



We celebrated all things VE Day last week to commemorate the 80th anniversary. The children created some wonderful art pieces as well as lots of fantastic writing! The exhibition was a real success and such a joy to welcome so many visitors!



Our Year 6's have finally finished their SATs test this week after working incredibly hard, demonstrating real perseverance and courage – very well done Year 6!

Our Year 4 class had their residential at Youlbury this week too. They had a brilliant time taking part in so many exciting and interesting activities like the leap of faith and 3G swing!

A LITTLE PLEA!

We are desperate for any donations of books and magazines suitable for our children to enjoy during their playtimes – we are all really enjoying our new zoned play times but if you do have any unwanted books and magazines, please do send them into school with your child! Thank you so much 😊

Next week looks set to be another hot week with lots of sunshine so please do remember to apply suncream in the mornings and ensure your child has a hat and water bottle.

⚠ From Monday, children can come to school wearing PE kit on their designated PE day. Any questions, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher ⚠

Have a wonderful weekend!

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Navya

Reception: Boppy, Jovan, Mohammad

Year 1: Lucas, Stephanie, TK

Year 2: Zena, Evie, Kiri

Year 3: Olaf, Caleb, Johaan

Year 4: On Residential

Year 5: Darcey, Rebeka, Amanda

Year 6: ALL OF YEAR 6!

House Points

Earth: 301 (7997)

Fire: 286 (8192)

Water: 205 (7953)

Air: 211 (7874)

Birthdays

An important message about birthdays!!!

Children can come into school in non-uniform on their birthday. This is so wonderful as everybody within our school community who sees them will know that it is their special day. If their birthday falls on a weekend, on PE day or within a school holiday the child may come in non-uniform on the Friday before or the Monday afterwards.

This week we celebrate:



Anliya – 12th May

Ethan – 14th May

Tymon – 15th May

Karlee – 18th May

Mohammad – 18th May



Let us continue to keep our new Pope in our prayers as he embarks on his new and challenging ministry:

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant, Leo, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. O Lord, guard your people, who rely on the patronage of your apostles Peter and Paul, and keep them under your continual protection. Through Christ our Lord. Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, intercede for us.

Safeguarding

If you have concerns that a child may be in immediate danger, call the police on 999 or MASH on 0345 050 7666.

If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or family, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01295 263740 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team.

Alternatively, you can email our DSL (Miss A Bingham) directly:

familysupport@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk

Early Years Class News

This week, Early Years have really loved PE lessons with Mr Mawn, he has been teaching us lots of fabulous activities to keep us fit and active. This week in PE we were revisiting some of these to improve our co-ordination and dexterity. EY work as a Unit in PE on a Tuesday and it has been amazing to see how the Nursery children, even the new starters are able to follow instructions and join in to develop their early skills and be inspired by Reception who, after a year of PE are demonstrating great fluency and co-ordination. Well done Early Years!



Year One Class News



This week in Year 1 has been full of fun and learning!

We've been working hard on counting in fives. To help us remember, we created a clapping routine, used chalk to practise outside, and sang our special counting in fives song — it's been a lively and musical way to learn!

We also began a brand-new story, Mrs Mole, I'm Home! To get to know the main character better, we carried out lots of research and created our very own fact files all about moles.

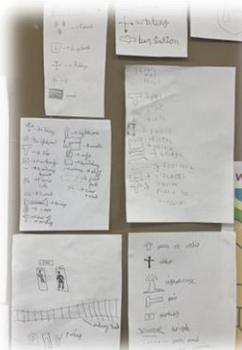
In PE, we've been making the most of the sunny weather while developing our cricket skills. We had a brilliant time outdoors practising our underarm bowling and cheering each other on.



Year Two Class News

💡 🌊 LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER'S LUNCH 🌊 🔔

We are having GREAT fun exploring the book - The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch 🍷. The children have mapped out the story beautifully, ready to write diary entries in the role of Mr Grinling later this week. We have tried hard with our writing to 'show' how a character is feeling, rather than telling. Year 2 have also studied maps in Geography and identified the different symbols on a map and what they mean! We had a go at drawing our own coastline features with symbols and they look fantastic!



Year Three Class News

We've had a busy and exciting week in Year 3, full of learning and enthusiasm. In English and Maths, we continued our study of non-chronological reports and statistics, and in both the children have demonstrated growing research skills and attention to detail. In Art, we explored Roman mosaics, learning about their significance, as well as creating our own with a focus on pattern and precision. Finally, in ICT, we set up our own Google Classroom and had our first play around with Scratch, the coding software we will be using from next week. Coding is such an important skill in the modern world and the children are excited to get started. Keep up the great work!



Year Four Class News

Residential Trip to Youlbury – What an Adventure!

