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Willow class enjoyed their mindfulness yoga
with Robert Courts MP.

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THANKS FOR REMEMBERING
THIS IS A



PEANUT/NUT FREE
SCHOOL

We currently have three 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.



News



Class photos

Please bring all photo orders back before Wednesday as they will be picked up first thing on Thursday morning.

Prices

In September, Breakfast Club sessions will cost **£4** per session rather than £3, and nursery sessions will be going up from £13 to **£14.50**

We've been lucky enough to be able to keep the prices the same for the last 3 or 4 years, but unfortunately we now find that we need to raise them to keep up with inflation, and also to keep in line with other EPA schools.

Year 6s!!

Please don't forget that you need your bike, in roadworthy condition, and a helmet that fits, on **Friday morning next week!!** Unfortunately, **if I can't assess your riding during this lesson, I cannot take you out on the road after half term.**

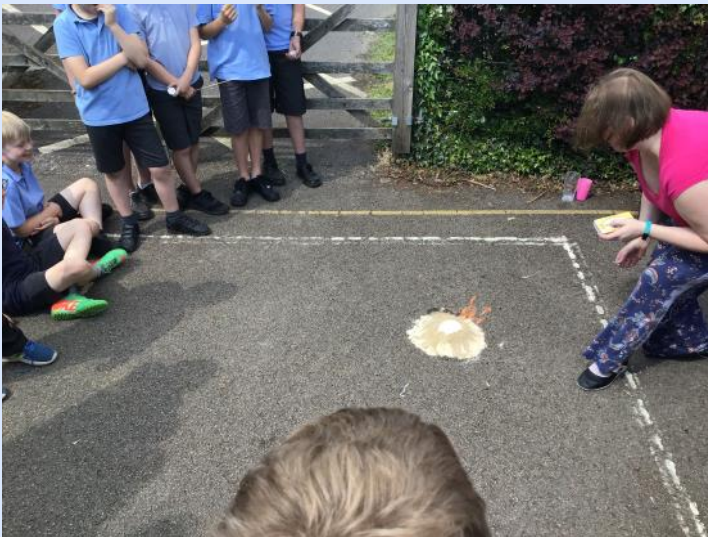
You will also need to make sure that your parents have signed the consent form. This was sent by ParentMail last week. If you need a copy, please come and get one from me. **You won't be able to join in the cycling without the consent form!**



Willow Class Science



Investigating reversible and irreversible changes





Cycling Proficiency

Last call for volunteers!!

Thank you to those of you who have put your names down to help. However, I still need one more person on the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Please consider helping if you can, because if we don't have two people with me each morning, we can't run the course.

It's already that time of year when I'm looking for volunteers for helping with our cycling proficiency course for the year 6s. It's so beneficial as it teaches the children not only how to ride on the road but how to be aware of potential danger, the rules of the road, how to stay safe, etc.

However, we can't run it unless we have volunteers! **I need at least two helpers each day otherwise I'm not allowed to take the children on the road.** If you can give any time to help between 9am and 12pm from Tuesday 4th June each day to Friday 7th June, that would be brilliant. **You don't need to be a year 6 parent and you don't need to ride a bike!** Please come and speak to Emily in the office if you can help.



Thank you.

Apple Tree Class

Please could we ask parents for this terms £3.00 donation towards cooking and sensory activities. This helps us to provide stimulating and fun learning activities for the children to participate in.

Many thanks,
Caroline Gardner





Yoga





Trips and ParentMail

We've had a few people lately who have been confused over the permissions and payments needed for school trips.

For every trip, there will be a consent form for you to complete. If there is a payment, there will also be a separate 'request for money'. These are two different things that need to be completed, but some people are not realising this and only completing one or the other.

Every time there is a trip, or something else that has a payment attached to it, you should receive notification that there is something else for you to purchase. It seems that these notifications haven't been going out, although the payment is definitely there! If you can't find it, it should be in the 'shop' area. I'll get in touch with ParentMail and make sure that these alerts are reinstated in the future.



Please make sure that both consent form and payment, if needed, are completed. Also - if you've done the consent form on Parentmail, we don't also need a physical copy.

Climate change meeting

On Thursday 6th June at 7:30 in the Village Hall (prior to our Parish Council meeting) there will be a discussion about climate change and how the village can come together to tackle this important issue.

Please come if you can.

Tissues

As it will soon be the start of summer, it's also the start of hay fever season and we already have a lot of children with runny noses and watery eyes.



