



Dear Parents and Carers,

- **Staffing:** Congratulations to Mrs Hugo-Schofield, who is expecting a baby in September. She will return at the start of the autumn term for a short time before we say a temporary goodbye.
- **Class Allocations:** For families new to Queensway, we re-shuffle classes at the start of each academic year. Teachers use their professional judgement, based on what they know of the children within school. We are unable to base decisions on parental requests. Decisions are always made in what we believe to be the best interests of the children and the cohort as a whole. Even if children are placed in a different class from friends they were hoping to be with, they will still share break and lunch times as a year group. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.
- **Year 6 Walking to and from School:** After half term, some children in Year 6 may be permitted to walk to and from school independently. Parents must sign a contract confirming that they take full responsibility. Should there be any reports of poor behaviour while travelling to or from school, this privilege will be withdrawn. Please note that Year 6 children may not be responsible for bringing younger siblings to school.
- **Book Fair:** A huge thank you to everyone who visited the book fair. The commission raised helps us to buy new books for our school library, and we hope the children enjoy sharing and reading their new books.
- **Shared Lessons and Parent Exhibitions:** As the final shared lessons of the academic year come to an end, I would like to thank all parents, grandparents and carers who have supported them. The children really enjoy the experience, and we hope you have enjoyed spending time in school with them. In Term 6, there will be a parent exhibition in each class on Tuesday 23rd June from 2.00-3.00 pm, where children will be able to share their learning with you. More information will follow nearer the time.
- **Acrylic Nails:** We have noticed a recent increase in the number of children wearing acrylic nails. These are not permitted in school and are unsafe in a school environment, where active play is a normal and an important part of the school day. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that children do not come to school wearing acrylic nails.
- **Move-It Monday & Feel-Good Friday:** This week we launched our new initiative, *Move-It Monday* and *Feel Good Friday*, and it has started with a roaring success. It has been wonderful to see the children so active, happy and engaged from the moment they walk through the doors. We hope this positive start continues.
- **The Jungle Book – End of Term Treat:** On the last day of term, Friday 22nd May, children in Years 1 to 6 will be watching another M & M production, this time *The Jungle Book*. This is a really exciting opportunity and a lovely way to finish the term.
- **Year 6 SATs:** We have been thoroughly impressed with the attitude and approach shown by our Year 6 pupils during their SATs last week. They demonstrated maturity, determination and focus throughout, clearly enacting our school value of resilience. We are extremely proud of them.
- **Diary Dates:** All Term 6 dates are now published on the school website calendar. Please also keep an eye on class blogs and emails for further information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

Important road safety notice

We would like to remind all parents and carers to take extra care when parking and manoeuvring vehicles outside the school gates. A child was recently involved in a near-miss incident during drop-off, and although

no injury occurred, it was very distressing. Please remain vigilant particularly when reversing.

We also ask that if you are bringing your child into school by taxi, please ask the driver to stop on Brantwood Rise away from the vehicle entrance to the school.

Class News

Nursery

We can hardly believe how quickly this term has flown by in Nursery. It has been a wonderful few weeks filled with curiosity, teamwork, and plenty of outdoor adventures. The children were especially fascinated by our creepy crawly topic. Together, we learned about different minibeasts and their habitats, then set off on our own hunts around the school grounds. We searched under logs, peeking behind plants, and investigating the long grass, come rain or shine. Their excitement, careful observation, and growing confidence in using new vocabulary made this a memorable part of our learning journey.



We continued to work incredibly hard throughout all our carpet sessions this term. In Literacy, the children were introduced to Tales Toolkit, where we focused on becoming confident storytellers. Together, we explored the four key elements of a story; the character, setting, problem, and solution and used these to build our own imaginative tales. We were genuinely amazed by the children's creativity, especially when inventing the "problem" in their stories. All their ideas grew wilder, funnier, and more original each day. My favourite story so far, being all about a wriggly worm called Bossy!

In Maths, the children particularly enjoyed our measuring and weighing activities. They explored a range of objects from around the garden and quickly learned how to identify which items were the heaviest and which were the lightest. Their enthusiasm for comparing, predicting, and testing their ideas was particularly impressive.

