



## Newsletter 5 November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dear Parents

I hope you had a wonderful week with your children. It is lovely to welcome everyone back to another busy term, with the run up to Christmas! We will very much look forward to you joining us for various events in the coming weeks.

### Parents Evenings

It was lovely to see you all at the parent's evenings before half term. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to discuss your children and see all the wonderful things they have been working on in the last term. Any questions you have, please don't hesitate to ask your class teacher.

### Data Forms

Your child will be coming home with a data form today or tomorrow. Can you please ensure that you check all the details and return to the school office? It is so important that we have up-to-date information for our children, especially contact numbers. Please ensure you inform us of any mobile phone changes. Thank you!

### Attendance

Whole school attendance for the week ending 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 was 97.4%

Owls & Eagles lead the way with 98%. 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 **70** of our children fall into this category.

Courage is our value of the term.

**'Be strong and let your heart take courage'**

Psalm 27:14

### Maths Afternoon

Next Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm, we will be holding a Maths session for parents. Please join us to see how Maths has changed since you were taught at school and see how your children are now being taught in Primary School.

### Bug Hotels

As part of our ongoing commitment to caring for our environment and encouraging wildlife in our school grounds, the School Council is leading an exciting new project to increase biodiversity by creating a series of bug hotels!

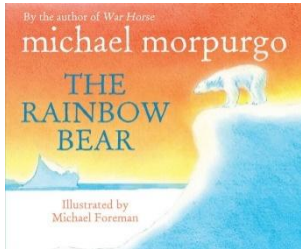

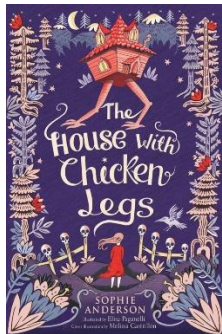
To make this project a success, we would like to ask for your support in donating materials that can be reused to help us build the hotels. The children will be working in their house groups to design and build the hotels on **Friday 7th November**.

We would be very grateful for any of the following items:

- small planks of wood
- Corrugated cardboard
- Straw or hay
- Bark chippings
- Bricks with holes
- Pine cones
- Bamboo canes
- Old plant pots
- Small logs or sticks

## 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>The Rainbow Bear – <a href="#">Michael Morpurgo</a></p>  <p>The polar bear is bored of his white environment and his hard life. He dreams of soaking himself in all the luminous colours of the rainbow. But when his wish is granted, he realises to his cost that his arctic camouflage no longer works and he needs the advice of others to escape his prism...</p>	<p>The Creakers – Tom Fletcher</p>  <p>Lucy wakes up one morning to discover something very strange indeed. All the grown-ups in her town have disappeared.</p> <p>All the other kids in Whiffington are so excited! No more grown-ups mean no more school! No more bedtime! No more rules!</p> <p>But Lucy wants her mum back – and nothing is going to stop her.</p>	<p><a href="#">The House With Chicken Legs</a> - Sophie Anderson &amp; Melissa Castrillon &amp; Elisa Paganelli</p>  <p>Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays in one place long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning.</p> <p>For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas...</p>

## Dates for Autumn Term 2025

<b>November</b>	<b>Value - Courage</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 starts
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	House Competition afternoon
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Information session for parents@ 4pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Open afternoon @ 2:30pm
<b>December</b>	<b>Value - Courage</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Disco
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Robins & Owls – Dick Whittington Oxford
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity – Robins & Owls
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Beauty & The Beast – Reading Nativity – Robins & Owls
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Carol Service @ St Laurence Church
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Term finishes @ 1pm
<b>January</b>	<b>Value - Respect</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 begins
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bright Sparks Science Club
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	TGC Meeting @ 4pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon @ 2:30pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Vision Screening
February	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	History Guy WW2 Eagles
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Half Term

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs N Cooper