Could we please ask that next time you go shopping, you buy an extra box of tissues to donate to us? If we need to buy them it's a large amount of money that could obviously be spent in far better ways. Thank you!



Year 6 SATs breakfast





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 9 o'clock in the school hall:

Class	Special Award Term Focus - Independence	Star Award
	Phoebe Thomas	Frankie Hutton Ciara Boyne-Ryan
	George Hatwell	Lexi Pollard Oliver Rees
	Tara Dey	Dylan Kemp Amelie Johnson
	James Martin	Olivia Hatwell Poppy Vernon
	Harry Finch	



These girls made up a fantastic birthday dance for Mr Jeffries!



A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are certainly a school that likes to get things done! I have been so impressed with the attitude of the year 6 children with their SATs this week. They have been calm, confident and mostly relaxed about the whole process – this in large part has to be due to the excellent preparation and guidance they have received from Mr Long, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Lewis. Without a doubt, there has been a lot to learn but the attitude from the children has been fantastic. If they can set about all of life's challenges with the same determination, there is no limit to what they can achieve. It should be noted Mrs Roberts and Mrs Lewis volunteered many afternoons of their own time to enable Mr Long to organise the children into small groups so the learning could be highly targeted. Mr Long has also gone the extra mile in facilitating Booster sessions after school. Thanks also to parents for all your support and encouragement and also getting the children here early for their special breakfast! All in all, a great, GREAT team effort! Now the real fun times begin – I heard much laughter coming from Willow class this morning who were discussing arrangements for the school play!

The year 2s have also been taking some of their assessments this week where there has been the same calm and meticulous approach. Thank you to Mrs Bradley and Mrs Carter who again, have set an excellent tone for the whole experience. When asked at the end of the reading test if they enjoyed it, there was a positive response and even a few cheers! Imagine the scenes!

I read in the press this week about parents of one particular school boycotting the year 2 SATs so I thought this was a good opportunity to clarify: it is an assessment that helps inform the teacher's judgement in understanding the progress the children have made and their next steps from here. These results are then used to track the progress of the children through the school to ensure that we are doing the best possible job for each individual child. I am more than happy to discuss this with anyone who has any concerns.

We welcomed Robert Courts MP in to school today who joined Willow class for a yoga session. Mrs Thomas-Clarke led the session to show the power of yoga on wellbeing and mental health. Robert really enjoyed the session (really good Sun Salutation!) and reported feeling the uplifting benefits afterwards! We will be looking at how we can incorporate this into our new curriculum next year where we are looking to have a healthy focus on wellbeing.

Robert will be joining us again next week to listen to an assembly on climate change and discuss our next steps in the context of how parliament works. This will be a highlight to end the term on.

One more week to go!

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Jon Jeffries



Important Dates



Wednesday 22nd May -	Oak Class to Whipsnade Zoo
-	Willow Class to Compton Verney
Thursday 23rd May -	Wine and Cheese Evening - 6pm to 7:30pm
Friday 24th May -	Cycling Proficiency for Year 6
-	Stay and Play in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - £2 per family
Monday 27th May -	Half term
Sunday 2nd May -	St Peter's Together - St Peter's Church - 10am
Monday 3rd June -	Inset Day
Tuesday 4th June -	Cycling Proficiency for Year 6 - until Thursday 6th June
-	SPSA meeting - 8pm in Red Lion
Wednesday 5th June -	Swimming for KS2 starts
Friday 7th June -	Cycling Test
-	Stay and Play in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - £2 per family
Monday 10th June -	Swimming for KS1 starts
Tuesday 11th June -	Maple / Willow EPA Sports Day - Tilsley Park, Abingdon



Heads Up - Calling out to all budding engineers/cart builders/pram pushers - time to get planning & building!



Cassington Sports & Social Club will be holding a **Pram Race** on the afternoon of **Saturday 15th June** as part of the **Playing Fields 65th anniversary celebrations.**

The idea is to enter a team of two plus your pram/cart/trolley (or any form of wheeled contraption you can come up with!)

It will be a race around the playing fields with one person being pushed along in said 'pram' to the halfway point and then they must swap round for the second half.

Course length will be different for Primary children, Secondary children and Adults - with prizes for the winning teams.

Top tips:

'Pram' must have at least one wheel, but no pedals or motors.

Each team member must push for half the course each, so think whether both team members can push each other.

Fancy dress relating to the 1950's encouraged, but not obligatory.

The middle of June sounds ages away but it will soon come around, so get planning and have fun! Details on how to enter will follow nearer the time.