



Newsletter 3 September 29th 2025

Dear Parents

We are just completing our first month back in school and it hardly seems possible that we are about to enter October. Whilst the weather remains fairly dry, it is certainly starting to feel cooler. Can I ask you to make sure your child wears an appropriate coat or jacket to school, preferably one with a hood in case of showers at break and lunchtimes. Even if it is dry and sunny when you set off for school in the morning, don't rely on it staying this way for the duration of the day! We try to get the children outside as much as possible during their breaks.

Congratulations

Well done to Avy, Christopher, Sammy, Annie-Sue, Bella and Felix for receiving Star of the Week awards last Friday.

Open Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who attended the Open Afternoon on Friday. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents. Don't worry if you couldn't make Friday as the next Open Afternoon is Friday 14th November 2025.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival next Friday 10th October in St Laurence Church at 2pm, to which you are all warmly invited to attend. The children in each class have been creating various things to share with you! From songs to poems!

PLEASE can we have donations of non-perishable food for the Harvest? Please drop into the school office this week. All food will be going to the Wallingford Food Bank. Thank you!

Safer Eating

ODST have created a trust wide 'Safer Eating' Policy, which highlights many things. One of the main things highlighted is:

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.**

Can I please ask that any snacks or packed lunches are prepared appropriately? Thank you!

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 26th September 2025 was **98.4%**

Robins & Bluebirds lead the way with 99%. Well done to all of you!

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


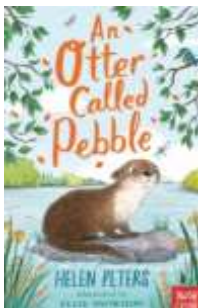

Currently **66** of our children fall in to this category.

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! Thank you!

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	Bulebirds	Eagles
<p>Where to hide a Star – Oliver Jeffers</p>  <p>Once there was a boy who would often play hide-and-seek with his friends the star and the penguin. The star was always easy to find, but one day it went missing. So, the boy radioed the Martian for help and soon found himself on an exciting spaceship rescue mission to the North Pole! But there, he discovered that he wasn't the only one who had always dreamed of having a star as a friend...</p>	<p>An Otter Called Pebble – Helen Peters</p>  <p>Jasmine and Tom rescue a tiny otter cub, Pebble, from the river. Before the pair know it, they face a race against time to reunite Pebble with her elusive family.</p> <p>As with Helen Peters' other animal rescue stories, this book is filled with hope and determination, empowering children to make a difference to the natural world around them. Its short chapters and line illustrations offer an enjoyable adventure alongside fascinating insights into protected wildlife.</p>	<p>Time Travellers – Sufiya Ahmed</p>  <p>When adventure calls – the Time Travellers answer. Suhana, Mia and Ayaan are thrown together on a trip to Parliament, where they are fascinated by all the history that happened there. Little do they suspect that they'll be LIVING that history when they are transported back to 1911! Finding themselves in the middle of a women's suffrage demonstration, they are amazed to see people from all over the world taking part. Suhana wants to explore but Mia and Ayaan are anxious to get back. Then they lose each other... Will they be able to return to the present without changing the course of history forever?</p>

Dates for Autumn Term 2025

October	Value - Courage
Tuesday 7 th	History Guy – Bluebirds, Vikings Day
Friday 10th	Harvest Festival @ St Laurence Church 2pm
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
November	Value - Courage
Monday 3rd	INSET Day
Tuesday 4th	Term 2 starts
Wednesday 12th	Maths Information session for parents
Friday 14th	Open afternoon @ 2:30pm