

This week...

After seven fantastic weeks, **Class 10** have completed their swimming lessons. It was great to see everyone make progress each week, developing their skills, confidence and water safety. Well done Class 10! Class 11 will start their lessons next Tuesday 5th March - remember swimwear and goggles!

OxTrail Update: Mrs Cook and Mrs Cheetham collected our mini ox this week, as part of the Sobell House OxTrail event this summer. Children will soon be decorating our mini ox and naming him. It will then be displayed in a local venue (tbc). Here is an example of one of the large oxen which you will be able to hunt for in the summer trail taking place in OXford city centre.



Assembly

We continued with our reading for pleasure focus this week. We asked the children to think about their favourite film and to consider how a book is the same but with the added value that the brain is able to imagine its own features of the story. We also reminded everyone not to read a book by its cover - the oldest stories with the tattiest covers are well used because they are great to read! A huge amount of books were passed on through the give away in the KS1 playground. This also generated interest during playtimes. There will be a dedicated Reading Newsletter soon.



Pupil Responsibility Groups

The Peer Mentors are currently creating a survey for the school. They spent time walking around school formulating questions they would like to ask everyone. Questions will include things like 'what is playtime like for you?' and 'where do you go for quiet time?'.

Congratulations

Well done to Thea who performed with her acro team at Amey Theatre in Abingdon last week. The performance was called 'Into The Limelight' and Thea said the trickiest part was when she had to do a handstand on another person doing a chest stand!

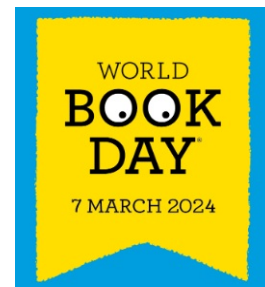
Please see the end of the newsletter for this week's 'Word of the Week'!

Word
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Dates for Term 4...

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

Just a little reminder about World Book Day this term. To mark this day, we are holding an 'Adjective Parade' and are asking all children to come to school dressed as a word that is an adjective. An adjective is a word that describes what something is like, for example, the *shiny* sword. Your chosen word should be clearly displayed within your outfit.



Usborne Sponsored Reading Challenge, 4th - 10th March

To encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we are running a Sponsored Reading Challenge in association with Usborne Books between

Monday 4th March and Sunday 10th March. All children can take part. Children are sponsored to complete as many of the reading challenges in the grid as they can for the duration of the event and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to raise sponsorship and complete as many of the fun reading challenges as possible.

Sponsorship forms and a challenge sheet have gone home this week - please check your child's bag!

Aspirations Week - Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March

Can you spare an hour to inspire our children?

We are delighted to be holding an 'Aspirations Week' at the end of next term and are still looking for adults to come and talk to the children (either in person or via Zoom) about their job/career. We would welcome speakers from any field of work: nursing, policing, STEM, law, literature, beauty, fashion, sports, voluntary, finance, art/design, leisure etc. If you can spare at least an hour of your time to talk to the children during the week of 25th to 28th March, we would love to hear from you!

Please complete the following Google Form to indicate your availability by Friday 15th March:

<https://forms.gle/spQ7DWdvawzrH6Fr8>

Tuesday 5th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 11 Swimming - remember swimwear and goggles! Year 2 Drawing Club 3.10 - 4.00pm PALS Brush Party 7.30pm
Wednesday 6th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 International Day at DGS (letter sent via ParentPay on 20/02) Year 5 Games Club - Lunchtime Reception Music Club (Group 2) 3.00 - 3.45pm Year 3 & 4 TTRS Club 3.10 - 4.00pm - CANCELLED
Thursday 7th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day - see above Year 1 Drawing Club - Lunchtime Choir 3.10 - 4.00pm
Monday 11th - Friday 15th March - British Science Week	
Monday 11th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Little City Workshop (in school)
Tuesday 12th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 & 3 PC Ben Talk Class 11 Swimming - remember swimwear and goggles! Year 2 Drawing Club 3.10 - 4.00pm
Wednesday 13th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Games Club - Lunchtime Year 1 Open Classroom, 2.40pm. Letter sent 29/02. Reception Music Club (Group 2) 3.00 - 3.45pm Year 3 & 4 TTRS Club 3.10 - 4.00pm
Thursday 14th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Drawing Club - Lunchtime

