



Great Tew Primary School

Tel: 01608 683642

Email: office.2104@great-tew.oxon.sch.uk

Website: www.greattewschool.co.uk

Bulletin Number: 23

2024-2025

Date: Friday 14th March 2025

Monday was Commonwealth Day with the broad theme this year of "Together We Thrive". We spent time thinking about the idea of 56 independent countries as far afield as Africa, the Caribbean and Americas, Europe and the Pacific working together to promote the shared principles of family, unity, diversity and peace.



Stars of the Week

Reception: **Ivy**—for being a super big sister and helping us to learn about how to look after babies on Poppy's visit!

Years 1&2: **Xenia** – for always working her hardest and giving excellent answers in her maths mastery lessons. Well done!

Years 3&4: **Leo** - for being a huge help this week both in and out of the classroom. It's been noticed by lots of people Leo!

Years 5&6: **Lara** - for excellent work this week both in English and Maths.

Lights, Camera, Action.... For Charity!

Get ready for a fantastic evening of fun and fundraising! On **Friday 21st March**, from 5:00–6:30pm (approx.), children are invited to a special House Film Night—a chance to relax, enjoy a movie, and bond with their housemates.

This event has been organised by our wonderful House Captains—Grace, Serena, and Oliver, who have been working hard to bring the children together, in their houses, for a great cause. Tickets are available for a suggested charitable donation and we will also be selling refreshments on the night.

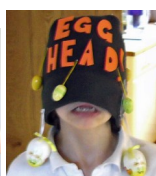
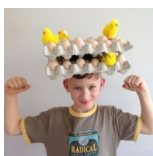
Boulton—Inside Out 1—for their charity [Dogs for Good](#)

Falkland—Luca—for their charity [The Wildlife Foundation](#)

Radcliffe—Shrek the Third—for their charity [The Newman Holiday Trust](#)

Please support this event generously. And remember—notes are lighter for the children to carry than coins!!

We look forward to seeing the children there for a fantastic evening!



Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is **Margot** in **Reception**. Whenever I pop into Reception, Margot is always busy with her friends, smiling and having fun, and she loves to chat and tell me what she's been doing. The children went on to add: "Margot, you are always kind in the playground and you play with lots of different friends".... "At Bloxham Open Day you sat really quietly and listened".... "When I see you in the playground you are always polite and play with others and ask if they are okay. You never just walk away".... Mrs Platt remarked, "It's all the little things you do to help, for example, just now when we were walking into Assembly a painting apron had fallen off the peg and everyone else walked over it apart from you, who noticed it was there and put it back on the hook".... "You always remember to say please and thank you".... "Margot never argues when she is playing games".... "When there is an argument you come over and weirdly seem to be able to fix it".... "In the playground you were super nice to Ivy & Freya".... "You were so nice to me in the playground when we were playing witches".... "When I see Margot in the playground she always ask me if I am okay when I fall over".... "Margot always includes everyone when we play games and is really kind". Margot, you are a true friend and so caring and thoughtful to everyone. Mrs Platt is extremely proud of you, as we all are!

Easter Egg-citement!

On the last Thursday of the term, we will be hosting our much-loved decorated egg competition, alongside the thrilling and fiercely-contested egg-rolling contest. The end of term Easter service will take place at St. Michael's Church at 9:00am, and everyone is warmly invited to attend. After the service, the children will return to school proudly wearing their beautifully decorated Easter bonnets—another cherished annual tradition. The children always look fantastic, parading out of the church in a delightful display of creative and imaginative headwear. Please don't feel the need to spend lots of money—here are a few ideas!

Dates Coming Up

Thurs 20th March	Y56 Singing at Chipping Norton Music Festival
Fri 21st March, 5pm	House Film Night at school
Wed 26th March	U11 West Oxon Cross Country Finals—Radley
Mon 31st March	2.30-5pm—Pre-loved Uniform Sale
Thurs 3rd March	Decorated egg and egg-rolling competitions
Fri 4th April	9am Easter Service Great Tew Church
Fri 4th April	2pm End of Term
Tues 22nd April	Back to school
Weds 30th April	Y34 CNPS Tennis Festival
Monday 19th May	Reception trip to Cogges Farm
20th –23rd May	Bikeability for Year 6 children
Weds 21st May	CNPS Athletics Festival
Tuesday 17th June	Sports Day—all morning at the Tew Centre
Weds 18th June	U11 CNPS Cricket Festival
Tuesday 24th June	Sports Day (backup in case of bad weather)
Weds 25th June	Moving Up Morning
Weds 9th July	Y5 Orienteering competition at CNPS
Tues 15th July	KS2 production—6pm
Wed=s 16th July	KS2 production—2pm and 6pm
Fri 18th July	End of Year Leavers' Service—9am
Fri 18th July	Term ends at 2pm

