



Harvest items ready to be collected by Maidenhead Foodshare.

Dear Parents and Carers



It would appear that the bugs we had last week haven't quite gone yet with another week of low attendance across all yeargroups of the school, including staff too. It is worth noting at this point how difficult it is to manage with staff away from school for whatever reason. We must thank everyone within the school for their flexibility and camaraderie when situations like this occur.

We have teachers and teaching assistants working in yeargroups they wouldn't usually be in or covering extra duties and also teachers who are setting work for not just their own class but the partner class. We must say thank you to everyone who has helped get through these past two weeks. Hopefully the half term break will give everyone the circuit break which is needed. In the meantime, we continue with our extra cleans and encouragement of extra handwashing.

It's been busy in school this week with most classes completing some sort of assessments. These will be used to inform teacher judgements at our first assessment point of the year ready for parents evening for the third week back after half term. You may remember that we chose to move parents evening back to after our data deadline so that teachers would be able to share information relating to our assessments and areas which you could help support at home too.

Next week sees the return of the school Talent Show, which is taking place on Thursday after school in the Upper School Hall. Do come along to support our brave performers, who have already performed in front of Mrs Eves and Mrs Ashby. Remember that we can choose three acts to represent the school at the final in a few weeks time.

After half term, we are adjusting our lunchtimes ever so slightly so that all pupils have lunch at the same time. Currently, we run a staggered lunch but after half term, lunchtimes will be 12pm-1pm for everyone each day. This makes staffing lunchtime easier and will allow for us to start bringing together KS1 and KS2 over the lunch hour.

Mr Beavan

**BREAK THE RULES DAY:
HALLOWEEN EDITION!**

Thursday 23rd October 2025

50P PER RULE BROKEN
MONEY COLLECTED IN THE CLASS ON THE DAY
OR PAY VIA ARBOR

- #1 HAVE SPOOKY HAIR - WACKY OR COLOURED
- #2 MONSTER SOCKS - WEAR CRAZY SOCKS
- #3 MONSTER CLAWS - PAINT YOUR NAILS
- #4 HALLOWEEN DRESS' UP - NON-UNIFORM
- #5 MONSTER FACE PAINT - NOT TOO SCARY!
- #6 SPOOKY FRIEND - BRING A TEDDY TO SCHOOL
- #7 HALLOWEEN HAT - WEAR A HAT ALL DAY
- #8 MAGIC POTION - SQUASH IN YOUR WATER
- #9 SPOOKY STICKERS - TEMPORARY TATTOO
- #10 MONSTER MUNCH - A SWEET OR SAVOURY SNACK FOR THE AFTERNOON (NO NUTS)

Quotes of the week

What we have enjoyed this week at school...

- "PE is my favourite subject as we have been on a pirate ship playing with water" Ziva, Alder class
- "Maths has been good this week as we are doing 100s, 10s and 1s, it has been interesting" Tallula, Hazel class
- "I have liked PE this week as we have played football matches" Eliza, Larch class
- "I have enjoyed writing about Varmints in English because I enjoy writing about wildlife" Jamie, Larch class
- "My favourite lesson has been art because I like to express my emotions through drawing" Lily, Larch class
- "I liked English because we got to write a blog about Leila and the Blue Fox, this has been my favourite book so far" Emaan, Willow class
- "Science has been good as we had a lesson on micro-organisms. It has been interesting finding out about diseases so we can cure them" Fynn, Willow class

Diary dates coming up



Thursday 23rd October

Break the Rules Day - Halloween Edition
Wessex Talent Show - 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Friday 24th October

INSET DAY - No School

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October

HALF TERM

Monday 3rd November

INSET DAY - No School

Tuesday 4th November

Start of term - 8.45am start

Good News Certificates



FS2: Mason and Jessie

Year 1: Adam and Xavi

Year 2: Oliver and Adam

Year 3: Austin and Joseph

Year 4: Remiah and Sidney S

Year 5: Maddison and Amelia

Year 6: Ellie and Theo

Attendance

Lower School: Chestnut winners with 97.9%

Upper School: Pine winners with 97.3%

School attendance this week

94%



Last week = 94%
Last year average = 94.9%

Aiming for 97%

School Values



We spoke in assembly about another prominent black figure from British Culture, Claudia Jones. We looked at how she was the founder of the Notting Hill Carnival and how this carnival has developed over the last 60 years or so. We also discussed Harvest, what the origins of the term mean and how we can be positive about the contributions we can make to other people's lives through our donations.

