

This week, Maple Class set out on a walking tour of Oxford City Centre, retracing the steps of some of the world's most beloved storytellers.

The tour led them to landmarks that have inspired some of literature's greatest works. At Christ Church, they discovered how Lewis Carroll created *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. On a quiet street, they saw the famous lamp post said to have inspired C.S. Lewis's *Narnia*, while they also learned that a slip of the pen while marking a pupil's work sparked J.R.R. Tolkien's idea for *The Hobbit*. The tour further highlighted Oxford's influence on Philip Pullman's *His Dark Materials*, with familiar streets and colleges woven into *The Northern Lights*.

Maple Class took part in a drama workshop where they created their own dragon stories. The children produced imaginative and original performances full of adventure and creativity. Their workshop leader described them as "the most creative group I've ever seen," praising both their storytelling skills and their teamwork.

We also explored the wonders of the museum, where exhibits showed how stories can be connected to real objects, places and ideas. Pupils were fascinated to see how literature can be brought to life, inspiring both curiosity and imagination.

Maple Class were a credit to St Peter's School!





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 5th 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/>



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

**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

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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	Values Award — FRIENDSHIP	'R' Award — RECIPROCITY
 Apple	<i>Ophelia Webb</i>	<i>Frankie Bowerman</i>
 Oak	<i>John Joe Allen</i>	<i>Emily Riding</i>
 Maple	<i>Olivia Ostridge</i>	<i>Peter Woolley</i>
 Willow	<i>Alice Cox</i>	<i>Hania Koper</i>
 Headteacher's Vision Award	<i>Charlie 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.

Value of the term

Friendship

Child quote of the term

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

Question of the Week

To follow next week

'R' of the Term

Apple

Oak

Maple / Willow

Reciprocity



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

Reciprocity



I can listen to others carefully	
I can discuss ideas clearly and work together	
I can imagine 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.