



Head Teacher's News in Brief

- Congratulations to Mrs Lock who is expecting her second baby in July. We wish her a healthy pregnancy and look forward to meeting her new addition in the future.
- We say farewell to Mrs Robertson, who is one of our lunchtime supervisors. She has helped with the younger children for a few years but is now leaving us to concentrate on a course she is undertaking. We have appreciated her hard work.
- I am pleased to welcome Mrs Gibson to our TA team. Mrs Gibson has been a parent volunteer with us, so we are delighted that she is joining the team now as a member of staff. Mrs Gibson will be working mainly in the Reception classes.
- Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening. I hope you found it useful in understanding how your child is doing in school, both academically and socially. It is never too late to make an appointment if you missed your appointment, just speak to the class teachers.
- I would like to thank parents who attended the taster session with our new caterers, Fresh Start. The feedback was wonderful, and we are excited to get started with the new company and menu. Thank you in advance for your patience whilst the new electronic booking system is embedded - it will be great once everyone has got their heads around pre-booking online. If you require any support, please do not hesitate to speak to our office staff.
- Due to holding exhibitions in the Summer Term, we will just be doing shared lessons in Term 5, not in Term 6 too. The shared lessons have been hugely popular, and the staff consistently report how much the children love having their parent/grandparent in school for a lesson! The new timetable for Term 5 is:

CLASS	DATE	TIME	SUBJECT
Owls- KG	24.4.24	8:45-10am	Forest School
Doves- AP/ST	22.4.24		
1MD	15.5.24	2-3pm	Science
1LL/SB	16.5.24		
2FL	8.5.24		
2MJ	9.5.24		
3EHS	1.5.24		
3KR/RE	30.4.24	2-3pm	Maths
4MR	23.5.24		
4AJP	21.5.24		
5PH	13.5.24		
5ASN	14.5.24		
6LH	22.5.24		
6LR	23.5.24		
			History/Art
			Geography/DT
			Outdoor learning

- After the success of last year's exhibitions, Years 1-6 will have the opportunity to have an exhibition for parents to attend in Terms 5 and 6, instead of class assemblies. They are at the same time in the hall on Fridays at 2:30pm.

DATE	CLASS
Fri 26 th April	Year 5
Fri 3 rd May	Year 4
Fri 10 th May	Year 3
Fri 17 th May	Year 2
Fri 7 th June	Year 1
Fri 14 th June	Year 6

Some families will be purchasing summer uniform over Easter so here is a reminder of what it is:

SUMMER

Children may choose to wear grey knee-length shorts, or blue and white checked knee-length dresses. Optional: Royal blue or grey headscarf. No leggings to be worn.

Of course, the winter uniform can still be worn:

WINTER

Trousers/skirt	Traditional style grey trousers. Jeans and tracksuit bottoms are not appropriate. Grey knee-length skirt or pinafore.
Shirt	White polo shirt, white shirt or blouse
Sweatshirt	Royal blue jumper or cardigan or Queensway sweatshirt.
Socks	Plain, dark coloured or white socks or grey opaque tights
Footwear	Plain, black shoes or trainers for outside. Plain black plimsolls for indoors. No high heeled shoes please.

Class News

Nursery



We started this very busy but fun packed term by learning all about Spring and have been lucky with some beautiful sunshine too! We searched high and low for different sized colourful flowers during our Welly Wednesday walks as well as turning our role play area outside into 'Robins Blooms' flower stall. This is where

the children expanded their imaginations to sell and buy the most expensive flowers (£100 a stem) and set up a garden themed café with bug sandwiches, perfumed juice, and daffodil cakes!

During our Literacy carpet sessions, we enjoyed listening to Come here Daisy and Peter Rabbit stories which inspired us to write some rules for Daisy and Peter to be good by listening to their Mummy and Daddy. I was very impressed with the children's pencil control and them beginning to hear the initial sounds in words they are writing.

In Maths we are continuing to count throughout the day and recognise numerals up to 10. Together we enjoy singing number songs and use our fingers to support. What's the shape in my bag? has been a firm favourite whilst learning about different 2D shapes and talking about how many sides and corners they have and what else the shapes remind us of. Max was very confident in knowing the triangle reminded him of a 'delicious piece of pizza'. As a class our competitive sides kicked in during a shape hunt around the classroom with magnifying glasses at the ready!

