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Message from Mrs Jenkins

School Update

It has been a busy and exciting week, with children enjoying a wide range of activities both in and out of school. Pupils have represented us brilliantly at the Year 2/3 and Upper KS2 cricket tournaments, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm.

We have also had a fantastic focus on music this week. On Tuesday, Chipping Norton School led an excellent workshop for Years 5 and 6, giving all children the opportunity to get actively involved and develop their musical skills.

In addition, we were delighted to welcome Jennie Grierson back for her second session with Years 1/2 and 5/6. These sessions are generously funded jointly by CATS and the Great Tew School Supporters Club. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about rhythm and pace, and Jennie commented on how polite, engaged, and appreciative they were—thanking her at the end of the session and fully embracing the experience. Well done, children!

COLOUR RUN on Sunday 21st

Preparations for our Colour Run are in full swing, and we're very excited for what promises to be a fantastic event! We hope you'll be able to come along to support, take part, and enjoy the fun with our school community.

To help everything run smoothly, we are currently looking for **two additional volunteers** to assist with the car park on the day. These events are only possible thanks to the generosity and support of our volunteers, and every bit of help truly makes a difference.

The money raised will help fund music sessions for the whole school in [partnership with CATS](#) extending beyond this term and into the next school year, ensuring that all children continue to benefit from this enhanced learning opportunity.

It's shaping up to be a fun-filled day and a wonderful chance for everyone to come together as a community.

A huge thank you to our Supporters for all their hard work in organising the event.

Reception Stay and Play

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome our new Reception children for two *Stay and Play* sessions. The children settled in amazingly well—so much so that many were happy to be dropped off and join in confidently from the start. This also provided an opportunity for parents to meet with myself, Mrs Platt, and Naomi Roberts, our Chair of Governors,

to learn more about Great Tew School and what to expect as their children begin this important next step. As parents ourselves, we remember this milestone well and recognise what a significant moment it is for families.

We know you will all join us in warmly welcoming our new children and their families into our school community. It is especially lovely that some current parents are already part of this new cohort, helping to offer reassurance and a friendly, familiar face.

In addition to our new Reception class, we are also delighted to be welcoming **five new children across Years 3–6** in September.



Attendance

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

Smartphone Awareness Session

Apologies – I had initially been told that previously there had been a parent contribution towards the Smartphone Awareness session for parents but I'm really pleased to confirm that **both the parent and children's sessions will be completely free** to parents, and will be kindly funded by Supporters Club. We know how important smartphone awareness is for children and families today, and it feels really important to make this as accessible as possible so that as many parents as possible can join—whatever age your child is. It's never too early to start thinking about how we support our children in navigating the challenges and pressures that can come with smartphone use. We'd really love you to join us on **8th July at 9.00am at Tew Centre** if you can. It should be a really helpful and supportive session, and a great chance to come together as a parent community as well.

We're also keen for this to become something we build together over time—parents and school working side by side to support our children's safety and wellbeing in an ever-changing digital world. Please speak with Liv (Lily, Talulah, Cici and Margot's Mum) if you are interested in being involved in this.



Bloxham Club

Yesterday marked our final Bloxham Club session, and what a fantastic experience it has been. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the wide range of opportunities on offer and have gained so much from taking part. A huge thank you to Bloxham School for so warmly welcoming our children and providing such a rich and varied programme,



including sport, art, cookery and geography—along with transport, which has made it all possible.

We are delighted that Bloxham will continue to be a strong part of our after-school clubs programme for 2026-27, which aims to offer enhanced opportunities for our children beyond the school day.

We are very grateful for this wonderful partnership and the memorable experiences it continues to provide for our pupils.

Shout Out

A huge well done to Miss Tompkins, who has successfully completed her degree in Learning and Teaching and has been accepted onto an apprenticeship programme to train as a teacher, beginning this September!

Miss Tompkins passed her interview with flying colours, and we are incredibly proud of her hard work and dedication—balancing the demands of a full-time role at school alongside her studies is no small achievement.

We are especially delighted that Miss Tompkins will be staying with us at Great Tew to complete her teacher training, and we look forward to continuing to support her on this exciting next step in her journey into teaching.

Well done, Miss Tompkins!



Reception

Reception were explorers in the Wild Garden this week! First of all we had to work in pairs with a compass to find our way through the jungle, north, south, east or west... which way should we go? Next, we had to make a way to carry all of the heavy kit that explorers need and finally, there were footprints to be made and followed. The challenges all meant that the children had to work together in pairs work out how to share the equipment and jobs, they did so well and impressed me with how they worked to solve problems that cropped up along the way.



Yrs 1 & 2

As the rain clouds loomed (and broke!) Years 2 and 3 excitedly took part in a partnership cricket event at Chipping Norton secondary school. The children enjoyed trying to hit the stumps, balance a bean bag on a bat or catch a high throw. They were all superstars and it was a really nice way to rekindle the year groups before their upcoming move up day. It was great for them to listen to the Young Leaders who were encouraging and good examples of role models.



Yrs 3 & 4

We have been busy in Year 3/4 taking part in our field events and getting ready for sports' day next week. It was the Year 3s turn to go to Chipping Norton School this week to attend a fun morning of cricket activities with our Year 2 children. It was lovely to see the children having so much fun and improve their cricket skills at the same time. A well done also goes to all Year 4 children who completed their multiplication tables check this week. They should all be proud of themselves

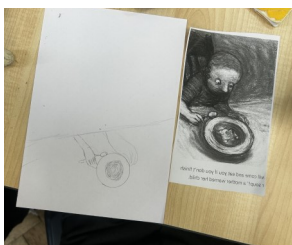


Yrs 5 & 6

It has been a busy and successful week for Year 5 and 6! We took part in a cricket festival and performed brilliantly, finishing in an impressive 2nd place. The team showed fantastic skill and teamwork, winning 3/4 matches, with each of those victories by over 100 runs—a superb achievement that everyone should be very proud of.

In Art, we have been focusing on our class text *The Island*, observing and drawing figures inspired by the story. The children have shown great creativity and attention to detail.

Preparations are also well underway for upcoming events. Play rehearsals are in full swing, with children working hard to learn lines, refine performances and build confidence. At the same time, we have begun practising for Sports Day, and the excitement is building! Well done, Year 5/6, for your enthusiasm and effort across all areas of learning.



Diary Dates

June

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

Creative Club



Stars of the Week, Value Champion & Golden Cutlery Award Winners!

Stars of the week:

Reception: **Leonora**

Year 1&2: **Frank**

Year 3&4: **Charlie H-T**

Year 5&6: **Morty**

Values Champion: **Elsie**

Golden Cutlery Award Winner:

KS1— Elliot

KS2—Ellie

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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**. 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>