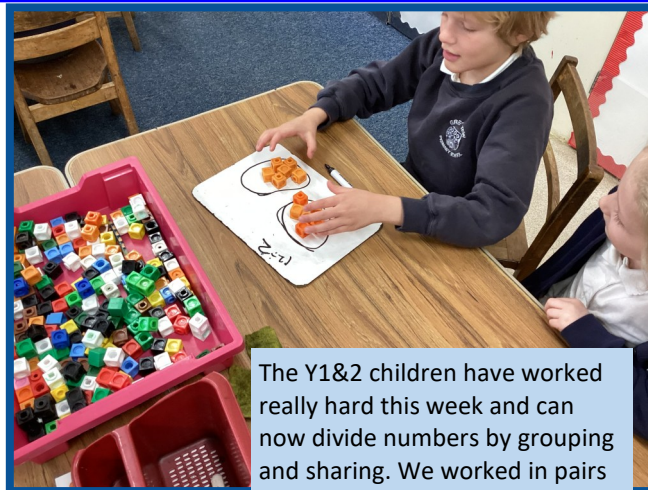
Ivy's Show & Tell!

A highlight of our week in Reception was welcoming Ivy's baby sister Poppy and her mummy Sophie in for a chat about looking after babies. This week the children have been learning about timelines, putting events in order and exploring the idea of their own timelines, understanding that 'the past' refers the things that have happened already. We thought of lots of questions to ask Sophie so that we could find out more about what we needed when we were babies. Everyone listened very carefully and Poppy was amazing! A big thank you to all three of them!

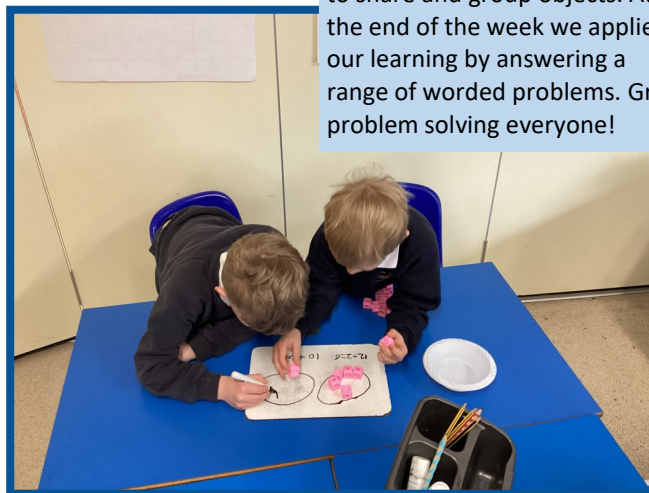
Brass Workshop

On Thursday morning, we welcomed Mr Gray from the Oxfordshire Music Service. He brought a range of brass instruments and gave us a fabulous demonstration! After lots of fun with a hose pipe and learning how to correctly vibrate our lips to play, he told us about an exciting opportunity to learn to play one of the instruments.

Please see the flyer to find out how children (aged 9+) could soon be learning to play a brass instrument at school and contact Mrs Platt if you'd like any further information.



The Y1&2 children have worked really hard this week and can now divide numbers by grouping and sharing. We worked in pairs to share and group objects. At the end of the week we applied our learning by answering a range of worded problems. Great problem solving everyone!



Years 5&6 Podcasting Adventure

This week, Year 5 and 6 have taken their learning to the next level by stepping into the world of podcasting! As part of our unit on *Survivors* by David Long, the children have been exploring incredible real-life survival stories and the resilience of those who overcame extreme challenges.

Building on their understanding, they have been learning how to write for an audience, crafting engaging scripts that bring these powerful stories to life. With creativity and enthusiasm, they worked in teams to develop their own podcast episodes, using expressive voices and sound effects to captivate their listeners.

