



Newsletter 4 October 13th 2025

Dear Parents

Thank you for returning your parent evening forms. The appointments will be sorted and sent to you later this week. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all of you who joined in the Harvest Celebrations on Friday. I have been told by numerous people that the service was lovely and the children were wonderful. Thank you all for the generous donations which will now make their way to the Wallingford Food Bank, helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Safer Eating

Children are still having whole grapes and cherry tomatoes in snacks and lunch boxes, please can they be cut appropriately?

High-risk foods (e.g., whole grapes, cherry tomatoes, popcorn, and large chunks of meat/cheese) must be appropriately prepared—e.g., grapes and cherry tomatoes must be sliced lengthwise.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the week ending 10th October 2025 was **98.1%**

Robins lead the way with 99.2%. 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 **67** of our children fall in to this category.

Courage is our value of the term.

'Be strong and let your heart take courage'

Psalm 27:14

School Uniform




Can you please ensure your child's uniform is labelled? The amount of new uniform without names is alarming and very difficult to ensure it gets back to the right owner! Can you also please ensure that children have coats and outdoor shoes with them. Thank you!

Pupil Premium eligibility - help us to support your child Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals and a variety of other financial supports, and school receives additional funding to support your child's teaching and learning. Please help us to claim this funding by contacting the Office if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits.

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Book recommendations from Mr Hook!

Reading books is one of the key ways 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>Kicking a Ball – Allan Ahlberg</p>  <p>For anyone who can't see a ball without wanting to kick it, head it, shoot it, or boot it!</p> <p>A wonderful rhyming story to read aloud, Kicking A Ball will not disappoint fans of Allan Ahlberg. First written as a poem, the little boy in the story has been brought to life perfectly by artist Sebastien Braun. Every parent will be able to immediately relate to the simple joy felt by a boy simply kicking a ball, and how there is nothing else quite like it.</p> <p>The incomparable Allan Ahlberg takes us on a journey from childhood to fatherhood full of humour, warmth, friendship . . . and football.</p>	<p>The Wonder Team – Leah Williamson</p>  <p>When Leah discovers a mysterious time capsule with her two best friends, she opens up a whole new world of adventure! Transported a hundred years back in time, Leah, George and Mimi make an unexpected discovery – women's football has been banned!</p> <p>Along with their new friend Dot, Leah and the team must work together to make sure the all-important Championship Cup final still goes ahead. But with a mysterious figure working hard to ruin the team's chances, Leah is in a race against time to put the clues together and catch the culprit before it's too late!</p>	<p>Kick – Mitch Johnson</p>  <p>Budi's plan is simple. He's going to be a star.</p> <p>Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes.</p> <p>But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life.</p> <p>A story about dreaming big, about hope and heroes, and never letting anything stand in your way.</p>

Dates for Autumn Term 2025

October	Value - Courage
Tuesday 21 st	Parents Evening
Wednesday 22 nd	Parents Evening
Thursday 23 rd	Flu Jabs for all children
Friday 24 th	Break up for half term @ 3pm
November	Value - Courage
Monday 3 rd	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 th	Term 2 starts
Friday 7 th	House Competition afternoon
Wednesday 12 th	Maths Information session for parents@ 4pm
Friday 14 th	Open afternoon @ 2:30pm
December	Value - Courage

Friday 5 th	School Disco
Tuesday 9 th	Robins & Owls – Dick Whittington Oxford
Wednesday 10 th	Nativity – Robins & Owls
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

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs N Cooper