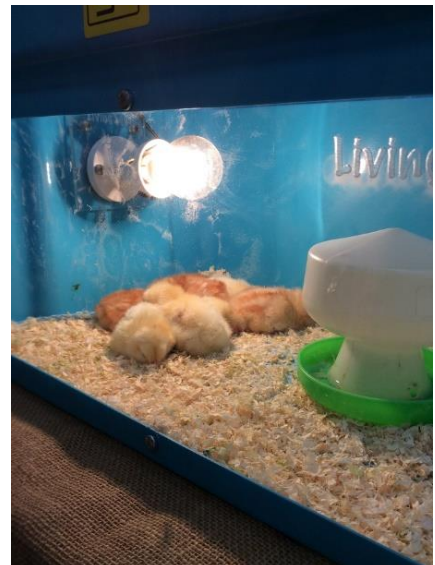
We have been exploring the middle area of Reception too as we join both classes for singing assembly. Our favourite song being 'Down in the Jungle' using different animals and their actions. We were also very excited to be in there when the eggs arrived and hatched into chicks. We all became brave by stroking the yellow, fluffy chicks and sitting beautifully as they waddled around in our circle.

Friendships continue to blossom which has been lovely to see as well as the children being so independent with lots of stickers being awarded! Well done to all! We hope you have an amazing Easter break and look forward to Term 5 which will be just as egg-citing!

Reception

We have had a Science filled term and just loved it! Back in January we turned our classrooms into space centres and enjoyed learning about astronauts and rockets. We had a great visit from the Planetarium where we lay under the stars and learnt about the planets in our solar system.

We loved Science week, where we made our own class wormeries to explore which fruits or vegetables they like best. We found more than 50 worms in our garden and were amazed watching them burrow down. We have been the envy of the school with the eggs hatching in our middle area! We spent hours watching the fluffy chicks and having cuddles.



Over this term we have become so much more confident with using our phonics for writing. The Golden Writing Box is filled daily with stories, cards and labelled drawings and we are so impressed at the children's determination to show us their phonics knowledge and lovely handwriting.

We hope you all have a lovely break over the holidays and look forward to seeing you for Term 5!

Year 1

What a busy Term 4! Once again, all the children have impressed us with their hard-working attitude and enthusiasm for learning. We have enjoyed finding out about Banbury in the past, looking at different maps and pictures of buildings we still recognise today.

In English we have thoroughly enjoyed learning the story 'The Secret of Black Rock' and innovating the story into our own versions. We have also enjoyed creating our own 'As Tasty as a Picnic' poem and experimenting with different adjectives and rhyme. Please ask us about our different pieces of work as we would love to share them with you!

In Science we have been looking at the human body and carrying out different experiments to do with our senses. In Maths we have been exploring multiplication and division, looking at equal groups and making arrays. We have also been practising our addition and subtraction skills using the number line, counting on and back and practical resources. It would be brilliant if you could support your child with further practice of this as well as counting to 100 over the Easter holidays.

We have really enjoyed our Computing this term, making our own e-books using Purple Mash and exploring how to add animation and sound effects!

In PE we have loved creating our own dances, pretending we were old moving toys. We have been working hard on our teamwork skills as well as our expression shown through our bodies and new movements. We also enjoyed our special 'Tin Forest' inspired dance workshop where we created our own Tin Forest jungle!

Thank you to everybody that attended our shared lessons this term. Enjoy your Easter holiday and please keep reading!



Year 2

Wow, what a busy and exciting term the children have had with World Book Day, Red Nose Day and Science Week!

The children have really enjoyed our History topic about 'The Great Fire of London'. We even received a visit from the local fire service and got to find out about their important job. The children also had the opportunity to

make Tudor houses in our shared lesson and hopefully we will be recreating Pudding Lane with the children very soon! Thank you to all the families who attended our shared lessons. We have been amazed by the children's writing this term, especially their recounts where we have pretended to rescue animals from the sea as well as about 'The Great Fire of London'. The children also impressed us with their diary entries from 1666!

In Maths, we have been continuing to work hard on our addition and subtraction strategies as well as our times tables. Remember to keep logging onto Times Table Rock Stars at home. The children have been practising using efficient methods in Maths as well as looking at how to answer longer worded questions. We have also been busy learning about fractions this term including finding a half, quarter and third of an amount.

Last week it was Science Week at Queensway and the children had a wonderful time watching a Science show all about 'The Great Fire of London' which included some pretty impressive Science demonstrations using fire and flames! The children also worked as part of small groups to find the best material hood for Little Red Riding Hood. The children made predictions, tested the different materials and wrote about their findings before presenting their investigation to the rest of the class. Finally, it wouldn't have been Science Week without a visit from some fluffy chicks. The children loved having their visit to handle the chicks and they asked some fantastic questions.

We hope you all have a wonderful break and we are already excited about welcoming you back for Term 5!