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Open Classroom, 2.30pm Choir 3.10 - 4.00pm
Friday 15th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Open Classroom, 2.40pm - sign up required. Letter sent 29/02.
Tuesday 19th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 11 Swimming - remember swimwear and goggles! Year 5 Open Classroom, 2.30pm Year 2 Drawing Club 3.10 - 4.00pm - rescheduled date
Wednesday 20th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Pupils - DAP Music Festival (letter sent via ParentPay 28/02) Y5 & Y6 Author Visit at All Saints Primary School - more info to follow
Thursday 21st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATS Q&A 3.30pm - more details to follow Year 5 Open Classroom, 2.30pm Year 4 Production, 6pm - see below
Friday 22nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Didcot Fire Station for Year 2 Great Fire of London topic (in school) Year 4 Production, 1.30pm - see below
Sunday 24th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PALS Easter Egg Hunt - see below
Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March - Aspirations Week (see below)	
Tuesday 26th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 11 Swimming - remember swimwear and goggles!
Thursday 28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 Hill End Trip (letter sent via ParentPay on 18/01) Last Day of Term - normal finish time

Notices



Can you help during the Easter holidays?

We are looking for some extra pairs of hands to help our site supervisor, Kevin, with some jobs over the Easter holidays. Jobs include: building a large pergola for Foundation Stage and Year 1, painting picnic tables, painting a picket fence in the sensory garden, general weeding and tidying up. If you could spare a few hours, a morning, a day, we would be most grateful! Please complete this Google Form indicating which days you would be available and we can get in touch with some further details: <https://forms.gle/4A1SYpxXrXFemBs19>

Sickness and Absence	<p>Please notify the school office every day of your child's sickness or medical absence. Please either email office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk or call to leave a message on 01235 519235 by 9am. Clearly state your child's full name, class and the specific reason for absence (including the symptoms of the illness). Please refer to this useful NHS guide - Is my child too ill for school?</p> <p>If your child is ill for 3 days or more, ensure to consult your GP and to inform the school of the outcome.</p>
Residentials - Payment Reminders	<p>Current Year 6: The balance for the Kilvrough residential in June 2024 should now have been paid. If you have not yet paid the full balance and have not been in contact, please speak to the school office as soon as possible.</p> <p>Current Year 5: The balance for the Kilvrough residential in November 2024 is due to be paid 31st July 2024. Please try to keep up with the suggested payment plan.</p> <p>Year 4 Hill End: Deposit due by 28th March. Balance due 24th May.</p>

PALS: Easter Hunt**Sunday 24th March 11am - 1pm**

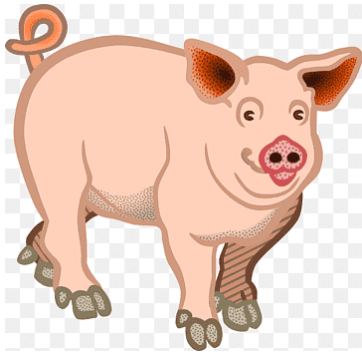
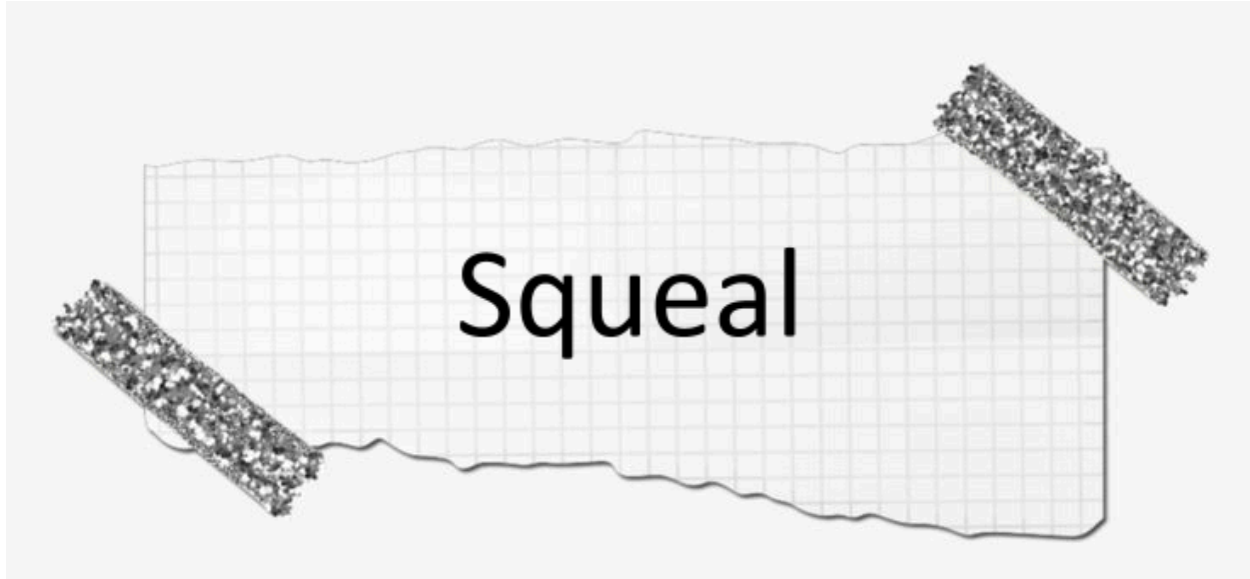
Come along to our Easter Egg hunt on Sunday 24th March. Entrance on the day will be £4 per child - but why not take advantage of our early bird discount! Pre-book your tickets for only £3 per child. Entry gives your child 2 puzzles to complete and a prize. There are no time slots for this event, just turn up! Sunday 24th March, 11am - 1pm. Pre-booked tickets will be available to buy up to Tuesday 19th March, using the following link: <https://forms.gle/FzhqfYX7CywyAeog9>



