class to utilise this resource throughout the academic year, providing our children with opportunities to connect with nature in our wonderful school grounds.

As advertised elsewhere in the newsletter, we are hosting a parent workshop on mental health on Wednesday, 8th October from 8:45-10am. All parents are warmly invited to attend.

Additionally, our Harvest Festival donations are due by Tuesday, 7th October. We will be delivering the collected food to the church, and it would be fantastic for the school community to make a significant contributions towards this.

With warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher





# Calendar



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

## **OCTOBER 2025**

- Sunday 5th - Harvest celebration in Church - 3pm - followed by afternoon tea
- Tuesday 7th - SPSA AGM - 7:30pm in the Red Lion Cassington - all welcome.
- Wednesday 8th - MHST Parent Workshop Part 1 - 8:45—10am - everyone welcome!
- Monday 13th - Flu immunisations for Reception to yr 6
- Wednesday 15th - MHST Parent Workshop Part 2 - 8:45—10am - everyone welcome!
- Week beginning Monday 20th—Parents Evenings
- Thursday 24th - Wear Pink to school - raising money for breast cancer research & support
- Friday 24th - Stay & Play in Apple Tree for children under 4 yo. 2-3pm
- Friday 24th - Hot Chocolate by SPSA! More details to follow!
- Monday 27th — Friday 31st **HALF TERM**

## **NOVEMBER 2025**

- Monday 3rd - **INSET DAY** (School closed)
- Tuesday 4th - Dress up as British Wildlife day! Raising money for OWR
- Wednesday 5th - Willow Class Fire & Road Safety talk
- Tuesday 4th - SPSA meeting
- Monday 10th - Odd socks day. Raising money for anti-bullying alliance
- Tuesday 11th - School photos - 9am (Younger siblings welcome—please see Emily)
- Monday 17th - Boccia Tournament (more details to follow)
- Friday 21st - Stay & Play in Apple Tree for children under 4 yo. 2-3pm

## **HARVEST CELEBRATION AT ST PETER'S CHURCH**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm**

**followed by afternoon tea**

***For all ages - everyone welcome***



**Contributions of non-perishable items will be gratefully received for local Food Banks. A list of items can be found on the North Oxford Food Bank web site.**

Financial donations can also be made directly to:

North Oxfordshire Food Bank

<https://www.givefood.org.uk/needs/at/north-oxfordshire/>



# Awards of the Week



## Awards of the Week

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	Values Award — <b>FRIENDSHIP</b>	'R' Award — <b>RECIPROCITY</b>
 <b>Apple</b>	<i>Isla Boardman</i>	<i>Rory Walker</i>
 <b>Oak</b>	<i>Libby Baxter</i>	<i>Zaheer Chudry</i>
 <b>Maple</b>	<i>Teddy Prior</i>	<i>Molly Rees-Horsley</i>
 <b>Willow</b>	<i>Julia Dixon</i>	<i>Finley Britton</i>
 <b>Headteacher's Vision Award</b>	<i>Elizabeth Simpson</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.

St Peter's Church, Cassington Village Hall and  
Cassington Sports and Social Club invite you to a

# HARVEST COMMUNITY SUPPER

**Saturday 4 October 2025 6.30pm - 10.00pm**

**ALL WELCOME**

Join us for a community evening of fun, music and laughter following in the long tradition of people in Cassington celebrating the gathering of the Harvest.

- ★ **Home-grown local entertainment**
- ★ **Buffet Supper included in the ticket price**
- ★ **Pay bar**



**Tickets in advance: Adults £10 / Under 16s £5**  
**Family ticket (up to 5 members) £25 from ...**

Jan Macdonald: 07941 419219 - [janmacdonald78@aol.com](mailto:janmacdonald78@aol.com)

Carolyn Hinton: 07747 621597 - [chinton260@outlook.com](mailto:chinton260@outlook.com)



## **CHANGE OF DATES**

**Unfortunately Olivia is unable to run the sessions on the original dates.  
Please see the new dates below.**

Please join us for a Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Parent Workshop - Introducing 'Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries': Empowering parents to manage and understand their child's anxiety. Part 1 & 2 at St Peter's on the following dates:

- **Part 1: Wednesday 8th October 8:45-10am**
- **Part 2: Wednesday 15th October 8:45-10am**

We are pleased to invite you to two workshops which will take place at school. The 90-minute workshops will focus on our parent-guided support for children experiencing anxiety difficulties.