We are delighted to share that our Year 4 residential trip to Youlbury was a fantastic success! The children represented the school brilliantly – their behaviour was impeccable throughout, and we couldn't be prouder of how they supported one another and rose to every challenge with enthusiasm and resilience.

Over the course of the trip, the children enjoyed a range of exciting outdoor activities including the Leap of Faith, Zip Wire, Jacob's Ladder, and the thrilling 3G Swing. Each activity encouraged teamwork, courage, and a real sense of achievement. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and proud moments as the children stepped outside their comfort zones and tried something new. These kinds of experiences create lasting memories, and we're certain this one will be talked about for a long time to come!

Year Five Class News

Year 5 Getting Active with the Youth Activators!

This term, our Year 5 pupils have been lucky to work alongside the brilliant Youth Activators, Harry and Harry. Each Tuesday, the young leaders in Year 5 have taken turns to learn from the Harrys and help get our KS1 children active and moving through fun and engaging games. As well as leading activities, Year 5 have also had the chance to enjoy some exciting group games themselves during their P.E. lessons. These sessions have not only helped them stay active but also boosted their confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. With just one week left to go, we can safely say it's been a fantastic experience. A big thank you to the Harrys for their energy, enthusiasm, and encouragement – we've really enjoyed working with you!



Year Six Class News

What a week! This week, our awesome Year Six children sat their SATs tests - and we could not be more proud! They stayed calm and did their very best throughout. We couldn't have asked for more. In the afternoons, we spent time revising, as well as some PE and art brain breaks. Well done Year Six, we are so proud of you and all that you have achieved!



GIRLS CRICKET HUB

WHERE?

BANBURY CRICKET CLUB
WHITE POST ROAD



WHEN?

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM
16TH APRIL TO MID-AUGUST
17:30 - 18:30

OPEN TO
SCHOOL
YEARS 3-8

OPTIONS?

FREE TO CURRENT YOUTH
MEMBERS
£10 NON-MEMBER FEE
FOR FULL SEASON

BOOKING?

KAREN CROSS - karencross@live.co.uk
MATT ACTON - macton@hardide.com

DAVID WILSON HOMES
WHERE QUALITY LIVES

ALLSAFE
SCAFFOLDING
Raising standards in scaffolding

Whitley Stimpson
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AND BUSINESS ADVISORS

YOUTH
ACTIVATORS
CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



The holidays are coming to life in a park near you! Join our Youth Activators for free sports and games.

The sessions are inclusive and suitable for kids aged five and over. They are drop-in, so you can come and go as you like.

WHERE YOU'LL FIND THE FUN

BANBURY

Tuesday 27 May
11am-12pm

Chandos Park

Multiskills

Tuesday 27 May
1pm-2pm

Princess Diana Park

Multiskills

BICESTER

Wednesday 28 May
1pm-2pm

West Bicester
Community Centre park

Multiskills

Thursday 29 May
10am-11am

West Bicester
Community Centre park

Multiskills



FREE!

Key Dates

Monday 19 th May	Key Stage 2 Quadkids at BGN
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 5 class assembly – all invited 9:05am
Friday 23rd May	May Procession – 2:45pm (details to follow) School finishes for May half term 3:20pm
Monday 26th – Friday 30th May - Half Term	
Monday 2nd June	School begins – School opens at 8:45am
Monday 2 nd June – Friday 13 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Table Check
Tuesday 3 rd June	Fr Hudson's Mass, Oxford (GIFT)
Wednesday 4 th June	EYFS class assembly – all invited 9:05am
Thursday 5 th June	Year 5 & 6 Dynamo Cricket at Banbury Cricket Club
Monday 9 th June – Friday 13 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 11 th June	Whole School Pilgrims of Hope Retreat Day
Wednesday 18 th June	Year 2 class assembly – all invited 9:05am
Tuesday 24 th June	National Writing Day
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 3 class assembly – all invited 9:05am Whole School Sports Day – times TBC
Thursday 26 th June	Year 3 Multi-skills at BGN
Friday 27 th June	Year 2 Cricket Festival, The Grange
Saturday 28th June	Year 3 First Holy Communion, 10.00am, at St John the Evangelist Church
Monday 30 th June – Thursday 3 rd July	Year 6 transition week at BGN
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 4 class assembly – all invited 9:05am
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 1 class assembly – all invited 9:05am
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Play 9:30am and 5:30pm
Friday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass and farewell at school (10:30am) – all invited
Friday 18th July	School finishes for summer 1:30pm
Monday 21 st July	INSET Day for staff – school closed
Tuesday 22 nd July	INSET Day for staff – school closed

Attendance to 9th May 2025 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	95.1%	Year One	99.1%
Year Two	99.1%	Year Three	97.3%
Year Four	96.2%	Year Five	100%!!!!!!!!!!!!
Year Six	97%	Whole School	98.2%