All the Robins have worked so hard, not just this term, but throughout the entire year so together we decided they deserved a very special celebration. Our pyjama party was the perfect way to mark their achievements. The children loved dancing with colourful scarves to music, and there was plenty of excitement as they took turns having their hair styled and play make up applied. We ended the afternoon by sharing some tasty treats and snuggling up to listen to a story before everyone headed home. It was the highlight of our term!

We hope you all enjoy a relaxing half term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for our final term together before the summer holidays.

Reception

We have had a lovely term with our focus being plants and growing. The topic was enhanced by our brilliant shared lessons at Forest School and during Busy Birds - thank you for such a great turn out of visitors.

The children have loved planting their seeds and have shown what green fingers they have by taking excellent care of them back in our classrooms and outside. We have had lots of children observing the plants as they grow and change. The stories of Jack and the Beanstalk and The Enormous Turnip have been really enjoyed by all. The children have loved creating scenes from the stories using paint, small world figures and themselves as the actors. We have had so much fun singing the song "Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum" too. A particular highlight was the beanstalk growing in the classroom! The children loved cutting leaves and extra parts of the beanstalk to add to it through the week.



The outside area has been enhanced this term with lots of wonderful furniture, equipment and resources and the children have been having a great time with them. The water wall with pumps, tubes and guttering has been a huge hit and we have seen the children work so hard together as a team. One child said 'it helps my arms get strong and work with my friends.' We are so pleased that they are having fun and learning at the same time!

We cannot wait to start our final term in Reception. Have a lovely half term break.

Year 1

What a fantastic term! The children have been working so hard and have been extremely resilient.

In English, they have looked at traditional tales with a twist. The children focused on a story called The Three Little Aliens and The Big Bad Robot. They explored how this was like the traditional tale, created their own alien and wrote a letter to our three aliens, Bork, Gork and Nic in their new home. They have also been learning all about trees and plants and created a piece of non-fiction text to inform others.

In Maths, we have been revisiting lots of key skills such as addition and subtraction, counting to 100 and counting in our 2's, 5's and 10's and they have been amazing.

We have spent a lot of time outside this term in both Art and Science. The children have explored different types of trees and how their leaves are different; different types of wild and garden flowers that grow around the school grounds and how we can use natural objects to create Andy Goldsworthy inspired pieces of artwork.

1LLAP have had a lovely time in their Forest School sessions and have enjoyed being outside and 1KB are excited to get back into Forest School in Term 6.



Please remember to keep reading regularly with your child at home. We hope you all have a wonderful and restful half term

Year 2

It has been a fantastic term in Year 2! The children have thrown themselves into every challenge, adventure, and learning opportunity with enthusiasm and confidence.

One of the standout moments was our brilliant trip to Wykham Park School for a multi-skills event. The children had a blast taking part in a range of fun sporting activities organised by the Wykham students. Their teamwork, encouragement, and sportsmanship were truly inspiring. The children cheered each other on every step of the way and made us incredibly proud.

In Geography, the children have become expert weather reporters, confidently explaining climates from around the globe. They have also explored a variety of habitats and can now tell you which animals and plants live in each environment. Their curiosity when carrying out investigations into microhabitats around our school site was amazing.



In English, the story 'Leaf' captured their imaginations, leading to some wonderfully creative narratives. Their animal habitat adverts and riddles were equally impressive, full of clever ideas and brilliant vocabulary.

In Maths, the children have been working hard to master key methods and apply them to written problems. They have also learnt to tell the time to the nearest five minutes and have been proudly announcing the time throughout the school day. A huge highlight was our Maths Shared Lesson. Thank you so much to everyone who joined us and made it such a special experience.

We are already buzzing with excitement for next term! Our upcoming trip to St John's Museum on Monday 22nd June will transport the children back to the Victorian era for a hands-on workshop packed with activities and fascinating discoveries. It promises to be an unforgettable day.

Year 3

This term in Writing, we have written biographies on Henry VIII. We carried out research about this famous monarch before focussing on his early life, personality and hobbies. We are now experts so please ask us about him! We then moved on to looking at the story 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner. We had to create an alternative ending to the story along with a character description to describe the mischievous frogs.

In Maths, we have been busy focusing on measurement, volume and capacity. The children have loved practising their skills and can now confidently convert between different units of measure.

In Science, we have been learning all about the human body focussing on the skeleton and joints. We learned that our skeleton has many jobs including protecting our vital organs and helping keep us upright. We also discovered the many different types of joints we have in our body and how they work to help us move.