The workshop Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries is based on the book by Cathy Creswell and Lucy Willetts. This program addresses the origins of anxiety, signs and symptoms, how it is maintained, and effective strategies to reduce reassurance-seeking behaviours while fostering independence. The book is available for purchase (though not required for the workshop), as well as for borrowing from the library, on Audible, or some schools that may have copies for lending. This is a parent-only workshop. Part 1 will focus on theory and understanding anxiety in children, and part 2 will follow on by introducing practical strategies and signposting support.

There will be opportunity at the end of the workshop to speak to Olivia and/or her colleague if you have any questions.

If you are unable to come to the workshops but would like information on what is covered from the Mental Health support team, please do get in touch with Mrs Glass.

We look forward to seeing you at the workshops.

Mrs Glass



Peace Oak and Green TEA  
invite you all to their annual



# APPLE DAY AND GREEN FESTIVAL

**Saturday 11th October**  
**2 - 4.30 pm**

**at the Peace Oak Orchard**

entry through Cobbetts Close, Newland Street

- **Apple picking, tasting and juicing** - taste Eynsham varieties
- **Discover the field** on a guided walk
- **Have a go at apple juicing**
- Bring your own apple (and leaf) for **expert identification**
- Buy our **unique Family Trees** with three varieties of apple grafted onto a single tree for £30 and other **plants for sale**
- **Craft Club** - have a go at woodcarving, willow weaving
- **Activities for children** including games and treasure hunt
- **GreenTEA** - Enter the **vegan plant based food competition**, bring your dish and win a prize, plus tasting and recipes\*\*
- **Nature Recovery** - experts on wildflower meadows & more
- **More than a Shed** - discuss progress and get involved
- **Fungi Foray**

\*\* for more details contact: [greentea\\_food@outlook.com](mailto:greentea_food@outlook.com)  
[Eynsham.org.uk/GreenTEA](http://Eynsham.org.uk/GreenTEA)

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Sat 15 November '25 (except 10am-11pm)

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OX29 4DN

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**The Chequers Inn, Cassington**

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**What's on offer:**

- High-energy adventures such as archery, ziplining, and climbing.
- Fun team building games and problem-solving challenges.
- Survival skills such as shelter building, backwards cooking and fire lighting.
- Connect with the natural world with mindful activities, outdoors arts and crafts, wildlife spotting, and nature walks.

**When is it:**

- May half-term, summer holidays and October half-term (see website for dates).
- 9am-5pm daily.
- Early drop off (from 8am) and late pick-up service (until 6pm) available.
- Participants can attend individual days, or the entire week.

**Pricing:**

£35 per day, per child. Save 10% on a 5-day block and each additional child.

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Active Adventures is the ultimate outdoor adventure club for children aged 8-16. Packed with thrilling challenges, nature connection activities, and epic team games, each day offers a new adventure to inspire a love for the great outdoors!

[www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events](http://www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events)

**Book now and join the adventure**

[www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events](http://www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events)

✉ [activeadventures@scoutadventures.org.uk](mailto:activeadventures@scoutadventures.org.uk)

📍 Scout Adventures Youlbury, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5HD





# Shoe Box Appeal



Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school we are hoping to support again the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal. This is the opportunity to pack a shoebox with some small gifts for Christmas, for people who have so little. The shoeboxes will be distributed across countries in Eastern Europe. Each child in school has been given a leaflet explaining how the shoebox appeal works and what to do if you, as a family, would like to be involved. In the leaflet, there is a list of some suggested items to include in the shoebox.

If this is something that you are interested in taking part in, then do please fill your shoeboxes at home, following the instructions on the leaflet or on the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal website. (There are some restricted items which cannot be included in the boxes.)

**Blythswood**  
CHANGING LIVES FOR GOOD AND FOREVER

## Shoe Box Appeal 2025 Filler Ideas

- Woman**
  - Make-up
  - Sanitary products
  - Shampoo
  - Nail varnish
  - Small scissors
  - Tape measure
- Man**
  - Dominoes
  - Pack of cards
  - Tools
  - Tape measure
  - Tin cup
  - Wind-up torch
  - Shaving brush
  - Pen
- Elderly woman**
  - Hand cream
  - Folding walking stick
  - Slippers
  - Candle
  - Tin cup
  - Small clock
  - Tights
- Girl/Boy age 3 - 12**  
(Please choose items appropriate to the age of child you have chosen)
  - Sewing/craft kit
  - Chalk
  - Paint by numbers
  - Paints
  - Colouring/sticker book
  - Crayons/Stationery
  - Jewellery/Beads
  - Socks
  - T-shirt
  - Pyjamas
  - Toy car/truck
  - Skipping ropes
  - Lego
  - Board game
  - Small ball
  - Playing cards
- Teenage Girl/Boy**
  - Make-up
  - Craft kit
  - Jewellery
  - Hair brush
  - Nail varnish
  - Hair band
  - Diary
  - Manicure set
  - Tennis ball
  - Puzzles
  - Board game
  - Wind-up torch
  - Dominoes
  - Deodrant
  - Thermal vest

