



Newsletter 6 November 17th 2025

Dear Parents

Thank you to all of you who joined the Maths afternoon, the Mental Health Session and the Open afternoon. I do hope you found them all worthwhile. It was lovely to see so many of you in the school. The next Mental Health session is on this Thursday at 1:30pm to which you are all welcome to attend regardless of whether you attended last week.

Reminder

Please complete the Parent Survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/FJqHy9Ct43>

Data Forms

Please ensure you return these to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you to those of you who have already returned them.

Thank you!

Thank you from the Wallingford Food Bank for the very generous donation of 42 advent calendars and 24 selection boxes from our families. Thank you to Vicky Blundell for organising the collection and delivering to the Food Bank.

Courage is our value of the term.

'Be strong and let your heart take courage'

Psalm 27:14

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the week ending 14th November 2025 was 97.4%

Owls led the way with 98.7%. Well done to all of you!

Every pupil needs to aim to have an attendance percentage of **96%** or higher for the school year.

Currently **73** of our children fall into this category.

Lateness

There are several families who are persistently late. This is having a very negative impact on your children and the other children in the class. Can you **PLEASE** ensure that children are in school by 8:40am at the **VERY** latest. Some children are arriving at 9:00am, which then means they are missing the valuable start to the lesson. By just being 10 minutes late every day, your child is missing 50 minutes of school a week.

Mini Christmas Fair & School Disco – Friday 5th December

We are looking forward to a festive afternoon and evening!

Disco Times 🎉 🕺

- **KS1:** 2:45–3:45pm
- **KS2:** 4:00–5:00pm

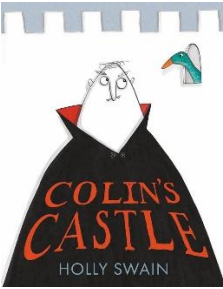
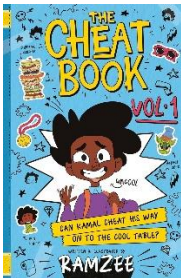

The disco will be supervised by **Mrs Lavery** and **Mrs Woody**.

TO BOOK: The cost of a disco ticket will be £7 (which includes a fruit snack and a drink). If you would like to purchase a ticket for your child, please can you email Mrs Lavery directly:

glavery@st-laurence.oxon.sch.uk

Book recommendations from Mr Hook!

Reading books is one of the keyways children learn and develop but we also foster a love of reading for pleasure. If you are looking for some inspiration for your children, why not try these books.

EYFS/KS1	Bluebirds	Eagles
<p>Colin's Castle – Holly Swain</p>  <p>When a vegetarian vampire moves into his dream castle, he soon discovers he has an unwanted house guest ...</p> <p>Colin's new castle is perfect in every way – apart from the DUCK.</p> <p>The duck pops up when Colin's in the bath. When he's watching telly. When he's ON THE LOO. QUACK!</p> <p>But where there's a will, there's a way. Colin has a PLAN. Will he succeed in banishing Duck from his castle and leading the bird-free life that he dreams of?</p>	<p>The Cheat Book - Ramzee</p>  <p>Kamal is better than anyone else in his school at fading into the background. When you're a refugee and you've started a new school three times in as many years, you learn to keep your head down.</p> <p>But, after a major puke incident in front of the whole school, being invisible is no longer an option. And when Kamal finds a mysterious CHEAT BOOK in the library that promises to help him gain popularity, he sees a chance to finally make his mark .</p>	<p>The Boy With Big Decisions – Helen Rutter</p>  <p>Fred can't make a decision about <i>anything</i> -</p> <p>his parents always tell him what to do, from what to eat every day to which secondary school to choose.</p> <p>that's how Fred has found himself a pupil at the high-pressure, strict Gains School, when he'd much rather be going to Browtree, with its brilliant art department and kind teachers.</p> <p>As Fred waits for the bus to his new school, he sees the bus for Browtree pull up - and a wild, thrilling, thought strikes him. Should he jump on this bus and pretend he's a new student at Browtree?</p> <p>Will he be brave enough to follow a different path for once?</p>

Dates for Autumn Term 2025

November	Value - Courage
Thursday 20 th	Mental Health Session 2 for parents @ 1:30pm
December	Value - Courage
Friday 5 th	School Disco & Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9 th	Robins & Owls – Dick Whittington Oxford
Wednesday 10 th	Nativity – Robins & Owls Choir singing at The Lunch Club @ 2pm
Thursday 11 th	KS2 Beauty & The Beast – Reading Nativity – Robins & Owls
Wednesday 17 th	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th	Christmas Carol Service @ St Laurence Church
Friday 19 th	Term finishes @ 1pm
January	Value - Respect

Monday 5 th	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th	Term 3 begins
Monday 12 th	Bright Sparks Science Club
Wednesday 14 th	TGC Meeting @ 4pm
Friday 16 th	Open Afternoon @ 2:30pm
Thursday 22 nd	Vision Screening
February	
Wednesday 11 th	History Guy WW2 Eagles
Friday 13 th	Break up for Half Term

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs N Cooper