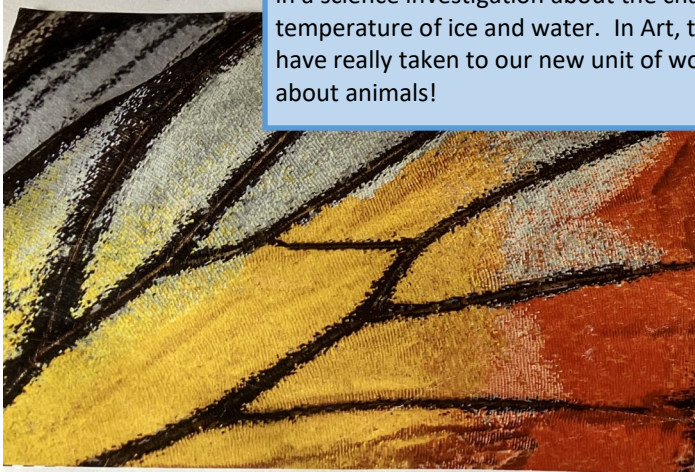
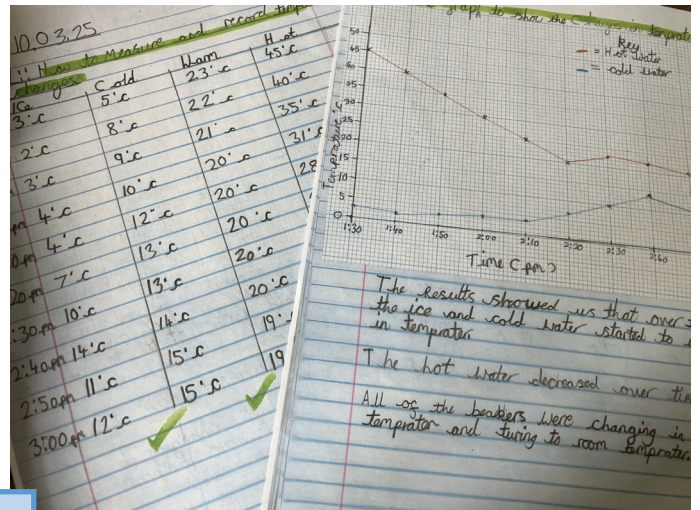
The highlight of the week came on Friday, when the children had the exciting opportunity to record their podcasts. The room was filled with energy as they took turns being presenters and storytellers.

A huge well done to all the students for their hard work, teamwork, and fantastic storytelling skills. We can't wait to listen to the final recordings—future broadcasters in the making!

Here is the link to listen <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/vyv8mkgkex5yes7kofxgw/ACeGNSVbjOt0LAK1VMdktqQ?rlkey=0x1y4xahhpwnpa6rs7nykph9v&e=1&st=9n8ahoai&dl=0>



Children in Years 3&4 have enjoyed taking part in a science investigation about the changing temperature of ice and water. In Art, they have really taken to our new unit of work about animals!

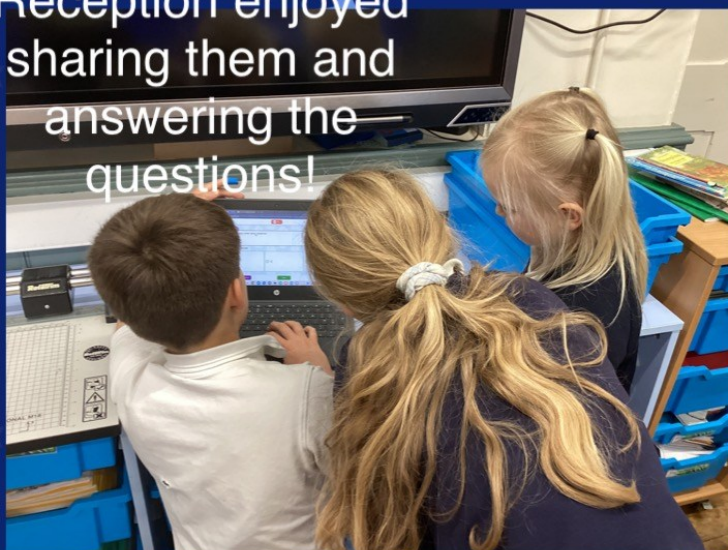


Year 5&6 Quiz Masters—Creating Book Related Quizzes for The Reception Children

What are the Gruffalo's favourite foods?.... Who was Goldilocks visiting in the woods?



Year 5&6 prepared quizzes in their computing lessons. Reception enjoyed sharing them and answering the questions!



PIC•COLLAGE