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Message from Mrs Jenkins

It has been a very busy week, and one of the highlights has definitely been the Reception assembly this morning.

A huge well done to our Reception children for their very first class assembly! They shared their learning about minibeasts through a song, a quiz, and interesting facts, and proudly showed their minibeast hats and spider's web sewing. It was lovely to see their confidence grow throughout the performance.

Thank you to Mrs Platt and the Reception team for their hard work, patience, and creativity in making the assembly such a success.

Well done, Reception—we are so proud of you!

Classroom Decoration Update

We are absolutely delighted with the newly painted classrooms! The decorators have done a brilliant job, and the transformation is already making a noticeable difference across the school.

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving classroom environments, this fresh decoration has helped to create spaces that feel brighter, cleaner, and more welcoming for both children and staff. It's wonderful to see how the updated surroundings are contributing to a more positive learning atmosphere.

The work has also beautifully enhanced the unique features of our Grade II listed classrooms, allowing their character and charm to shine through even more.

This marks **Phase 1** of the project. In **Phase 2**, planned for a later date, we will be focusing on further improvements, including the decoration of woodwork and cloakroom areas. If you get the chance, do pop in and have a look — we are very proud of the results and would love for you to see the difference!

School Photographs – Updated Arrangements

Due to poor weather conditions, we had to reschedule our class photographs last week. We would also like to apologise for the communication around the photos; as the booking had previously been made by Mrs Miles, there was a misunderstanding on the school's side regarding how the session was being organised. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We have now rescheduled school photographs for **Monday 22nd June**.

On this occasion, photographs will be taken as **class photos**, giving us the opportunity to capture each class together before the end of the academic year, ahead of children moving up in September.

We kindly ask that all children come to school in their **full school uniform** as usual on this day.

Individual and sibling photographs will take place later in the **Autumn Term**, and this has been scheduled for **5th October**. Please do make a note of this date in your calendars.

Cricket Event Success – An Amazing Total Raised

We are thrilled to share the fantastic news that an incredible **£4,229.23** was raised at the Cricket Event before half term. A huge thank you goes to **Charlotte and James Alder**, as well as the **Supporters Club**, for organising such a successful event. This is a truly great achievement.

Thanks to this generous fundraising, we are delighted to be able to partner with **CATS (Cotswold Arts Through Schools)** to enhance music provision across the whole school. This partnership will not only enrich pupils' experiences but also provide valuable **professional development opportunities for staff** in the teaching of music.

The high-quality sessions will be led by **Jennie Grierson**, an experienced teacher from the Chipping Norton Partnership. Through this programme, children will have the opportunity to develop their skills in **singing, playing ocarinas, composing, and performing**.

Thank you once again for your incredible support—this will have a lasting and positive impact on the whole school community.

Attendance

Our school: 95.4%. National average: 94.6%.

Yrs 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 loved welcoming Mrs Griesham into our classroom to teach a fun, action packed music lesson. Mrs Griesham taught the children several echo (repeat after me) songs on the ukulele. The children joined in beautifully using their voices and bodies. The children loved 'The Goldfish Song' and pretended to be fish (whilst singing!). This lesson was particularly good for turn taking and active participation. As you can see in the photo, the children really wanted to know the next action or lyrics. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Griesham in every Wednesday as part of the children's music lessons; an excellent way to practise our speaking skills.



Yrs 5 & 6

On Friday, the children took part in a spirited House Rugby Tournament. It was wonderful to see every child in Years 5 and 6 involved, either representing their house on the pitch or offering enthusiastic support from the sidelines. The matches were competitive and hard fought throughout, with excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship on display. The children should all be proud of the way they encouraged one another and embraced the event with such positivity and energy. Congratulations to the winning house – **Radcliffe!**



Yrs 3 & 4

A super week in Year 3/4! I have been so impressed with the children's writing, and I loved hearing them read out their Alphabet of Animals poems! We have been looking at symmetry in Maths and today they had fun using mirrors to find lines of symmetry in shapes. The Year Four children and I had a wonderful time on Monday afternoon at the Pottery Workshop. The children were an absolute delight, smiles all round, and their manners were exceptional.



Reception

Minibeast-tastic! This week we have continued to learn about all of the wonderful bugs and insects that live in our environment. We have had an exciting week full of arts and craft... sewing spider webs, painting and creating hats for our assembly, making clay minibeasts and snail shell collages. We found out about how artist Henri Matisse made a famous piece of artwork by 'painting with scissors', he painted all the colours that he wanted to use and then cut them out and placed them in a spiral shape just like a snail shell. We can't wait to share all of our creations with you in our assembly!



Diary Dates

June

17th	Yr 2 Cricket Festival
17th	CNSP U11 Cricket Festival
18th	Final Bloxham Club of the term
18th	Sibford Maths Challenge (4 x Year 6)
21st	Father's Day Colour Run
22nd	School Photographs
23rd	1st Moving Up Morning
24th	2nd Moving up Morning
24th	Sports Day for the whole school (reserve date Wednesday 1st July), Great Tew Centre

July

8th	9am ID YOU Smartphone Education sessions, Tew Centre
9th	Acrylic workshop
9th	Drum performance Yrs 3&4 —parents welcome
14th	KS2 Performance 6pm
15th	KS2 Performance 2pm & 6pm
17th	End of Year Leavers' Service for all parents

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We are pleased to share that we have arranged an in-person session for parents on the important issue of children and smartphone use. Kate M, who previously delivered highly valued smartphone education sessions for Great Tew, will be returning to lead this workshop. Kate is an experienced consultant with extensive knowledge in this area, and we are delighted to welcome her back.

Please make a note of the date: **Wednesday 8th July at 9am**. There will be a minimal cost for parents to attend, to cover the cost of the trainer and Tew Centre hire. Further details about the parent session will be shared next week. In addition to the parent workshop, Kate will also be running a session for our Year 5 and 6 children to support their understanding of safe and responsible smartphone use.

A huge thank you to Liv (mum to Lily, Talulah, Cici and Margot) for supporting the planning and organisation of these sessions. To help ensure the benefits of this work continue beyond the workshop, we are also creating a small focus group of parents who are particularly passionate and committed to the issues surrounding children and smartphones. Following the main parent session, Kate will hold a short discussion for any parents interested in joining this group, exploring strategies to maintain momentum and continue raising awareness within our school community. Liv has kindly agreed to be part of this group. If you might be interested in joining the focus group, please speak to Liv, contact me via the school office, or catch me at the gate.

For those that haven't yet booked their tickets to the Colour Run here is the link to buy your tickets!!

<https://great-tew-school-supporters-club.hooplatickets.com/event/635061230>

COLOUR RUN on Sunday 21st June

Knight Frank are kindly offering to advertise our Colour Run using their marketing boards outside peoples houses. The boards will not say 'For Sale', they will display details of our event! For every board we display outside a house they will pay us a fee! So, advertising plus money directly in the bank... win win!

If you are happy to have a board outside your home and help us hugely by advertising this event, please get in touch with Hannah or Tats.

Thank you for your continued support – every little bit helps us raise more for our school community. 🙏👥💡👥👤

Thank you...we need to confirm with Knight Frank ASAP, so the quicker it can go out, the better please!!