Proposed new special school serving South East Oxfordshire

The county council is consulting on an education specification for a proposed new special school serving south east Oxfordshire, for children with Social, Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH) and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) needs. OCC are currently running a consultation around opening a new special school in Didcot. Please can parents follow the links for consultation. All Didcot residents whether they have a child with SEND or not are encouraged to respond. <https://schools.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schools-news/2024/new-special-school-south-east-oxfordshire>

Word of the Week

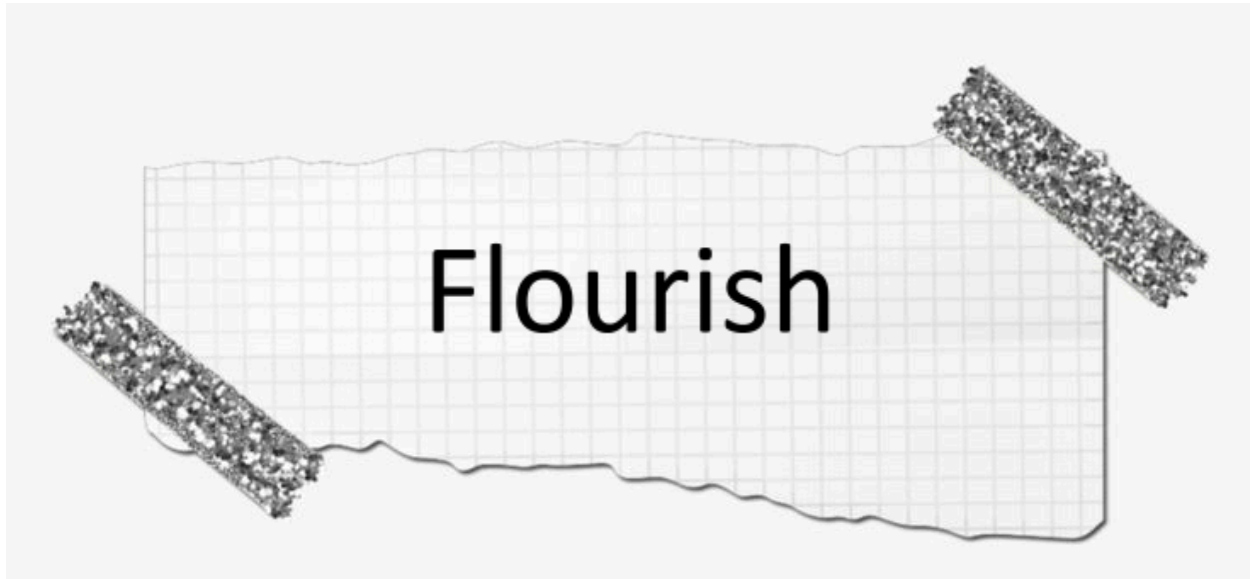
for Key Stage 1





 Meaning	 Challenge
A long, squeaky sound.	What animals might squeal ? Draw one.

Word of the Week

for Key Stage 2



 Meaning	 Challenge
To grow or develop successfully.	If plants are going to flourish, what do they need? If a child is going to flourish, what do they need?



Come and Join In!



THE RETURN OF THE...

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Long Wittenham 5km Fun Run Sunday 28th April

11am from The Plough, Long Wittenham

- Fun day out for all the family
- Walkers and runners of all abilities welcome
- Barbecue, cake stall, children's treats
- Warm-up to music
- Pub and gardens to relax in
- Personalised certificates for all finishers
- Trophies and medals for age category champions
- Well behaved owners with their dogs on leads welcome

AWARDS

Children

Under 8

Under 12

Under 18

Adults

18-39

40-64

Over 65

Winner (Man & Woman)
Fastest Wittenham (Man & Woman)
Family Trophy



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ENTER HERE: <https://www.evententry.co.uk/long-wittenham-5km-family-fun-run-walk-2024>



We hope you can join us:
Saturday 9th March
3-5pm

Ladygrove Community Centre
We are going to be thinking about Gratitude
With a focus on Mother's Day.