Parent leaflets

The Department for Education has updated their parent leaflets for pupils in yeargroups taking assessments this year. If you have a child in a yeargroup who is sitting an assessment this year, you will receive an information leaflet today.

PTA updates

Don't forget that next Thursday is Break the Rules day and so children can come in breaking *some* (mainly uniform) related rules. The tariff for each rule broken is included on the poster on page 1 of the newsletter. We look forward to some of the ideas you have to break those rules

Harvest thanks

A huge thank you to everyone who donated some food items to the Harvest collection. Maidenhead Foodshare will be extremely grateful for these donations and have asked us to pass on their thanks too.

Wessex Netball Winners

Our Year 6 netball team continue their winning streak. Yesterday saw Isla, Elisa, Abi, Annabel, Freda, Chloe, Aanya, Maiya and Erin play an impressive match against Cookham Dean Primary School, beating them 11 - 7. They demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship. Congratulations girls!

Character Curriculum

This week's character curriculum trait is a new addition to our catalogue. We discussed how people feel when their names are used in conversation compared to when names aren't used. Simple questions like, "Have you finished with your plate, Harry?" is much more polite than "Have you finished with your plate?" Children have enjoyed using names in conversations this week. Hopefully this can be tagged with other traits such as greeting someone when you see them. e.g. "Good morning, Mr Beavan. How are you today?"

Using people's names when talking



- When talking to people, use their name
 - It is more polite
 - It shows you care about them
 - It makes the other person feel valued
- "Good morning, Mrs Cox"
- "Thank you, Mr Watson"
- "Yes please, Mrs Newman"
- "I'm sorry, James"



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride



Windsor Music Centre

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Come and try an instrument for free and learn about lessons at our music centres, schools and other opportunities we offer!

WINDSOR MUSIC CENTRE

Dedworth Middle School, Smith's Lane, Windsor SL4 5PE

Tuesday 21 October

Guitar 5.30-6.00pm | 6.00-6.30pm

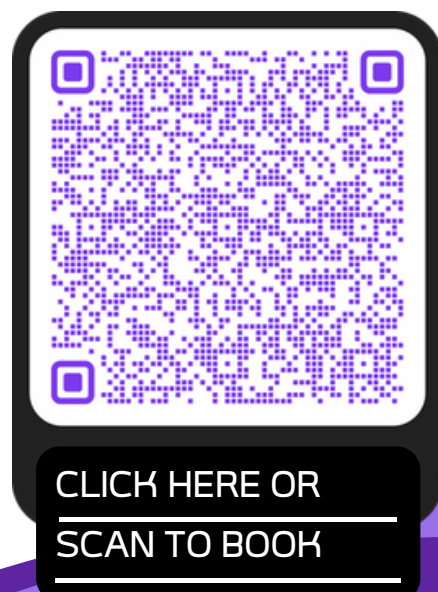
Thursday 13 November

Woodwind/Oboe 5.00-5.30pm | 5.30-6.00pm

Saturday 15 November

Drum Kit 11.00-11.30am | 11.30am-12.00pm

Brass 12.00-12.30pm | 12.30-1.00pm





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READING MUSIC CENTRE

100 Cockney Hill, Tilehurst, Reading RG30 4EZ

Friday 17 October

Clarinet (Adults) 2.30-3.00pm | 3.00-3.30pm

Saturday 18 October

Violin 10.00-10.45am | 10.45-11.30am

Wednesday 22 October

Flute/Clarinet/Sax/Bassoon 4.30-5.15pm | 5.15-6.00pm



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READING MUSIC CENTRE @ RIVER ACADEMY

7 Richfield Avenue, Reading RG1 8EQ

Tuesday 4 November

Voice & Choir 4.30–5.15pm | 5.15–6.00pm

Choir Taster 6.15pm

Wednesday 12 November

Clarinet/Recorder/Guitar 5.00–5.30pm | 5.30–6.00pm



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