Year 3

This term in Year 3 we have continued learning about the Romans and the children have enjoyed learning more about Roman life, including what they wore, where they lived and sculptures they made.

In English this term, we started by looking at alternative versions of Fairy Tales and used them to create our own playscripts and diary entries. The children wrote some fabulous diary entries in the role of the Wolf from Little Red Riding Hood and used very creative ideas and language. We then moved on to writing information texts using what we had learnt about the Romans. The children worked hard to gather additional facts and used the features that we had learned about.

In Maths this term, we have been learning about fractions, mass, time and money. The children enjoyed doing practical work to learn how to compare two fractions and add and subtract them. The children also learned how to weigh objects in grams and kilograms and compare the masses. During our lessons on time, the children have worked really hard to be able to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and are now starting to notice the times in the school day.

In DT, the children have really enjoyed researching and designing their own Roman busts. Roman busts were made from clay during Roman times to show an important person's personality. The children were able to develop their sketching techniques through this learning also. The children also really enjoyed making Roman shields during our shared lesson and got the opportunity to use them during our Roman workshop.

In Science we have been learning about the human body. The children have learned the names of the main bones in the body and about different types of skeletons. During Science week, the children enjoyed revisiting what we had learned about air resistance to carry out an experiment into the best type of parachute. They worked well in their teams and presented their findings.



The highlight of our term was a brilliant Roman Day on Wednesday 20th March. The children had a visit from Hands on Heritage who brought real-life Roman artefacts for the children to handle. They also had the opportunity to learn more about the Roman army, dress up in Roman armour and take part in army drills.

We were also delighted by how well the children took part in dance workshops run by a dance company as part of our artwork around a book called the Tin Forest. The children learned and performed a routine and did some writing linked to the book.

We hope you all have a restful and fun Easter.

Year 4

This term, Year 4 have certainly pushed themselves further and challenged themselves to be the best that they can be! What a busy and exciting term we've had! Yet again, the children have worked hard exploring their different topics whilst also taking part in lots of exciting activities.

This term, we have not only been learning about our topics, but we have also focused on World Book Day, Comic Relief, Science week and finally Art week. For World Book Day, the children looked fantastic and enjoyed exploring new book related activities, including the 'Booky and Footy Quiz'.



For Comic Relief, we took part in our own comedy show and it's safe to say there were laughs all around. For Science and Art week, we enjoyed being as creative as possible and testing out new skills, such as multi-media art and child-led investigations.

In English this term, we have explored different genres of writing, with one of the favourites being biographies. We used our knowledge of Frida Kahlo to write a biography all about her life. The children had fun switching to formal writing and have all done a fantastic job at sticking to formal tone.

In Maths, the children have worked hard using their knowledge of fractions to explore decimals. This is something we will be continuing to focus on next term, but the children are already decimal experts.

We also ended the term with a trip to the Banbury Museum to explore Anglo-Saxons and Vikings further, before we move on to our next topic. The children certainly showed the workshop leaders how much knowledge they have acquired since September.

One fun part of the day was being able to dress up. The children have all worked incredibly hard this term and we would like to wish you a wonderful Easter holidays. We can't wait to see you back, ready to learn all about the Egyptians in Term 5!



Year 5

In Year 5, the children have continued to explore the Ancient Greeks this term. They have been developing their understanding of formal tone to write some informative non-fiction texts, including a non-chronological report about life in ancient Greece and an explanation about how a lyre was made and played.

The children have been enjoying exploring forces in Science. This was reinforced by Science week in which they took part in Science Oxford's 'Big Science' event and carried out an investigation, which they planned, undertook, recorded and presented. They also visited the newly hatched chicks and had Q&A sessions with people who work in STEM, which we hope have inspired the children for their future careers. A group from Year 5 also visited Tudor Hall for a wonderful day of Science, in which they got up close with minibeasts, made bouncy balls from custard powder, stargazed in a pop-up planetarium and watched a Science magic show.

In Maths, Year 5 have been measuring and calculating angles, as well as converting between measurements of length, weight, capacity and time. It would be great if they could continue reinforcing their times table knowledge on TT Rockstars or through games over half term, as well as multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. In DT, the children sampled different Greek flatbreads and herbs before designing and creating their own. The children have worked hard to think about the flavours, based on their tasting sessions.

We wish everybody a happy Easter and Eid and a restful half term. Stay safe and have fun Year 5.



Year 6

Wow! What a busy term it has been in Year 6! The children have worked extremely hard and continue to build their knowledge and skills in preparation for the challenges ahead; they all deserve a well-earned break.

This term, the children have loved exploring the tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears by writing discussion texts and journalistic articles. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our classroom courtcase as we debated and presented the evidence to decide whether Goldilocks was guilty of her crimes. The children then did some fantastic writing based on this topic and had the chance to read alternative versions of the famous narrative.