Blythswood request that each shoebox contains a toothbrush and toothpaste, underwear, soap, sweets, toy/gift, scarf, gloves and hat

Please see some other shoebox filler ideas above

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Filled shoeboxes can be brought into school anytime up until the last Friday of this half term, **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**.

Shoeboxes will be collected in classes and then transferred to the office. Joanna Seidel will be collecting them from the office and taking them to the local collection point.

Do look out for the leaflet which your child will be bringing home today and also check the newsletter too. If you have any further questions then do ask Joanna or myself.

With best wishes,

Mrs Carter

Oak Class Teacher (Thurs & Fri)



## SKATEBOARDING AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

ST PETER'S COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FRIDAYS 3.10-3.55PM



ALL GEAR PROVIDED

# West Oxfordshire Hand me on - Families

**GOT OUTGROWN SCHOOL SHOES OR UNUSED LUNCH BOXES? HAND THEM ON OR FIND WHAT YOU NEED.**

LENDING LIBRARY

STAY LOCAL

Join our community of families to re-use items needed for children or households. Everything is free, just hand on again for another family to use later.

Family Group

[www.facebook.com/groups/handmeonwestoxon](http://www.facebook.com/groups/handmeonwestoxon)

Community Page

[www.facebook.com/handmeonwestoxon](http://www.facebook.com/handmeonwestoxon)



The hand me on community group is for families of all backgrounds within West Oxfordshire. Our aim is to reduce our carbon footprint while helping families.

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[freetaster@rugbytots.co.uk](mailto:freetaster@rugbytots.co.uk)  
0345 313 3242

\* Subject to availability



## MUMS ON A MAT!



Dear Parents,

We're excited to introduce a new initiative for our School Community: Mums on a Mat!

The idea is simple — after the children finish School and they enjoy their playtime on the field, parents can make the most of this moment by joining a short session of muscle-strengthening and flexibility exercises. It's a wonderful way to use this waiting time to improve health, energy and well-being — and all in great company!

### WHAT IS ABOUT?

- Quick and simple exercises to boost strength, flexibility, and energy in "The Green" after School time at 15.10h
- Sessions are free and open to all parents — mums AND dads.
- Easy to join — No fancy equipment needed, just bring along a mat. Come along, bring a mat and let's turn waiting time into wellness time!

# Value of the term

## Friendship

# Child quote of the term

Friends are like flowers. Nurture them and they'll strengthen and grow. *Ivy Paulin*

# 'R' of the Term

## Reciprocity

Apple

Oak

Maple / Willow

Reciprocity



I can share what I did	
I can share my ideas	
I want to know more	

Reciprocity



I can <b>listen</b> to others carefully	
I can <b>discuss</b> ideas clearly and work together	
I can <b>imagine</b> the thoughts and feelings of others	

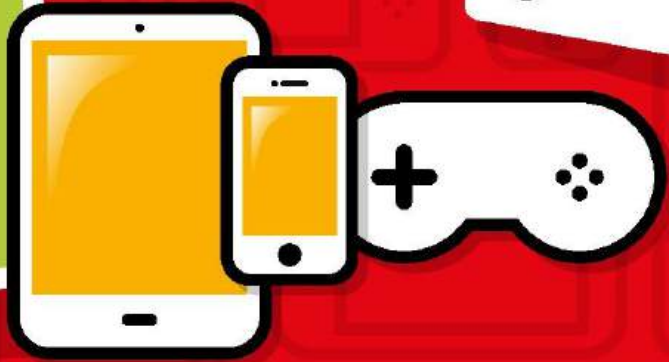
Reciprocity



- I can **recognise** when to work alone or with others
- I can **listen** to others carefully
- I can **demonstrate** understanding of other views
- I can **discuss** ideas clearly and help others learn
- I can **innovate** with others' ideas and ways of learning
- I can **evaluate** different points of view and adapt my methods

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.

# BE SMART ONLINE



## S

### 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](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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## A

### 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.



## R

### 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.



## T

### 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](http://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

