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Last Monday was Random Acts of Kindness Day, so our assemblies have focused around kindness this week. We all agreed that we needed to be kind every day of the year, not just on one day! **Did You Know:** Not only can kindness help us feel happier, but it can also help us to age more slowly! The children spent time thinking about what it actually means to be kind, and these are some of the children's ideas: *Kindness is....asking someone to join your game....inviting someone to sit with you at lunchtime.....encouraging someone who is finding something tricky.....cheering someone up if they are sad.... offering to share your chocolate.....congratulating someone if they have done well.... owning your mistakes.....forgiving someone who has upset you etc etc.* The children know that kindness spreads; they are practising being kind and looking out for kindness in each other—and they know that if they practise being kind, it becomes a habit—and it makes us feel happy too! Please help us at home by spotting when your children have done something kind (particularly when unprompted) and making sure you let them know!

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children: who have impressed us this week with their attitudes towards their learning:

Reception: **Margot** - for being such a thoughtful partner in 'Think Pair Share'. Well done!

Years 1&2: **Ivy** - for designing an excellent toy car and thinking of some useful materials to use. We're looking forward to making the cars next week!

Years 3&4: **Benji** - for being really engaged in his learning this week. It has been lovely to see him grow in confidence and make some excellent contributions.

Years 5&6: **Lily G** - for a fantastic first week at Great Tew. You have settled in to your new class so well!

Aspiring Orienteers

Year one and two loved their orienteering lesson - they learnt how to link information using clues. Great observational skills and teamwork! The children were keen to find out where the beetle was hiding - lo and behold it was behind the door!

Welcome to Lily

The Year 5&6 children were very happy to welcome Lily to their class on Monday morning. Lily has come from a class of just four, so 28 might seem a bit noisy in comparison, but thanks to the fabulous children in her class she has settled in brilliantly and it's hard to believe she only joined us on Monday. Please do look out for Lily's parents Stuart and Victoria in the playground when you see them!



Budding Gymnasts

This week our Year 5 and 6 students had their first gymnastics lesson of the year, and they made a fantastic start! Working in small groups, they explored how to put together creative sequences, incorporating a variety of jumps and impressive counterbalances. The children showed great teamwork, focus, and enthusiasm as they experimented with different movements and supported one another to refine their routines. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow throughout the lesson and we can't wait to see how their skills develop in the coming weeks!



Dates Coming Up

Tues 4th March	Y4 Pottery Workshop at CNS— (<i>Cotswold Arts Through Schools</i>)
Tues 4th March	Parents' Evenings
Wed 5th March	Parents' Evenings
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day
Thurs 6th March	Y56 Swimming
Fri 7th March	Y34 Swimming
Mon 10th March	Rec & Y6 Vision Screening, Heights & Weights
Thurs 20th March	Y56 Singing at Chipping Norton Music Festival
Mon 31st March	2.30-5pm—Pre-loved Uniform Sale



High Flyers Breakfast and After School Club

What a wonderful first week back! The children returned full of energy, laughter, and excitement, ready for fun-filled days.

This week, we made the most of the lovely weather, playing outside, running around, and enjoying fantastic football matches and team games. Everyone got involved and the joy and teamwork were amazing to see!

Inside, we got creative- making beautiful bracelets with loom bands and beads, and crafting colourful Pom-Poms which the children absolutely loved.

High Flyer of the Week

Congratulations to P, who has been awarded the High Flyer Certificate this week. She is always kind, helpful, and a joy to have at the club- well done!

Looking ahead to next week, we have even more exciting activities planned, including a celebration for Pancake Day, which the children are already eagerly anticipating.

Dates for your diary:

Holiday Club: 7th & 8th April 9:00am - 4:00pm, Christopher Rawlins School, Adderbury

Our Easter - Themed Holiday Club will be packed with fun activities, and we'd love to see as many children there as possible!

You can book through our website, <https://www.highflyers.org.uk> or on our booking platform <https://highflyersoxfordlimited.ipalbookings.com/>

Vouchers - for those working over 16 hours, you can take advantage of the 'Government's Choices Scheme', to save 20% on childcare. Also, when booking through our system you can pay by bank payment, so there is no booking fee. We also offer 10% off for siblings attending the club!

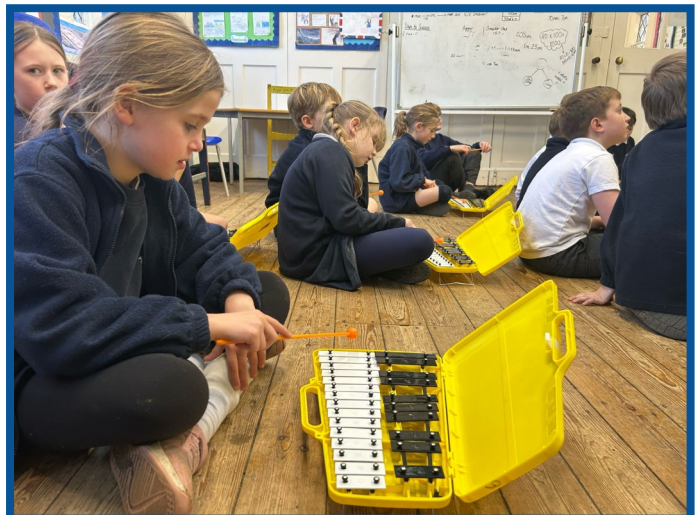
We wish you all a wonderful weekend!



Let Your Spirit Fly!

The Year 3&4 children started their new unit 'Feelings Through Music' and their first song was 'Let Your Spirit Fly'. This is a contemporary R&B song and we explored the smooth chords, texture of the vocals and how the lyrics are passionate and meaningful. The children began to learn the chorus and play along using the notes GACDE on their glockenspiels - there's a lovely instrumental section where we will later go on to improvise and then compose our own bars of music.

In RE we began our new unit about Christian communion, and introduced the topic with the key question, 'is it a celebration or act of remembrance'. The Y4 children brilliantly recalled their knowledge from last year on the Jewish Passover meal, the Seder plate and how the foods act as a symbol of remembrance. Jemima did a super job of making some of the key links between the two religions!



Tuesday, April 22, 2025 is the 55th anniversary of Earth Day. We invite everyone to support Earth Day's 2025 theme: **OUR POWER, OUR PLANET™**.

We are hosting our pre loved school uniform sale on **Monday 31st March**, 14.30 - 17hrs in the school playground. Cash & Card accepted. If you would like to donate any pre loved uniform, you can do so by hanging in bags on the school gates or handing into the school office.

There are many ways you can get involved and make a difference for our planet on Earth Day and every day. **Join millions worldwide** in Earth Day 2025 activities. If you would like to get involved and help out with our pre-loved uniform sale please join our team & contact the school office.

This is OUR POWER, OUR PLANET™

Thank you, from your planet, your little school, Bridget & the pre loved team
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