Term 4 has also been jammed packed full of extra-curricular activities and celebrations such as World Book Day, Comic Relief and Science Week. During Science week, the children were able to take part in a Forensic Science Investigation workshop where they used scientific skills to identify a mystery powder that linked the suspect to the crime.

We were also able to spend some time with the chicks over the course of the week which the children always enjoy! To end the week, the children were lucky enough to listen to some professionals working in STEM talk about their job roles and this really enthused the children, especially those who are considering a career path in Science.

We wish you a restful break and look forward to seeing the children when we come back, ready for another term and hard work.



After School Club

This term we have been very busy with a fun-filled hall; taking part in our annual World Book Day catwalk and a mini dance party, comedy shows for Comic Relief and an Easter egg hunt. The children in After School Club have enjoyed a wide range of different activities this term, the older children have enjoyed organising lots of activities for the rest of the group such as, going on a scavenger hunt around the school grounds, football, and outdoor activities and lots of drawing competitions.

Just a reminder that parents do not have access to the staff car park until 4.15pm when collecting from after school club.

We wish you all a fantastic and restful Easter break!

Sport

This term, we have been busy taking part in both indoor and outside sports, such as sports hall athletics and invasion games. The children, as always, have showed the School Games Values, getting stuck into each lesson. It has been brilliant as always to see children gain 'Player of the Week' certificates for showing different values in their lessons.

This term some Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in an orienteering event at Wykham Park Academy. This involved the children finding clues and using maps around the school site. The children really enjoyed this experience and were praised by adults for their teamwork skills during the event.

It was brilliant to have some cross-curricular links during Art week, where children took part in dance workshops to do with the story 'Tin Forest'. The workshops were provided by Motion House and the children enjoyed this form of physical activity.



School Council

The school council have been busy this term organising Red Nose Day. It was lovely to see Queensway turn red, as staff and children dressed in the bright colour to raise money. In the afternoon, laughter was heard across the school as every class participated in a comedy show where children shared their best jokes, impressions, and comedy sketches. Thank you to everyone for your contribution and help, we raised a fantastic £241.10.

Debbie's Diary

Please remember to call in by 9am if your child is ill, giving a reason. If we don't receive a reason, the absence could be unauthorised and affect your child's attendance.

Things to look out for in the Easter Holidays

Sunshine Centre:

Spring Family session on 4th April 10am-11.30am - £1.50per person including lunch

Day trip to Hatton Adventure World on 12th April - £15 per person and under 2's £8.60.

All enquiries and booking with Sunshine Centre.

Check out the link at The Hill to see what's on:

<https://thehillbanbury.com/whats-on/>

Ideas for things to do: <https://oxfordshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcome>

PTA

Firstly, thank you to everyone that completed the PTA survey, we had a great response with over 70 parents filling in the questionnaire. Your feedback is really appreciated, and we'll be in touch with those of you that left contact details to support future events.

The Easter competition will be held the first week after the holidays which provides lots of time to be creative and below are a few ideas if you need some inspiration:

- **Orinoco** - craft table and various workshops taking place over Easter - <https://www.facebook.com/OrinocoBanbury/>
- Free and low cost Easter activities at **Castle Quay** - https://castlequay.co.uk/whats_on/extra-special-easter-fun/
- Free workshops, part of the Round & Round project at **The Mill Arts Centre** - <https://www.themillartscentre.co.uk/shows/round-round-community-workshops/>

A huge THANK YOU to the Co-op on Mewburn Road who have kindly donated the prizes for the Easter competition!! Contributions need to be in school on **Tuesday 16th April**. The teachers will judge entries in the morning (two winners per class) and winning entries will have their prize presented in assembly. The theme is: Easter or Spring. A voluntary £1 entry fee is requested to be paid on the day and will be put towards the PTA funds

Hopefully you will see have seen the posters up around the school and letters sent home for our forth coming activity, Quiz and Curry night on 22nd May, so get your team ready and sign up through the office after the Easter holidays. It's going to be a fun night with a guest compare and all monies raised as part of this event will be used to buy new outdoor equipment.

If you're having a clear out of school uniform over the Easter holidays, please hold onto it for the Uniform Exchange that will take place in June.

Finally, the next meeting is on 18th April at 7pm via MS Teams – please email us at PTA@Queensway.oxon.sch.uk if you'd like to attend and we'll send you a link!

Best regards
Queensway PTA

Term 5 Dates

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April – **School closed**

Monday 15th April – **School re-opens**

Friday 24th May – **Last day of Term 5**