In Art, the children enjoyed looking at royal portraits and compared the work of Isobel Peachey and Hans Holbein. We discussed how royal portraits have been used in the past to present a royal person in a particular way. The children then enjoyed using sketching pencils and watercolours to recreate Henry VIII portraits in the style of Hans Holbein. We look forward to sharing these during our class exhibition.

Along with a very successful trip to the library in town, the children also enjoyed the shared lesson about Reading. It was great to share the VIPERS we looked at during Guided Reading with you and lovely to see everyone reading together.



Year 4

What a fun and busy term Year 4 have had. The children have really enjoyed the work about Ancient Egypt in History and 'The Digestive System' in Science.

In History, we have been exploring the topic of Ancient Egypt where we have discovered lots about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. We have also learnt all about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and the important artefacts that were discovered there to help our understanding of the ancient world. The children loved getting into character and creating fantastic diary entries as if they had just discovered the tomb. The shared lessons were a great success and the children produced amazing art when they turned themselves into Pharaoh's.

Alongside this, in Art, the children have been busy investigating and learning about Ancient Egyptian art, using the styles, patterns, and colours to create their own scrolls. They have then created their own versions on brown paper.

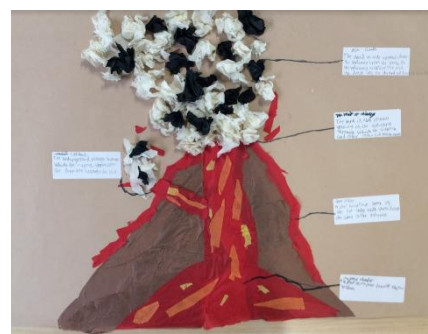
A highlight for many of us this term has been one particular Science demonstration where we learnt all about what actually happens when food is digested, using a banana sandwich, a pair of tights and some cups. We have then used this experience and our amazing knowledge on the topic to write explanation texts, embracing our formal tone.

Year 5

This term, Year 5 have had a wonderfully busy and inspiring term, showing the school values of kindness, resilience and respect in everything they have taken on.

They have explored natural disasters, especially volcanoes and impressed us with their curiosity as they learnt about the Earth's structure, the Ring of Fire and the realities of living near volcanic areas - both positive and negative.

In English, they began by writing informative non-chronological reports. Then they channelled empathy and imagination to write powerful diary entries about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, using emotion and vivid detail to bring Pompeii to life. This topic was topped off brilliantly with our Shared lessons where the children (and adults) made their own volcanoes!



In Science, we have been learning all about plant reproduction and life cycles. To support this, they demonstrated careful teamwork and respect for living things while dissecting flowers to understand plant reproduction.

Finally, their creativity shone in Art, where they studied Hokusai's *Great Wave* and produced thoughtful interpretations.

It has been a term full of enthusiasm, perseverance and kindness - well done Year 5. We hope you enjoy a well-earned rest.

Year 6

What an action-packed term it has been! We would like to begin by congratulating our Year 6 pupils for the tremendous effort, determination and maturity they showed throughout their SATs. Their calm approach and positive attitude were evident all week, and we could not be prouder of the way they embraced the challenge. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your support over the year, particularly this term.



In English, the children have immersed themselves in the thought-provoking text *The Island*. Their writing has been a real highlight; they crafted vivid setting descriptions of the stormy seas before the stranger's arrival, carefully selecting ambitious vocabulary and experimenting with a range of descriptive techniques such as similes, metaphors, adverbs and powerful adjectives.

Science lessons have been equally exciting, with pupils exploring electricity and building their own circuits - always a favourite topic.

In PE, the children have thrown themselves into cricket and athletics, making the most of the sunshine when it appeared. They have also continued to shine in Art, studying the work of Georgia O'Keeffe and creating their own pieces inspired by her distinctive style.

Looking ahead, we have a wonderful final term planned filled with celebrations, special events and the all-important secondary school transition visits. We hope you all enjoy a restful break and we look forward to welcoming the children back for what will be their final term at Queensway.

After School Club

After School Club has been filled with so much fun and laughter this term. We have spent some afternoons out on the field in the lovely sunshine. The children have loved getting creative outside but also joining together to play big group games, including rounders, parachute games, running races and making dens. We've even managed to have a few picnics!

