

Dear Families,

We have had a busy end of term and everyone enjoyed the Easter Pilgrimage. Our 2 ½ mile walk took us St Nicholas Church, Ibstone, down to St Mary's Turville and finally across to St Bartholemews in Fingest. During our walk we took in the beauty of our amazing surroundings, looked at the similarities and differences at each of the churches, sang and enjoyed a hot cross bun together as a community!



Well done and thank you to all the children, staff, governors, Philip and Zog for such a brilliant morning!

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Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

Pebbles have enjoyed lots of Easter activities this week. We made some wonderfully colourful Easter cards and the children 'wrote' in their cards and drew a picture of an Easter rabbit.

We learnt exciting new songs, 'Little Easter bunny's got a fly upon his nose' with actions and great singing voices. We shook our egg shakers singing 'Chick, chick, chick, chicken, lay a little egg for me'. We laughed at the words of 'Do your ears hang low'. We danced to Easter Parade and played musical bumps and statues.

Happy Easter everyone!

Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have listened to the Easter story and sequenced the main parts. We then enjoyed working together to make an Easter Garden.

In mathematics we have been looking at 3D shapes; a cube, cuboid, sphere, pyramid, cone and cylinders. Focussing on which have a curved or a flat surface and the shape of the faces. We explored the footprint left by these shapes, thought about which shape is the best one to use for stacking and why and which one rolls best. We had fun going on a shape hunt exploring our environment to see which shape we found the most of.

It has been assessment week in phonics.



Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been busy writing diary entries in the role of Samuel Pepys. They have focused on using time words to sequence their writing and -ed suffixes to make past tense verbs. They have also been using their senses to describe The Great Fire of London.

In maths, Year 1 have been measuring objects using standard and non-standard units of measurement. Year 2 have completed their work on multiplication and division and have started to look at measurement.

In history, the children have been looking at what happened to London after the fire. We learnt about Christopher Wren and became architects to redesign London.



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Kestrel Class

In English this week, the children have done their boxing up plan and will write their own innovations of the text as soon as we come back after Easter. We have also done a recap of some of the grammar we learnt this term through a range of Easter tasks.

In mathematics, both the Nemos and Frogs have been working on a selection of all the topics covered so far to complete some Easter Maths activities. They have worked really well together to play some dice games that involved communicating and working out equations together.

In history, the children worked in groups to create and make a Viking longboat game and enjoyed playing it together once they had made it. This involved asking questions to see how much they had remembered from their topic this term.

In science, we did an investigation to evaluate different materials for sound insulation. We used a paper cup and filled it with materials such as cotton wool, bubble wrap, foil, paper and yarn. Then we assessed how well it insulated the sound from the instrument that we were playing. We used a rainmaker and a triangle as we felt those instruments were the easiest to maintain at a consistent volume level so that we could ensure as fair a test as possible.



Osprey Class

We welcomed Miss Comrie to Osprey Class this week, the children have made her feel very welcome and are looking forward to getting to know her better next term.

In English, we have finished our non-fiction unit of work and have written non-chronological reports about their mythical creatures. I have been wowed by the progress in their writing this half term. They have worked so hard and all the hard work has paid off!

Here are some snippets from the non-chronological reports:

One of the rarest creatures alive on Planet Earth is the Lecopige. This fascinating creature has only been seen once or twice in the last 5 years.

One of the most common creatures on Planet Earth is the Rinogonion. Despite it being common, sightings are rarely reported to the Mythical Creature Health and Safety Department due to their special ability to erase memories.

Whilst little is known about these remarkable creatures, it has been discovered that they have a small beak, leopard print and a pointed tail. Additionally, juveniles do not develop their leopard print until adolescence.

The Amarok is on the verge of extinction because of the deforestation in our world.

In mathematics, Year 5 have been learning how to use two-way tables and analysing data. Year 6 have been working on using pie charts using percentages, fractions and angles to complete the pie charts.

As well as getting to know Miss Comrie, Osprey Class have been thinking about how they can be advocates for change and have been exercising their rights to democracy by voting on a charity to support as a class next term.

On Tuesday afternoon, everyone had a go at making their own paintbrush using wool and sticks, they practised using these paint brushes before having a go at painting their amphoras, just as the Ancient Greeks would have done.



Thank you Osprey for a fantastic half term, I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you and am very proud of all your achievements! Keep up the good work!

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Barn Owls

In English this week, Barn Owls have finished their 'Is Plastic Fantastic?' unit with some super pieces of writing to read and some fabulous posters.

In maths, the children have continued measuring capacity in millimetres and litres. They have used their measurements to compare different capacities. They have looked at adding to combine the capacities of different containers.

In other news

Good Friday Event

We are delighted to announce that our Good Friday Lambing and Easter Egg Hunt Day is back this year. Come along to see the lambs, take part in the Easter Egg Hunt, make some Easter crafts as a family and enjoy refreshments from the Café! We will be open from 10am til 4pm. Please spread the word and share our poster far and wide. If you are free and able to help in the café or the crafts, please do get in touch.

Kites Club Sports

Athletics will be on offer for all children on Thursday afternoons. Gymnastics will continue on a Friday. Please book via iPal.

Cross Country – KS2 only

If your child would like to take part in Cross Country on Monday lunchtimes, please book on iPal, this is a free club.

Pebbles Nursery

If you have or know of anyone looking for Nursery provision for September, please email the office as applications for September 2025 are now being taken.

Easter Eggs

A huge thank you to the PTA for helping to fund this year's Easter Eggs.



On behalf of the whole school community... Happy Easter!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Diary Dates

New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
April 2025		
22 nd	Back to school	Everyone
23 rd	Swimming starts for Group 5	Year 2 pupils
May 2025		
6 th – 9 th	Year 5 Adventure Week –sent 13/01/2025	Year 5 only
12 th – 15 th	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 only
23 rd	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2025		
2 nd	INSET Day	Staff Only
3 rd	Back to school	Everyone
5 th	Secondary Transfer & Moving Up to Secondary School Meeting – 7pm – School Hall	Year 5 parents only
July 2025		
1 st	Transition Day	Everyone
3 rd	KS2 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	KS2 families
4 th – 6 th	Year 6 Adventure Weekend – information sent via email 10/01/25	Year 6 only
8 th	Garsington Opera First Performance – more information to follow	Year 5/6 only
11 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
11 th	Pebbles' Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Pebbles families
14 th	Ibfest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
21 st	Leavers' Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22 nd	Garden Celebration – 12.45pm	Everyone
23 rd	INSET Day	Staff Only

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