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This week, we spent time talking about *World Smile Day*, and *National Do Something Nice Day*, both of which were last week. The Reception children joined us in assembly for the first time and we all had fun passing a smile from one person to another—it really did work! We talked about how doing kind things for other people can make **us** feel happy too, and the children came up with all sorts of really nice, and very simple things that they can do for others. Things like holding the door for someone, helping them with a difficult sum, inviting them to join your game, picking something up for them, clearing up the toys without being asked to, asking someone to sit next to you or be your partner, making your bed without being asked to....the list went on. We all agreed that it was a bit silly that *World Smile Day* and *National Do Something Nice Day* were celebrated on just one day of the year, as really we should try to smile at people and be kind to them every single day of the year!

Stars of the Week

This week, we were pleased to celebrate the following children, who have impressed us with their attitudes towards their learning and their peers.

Years 1&2 : **Bea**—for working so hard in all your lessons and showing us consistently how well you have settled into life in the Y1&2 class at Great Tew.

Years 3&4: **Ellie**—for being an excellent role model of positivity and enthusiasm to other children, not just this week but every week.

Years 5&6: **Penelope**—for being a shining beacon of positivity, every single day in school

Foodbank Fridays—Harvest Appeal

Thank you to all those who remembered our Foodbank Friday collection today. Please do give generously to this invaluable cause, helping those in our community in need of a little support. Please bring items into school next Friday and let's make this our best collection yet! [North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank](#), providing food for when the cupboard is bare.

School Photographs

Individual and sibling photos are being taken on Monday morning. Children in Years 3&4 can come in to school in uniform if you would prefer, and change into PE kit later in the morning. If you would like pictures to be taken of any children not yet in school, please come to the hall between 8:00 and 8:30am. Details were emailed on Friday.

Coming Up This Week

Mon 13th	School Photographs—individual and siblings
Weds 15th	Art Workshop at Bloxham School—Years 4&5
Thurs 16th	Please order next week's lunches by midday
Fri 17th	Foodbank Friday
Fri 17th	Whole School Art Trip—Oxford Brookes



Values Champion

This week's Values Champion is **Sebastian** in Year 2. Sebastian demonstrates many values in and around school, but three that stand out are **maturity, positivity and curiosity**. Mr Grant said "Sebastian has a **mature** learning attitude and despite being new to Great Tew he has wasted no time in letting his **positive** outlook shine through. He is very **curious** about the world around him and asks extra questions to help him learn".

The children thought Sebastian should know: *"My buddy is Sebastian's little brother Max and sometimes Sebastian comes to join in and adds fun tricks to the game".... "When I see Sebastian in the playground he always comes up with new ideas".... "He's such a good friend and I like playing with him".... "At lunch times, everyone wants to sit next to Sebastian—sitting next to him is like winning a prize!".... "When I saw Sebastian playing he was being so kind to everyone".... "In the playground he is so mature and never gives up on games".... "In the playground Sebastian always says hello".... "I really hope you are my learning buddy in class because you help me".... "In the playground, I always see Sebastian playing nicely with his friends".... "When I play tag with him he never just tags me straight back".*

Sebastian, you haven't been with us for long but you are already standing out for being kind to other children, with a very grown up attitude towards your learning and your friends. Well done—keep on spreading that positivity!

Dates Coming Up New Dates Added in Red

Mon 13th Oct	Individual and Sibling Photographs
Weds 15th Oct	Y45 Art Workshop at Bloxham School
Friday 17th Oct	Whole School Art Trip – Headington
Mon 20th Oct	CNS Family Focus week
Mon 20th Oct, 3:30-7:00	Parents Evenings (Reception-Y6)
Tue 21st Oct, 3:30-7:00	Parents Evenings (Reception –Y6)
Weds 22nd Oct, 8:45	Harvest Assembly in St Michael's Church—all welcome
Weds 22nd Oct	U9 and U11 Cross Country Festival
Weds 22nd Oct, 3:15pm	Break for Half-Term
Mon 3rd Nov	Term starts
Mon 10th Nov	Street Dance Workshop for Y56 children
Thurs 13th Nov	Open Classrooms, 2:30pm
Mon 17-Fri 21st Nov	Y56 Residential to Yenworthy
Fri 28th Nov, 8:45am	Y56 Assembly in the Church, plus Coffee Morning
Weds 3rd Dec	Y34 Ball Skills Festival
Sat 6th Dec, 11am—2pm	Christmas Fair
Sat 6th Dec, 5pm	Village Carol Service—everyone welcome
Thurs 11th Dec	Reception and KS1 Nativity
Fri 19th Dec, 8:45am	End of Term Christmas Service, plus Coffee Morning
Fri 19th Dec, midday	End of Term

Our Trip to Woodstock Museum

On Thursday, the children in Years 1&2 went to Woodstock Museum to learn about William Morris, a car entrepreneur and philanthropist, who mass-produced cars such as the Morris Minor and who gave generously to Oxford hospitals. The children were a pleasure to be with on this trip and were a credit to their school, their parents and themselves of course. They sat attentively and practised their listening, turn-taking and teamwork skills. It was quite clear that many children have an innate passion for transport. They acted out making a car and helped set up a simple production line which was fairly industrious (after a few practices). They loved comparing old and modern cars and thoroughly enjoyed some real artefacts that William Morris made in his factory (the current Mini BMW plant). We held headlamps, helmets, driving goggles, fuel tanks and signalling boxes. A special mention goes to Mrs Dear and Mrs Blee for volunteering their time and support during this trip. We completed the trip with a tour of the museum and practised our whispering voices in the galleries and ended with some lovely conversations about bygone eras. These photos sum up the trip perfectly ...

Lost Property - Please Help us Help You!

We try very hard to return scattered clothes to their rightful owners, and if they're named it's usually very straightforward! However, so many of the things I pick up around the school are unnamed, or have the names of children who have long since left Great Tew (and in some cases were never here!) which makes it almost impossible to return them. Please could you check all your children's school clothes, shin pads etc and make sure they are clearly named. The current lost property mountain comprises:

- 12 sweatshirts
- 6 unbranded sweatshirts & cardigans
- 2 pairs of shorts
- 2 fleeces
- 1 school coat
- 1 almost brand new hoodie
- 1 pair of jogging bottoms
- 1 school bobble hat
- 1 cardigan
- 1 Barbour coat
- 1 pair of waterproof trousers

... oh, and of course.....a partridge in a pear tree!



Cross Country for Years 3&4

The beady-eyed amongst you will have noticed that the letter indicates a voluntary contribution of £5.55, but ParentPay is showing it as the lower amount of £3. This is because we have more children going and therefore the cost of the transport is now being split between more children.

Christmas Fair—Saturday 6th December

Please put the date in your diaries and contact your class reps to find out how you can help make sure this is a huge success and fun for everyone!



Reception children's educational visit to Little Rollright Farm. What a fabulous day they all had, in the glorious Autumn sunshine! We LOVE apples!



GREAT TEW SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025

JOIN US FOR ARTS & CRAFTS, TOMBOLA,
FATHER CHRISTMAS, GAMES, BBQ, AND SO
MUCH MORE!

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER || 11AM - 2PM