On the colder afternoons, the children have loved participating in the much loved 'Queensway's Got Talent' giving everyone the opportunity to showcase their hidden talents. We've also been busy getting creative with

junk modelling, crafting, and having some fun drawing competitions. For some quieter time, the children have loved having a book corner to sit and relax after a busy day.

We look forward to spending more time out in the sunshine next term. We hope you all have a wonderful break.

School Council

Together, we are still thoroughly enjoying our scheduled meetings and approaching each one with enthusiasm and a growing sense of responsibility. We are especially excited about gathering ideas for the upcoming school picnic event.

Debbie's Diary

We will have Beezee Families joining us at our Sports Day next month – some information from them:

"We run Beezee Families, a FREE healthy lifestyle programme that our nutritionists deliver across Oxfordshire. The 12-week programme supports families to build healthy habits around food, physical activity, and how to have fun while doing so!

Our current programmes are in full swing, but you can secure your FREE spot online. Places fill up fast so make sure to book soon! If you can't wait to get started on your healthy lifestyle journey, you can learn at your own pace over on our Academy website." [Visit our website for more details](#)

Cost of living support for some families – check if you may be eligible:
[Oxfordshire Crisis Support Scheme | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

Place2Be's Parenting Smart - Online Course

The deadline to register is 1st June, and it is a free course starting on 9th June, running for four weeks and taking around an hour a week to complete.

Governors

I would like to thank all those parents who stood in the recent elections for the post of Parent Governor. Congratulations to Claire Connor and Kaytee Cooper for being elected, I know that they are looking forward to their role as an essential and vital part of the Governing Body.

Earlier this term I had the privilege of meeting and talking with some of the Teaching Assistants about their role in school. I have worked in and around schools for many years, but there have been very few occasions when I have left school so inspired by the work that they do to ensure the best possible provision for those children needing support at Queensway School.

I visited the school during the week of Key Stage 2 SATs. Once again, I was really impressed by the calmness and focus of the children who were undertaking these assessments. There was a real atmosphere of quiet resilience and determination. I was also reminded of the level of organisation and administration necessary not just for Year 6 but for all children to ensure that the SATs are undertaken equitably and in a manner that ensures the Year 6's can do their best.

Matthew Ingall, Chair of Governors

Fresh Start Catering – Parent Feedback Survey

Fresh Start Catering would like to invite parents to take a few moments to complete a short feedback survey about the school lunch service. As an independent provider, we take pride in preparing fresh meals on site each day using quality ingredients. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us continually review, enhance, and develop our service to ensure we are delivering the best possible experience for the children we cater for.

Please click the link below to take part, the deadline for completion is Thursday 26th June:

[Queensway - Your Feedback on School Meals & Ordering – Fill out form](#)

Friends of Queensway News

Thank you to everyone who returned the plastic eggs with coins. It's true that when you "save the pennies, the pounds take care of themselves" as you raised over £400!

Does your child require any **uniform**? If so, please call in to the school office to ask. If we've got it, you can have it! Also, if your child is missing any uniform, please check in lost property first to see if it is there before replacing any items. Any uniform left in lost property at the end of term will then be washed and put out for sale next term.

Uniform will also be put out on **Sports Day** so come and take a look when you buy your refreshments. We will be there from 8.30am and can take cash and card.

The date for the **Family Picnic** is Thursday 2nd July, and we are really looking forward to our wonderful community coming together again! We will be raising funds by running a tombola and would be grateful for your help with any donations and/or volunteering on the day.

Over the past two years, more than 20 people have attended our meetings, but numbers have gradually dropped. We now have just 11 parents (across 17 children) supporting events throughout the year. Early Years parents — Friends of Queensway needs you!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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Parents can also help to raise money for the school by signing up to easy fundraising or join the Cherwell lottery.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app

www.cherwelllottery.co.uk/support/queensway-school-pta

The next **FOQ meeting** will take place at school on Monday 8th June 2026 at 6pm.

Term Dates

Friday 22nd May – **Last day of Term 5**

Monday 1st June – **School re-opens for Term 6**

Friday 26th June – **School closed for inset day**

Thursday 16th July – **Last after school club session**

Friday 17th July – **Last day of Term 6**



Respect

Kindness

Resilience