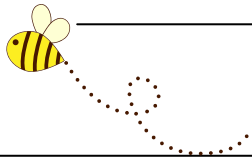




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A message from Mrs Thomas

Well, what changeable weather we have had! However, it hasn't stopped the children getting out and enjoying our OPAL play outside every lunchtime. Just a reminder to please make sure they have a coat in school!

This week, the provision has continued, with the addition of crates and bubbles (not at the same time!). The children have access to crates on the field that they can use to stack /walk on / get inside / role play with. They have been taught in their OPAL assembly to assess what is 'safe enough' while they are playing with them.



We have also introduced bubbles on the circle playground. This is a quieter area to play. They can use the bubble mixture to blow bubbles, make movements with the bubble wands, spin with them and pop the bubbles. Again, they have been taught to use the bubbles carefully so that they are 'safe enough' and bubble mixture doesn't get in eyes!

We hope you enjoyed seeing the children play at our outcome event last Friday. It was so lovely to see over 200 visitors coming to join in play and the children were very excited! Throughout the 18 month programme, we will continue to introduce new areas and equipment to play with. Hot off the press...we are going to have an enormous sandpit to add to our play provision!!



Mrs Chappell and I have really enjoyed getting into classes over the last few weeks to see how the children are learning in their lessons. It has been so great to see such positive learning behaviours and attitudes towards their work in classes across the school.



Year 6 have been loving their Macbeth learning and were so keen to write their final pieces linked to the first scene.



The buzz in Year 5 around their Cloud Busting poems has been fantastic! We saw some very inventive shape poems being created - well done Year 5.

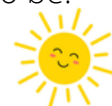


In Year 4, we saw some amazing attitudes and perseverance towards their maths work. The children were working brilliantly in pairs to use their written methods to solve word problems.

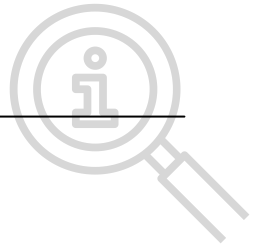
Year 3 have absolutely loved learning about the layers of the Earth. There were real WOW moments when they cut their Play Doh Earths in half! So lovely to witness.

Great attitudes towards learning, fantastic learning behaviours and a lovely calm atmosphere. What an amazing place to be!

Have a lovely weekend and fingers crossed the sun will come out! Mrs Thomas

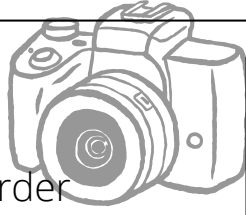


Whole School Information



Class Photos

As per our email today the order deadline is 24th June 2026 for free delivery to school.



Extra Clothing for Wet Weather

A reminder that, with OPAL playtimes in mind and children going out to play in all weathers, additional clothing may be required. Although children are encouraged to wear their coats, there may be times when it is warmer but the ground or equipment is wet. If your child is likely to get wet and they would like spare clothes for the afternoon, please feel free to pop a set in their bag so they can leave them in their locker.

Dinner Debt

With the school year coming to an end, please can we remind everyone to clear their school dinner debts on Arbor.

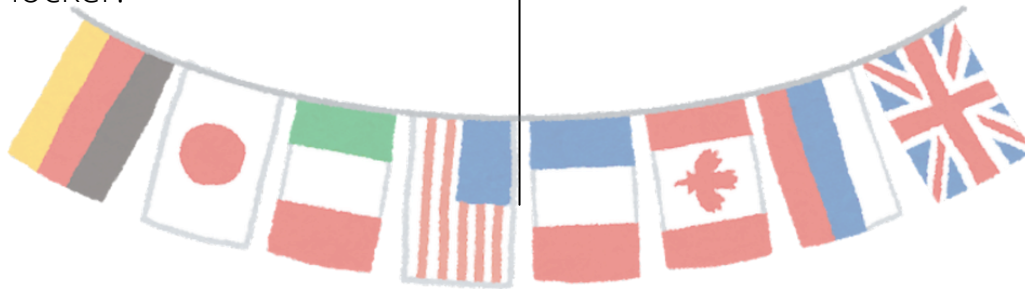
Outcome Event

It was great to see so many of you last week. We were so happy to show you our progress with OPAL and the children loved everyone getting involved!



Sports Day

A massive well done to everyone for today. We look forward to hearing the results soon... but the main thing is everyone enjoyed themselves!



Let's celebrate EAL and EARA within the school community

We would love to celebrate the rich diversity of our school community! If your family is marking a special event, festival, or tradition at home, we warmly invite you to share it with us. Photos and short descriptions are very welcome—these will help us create a vibrant display on our school EARA and EAL boards, showcasing different cultures, religions, and celebrations. Your contributions will help children learn about and appreciate the world around them. Please send this to the school office email account. Thank you for helping us make our school an inclusive and inspiring place!





Achievements



House Points

The current total for the year is: 435,436,880. Well done!

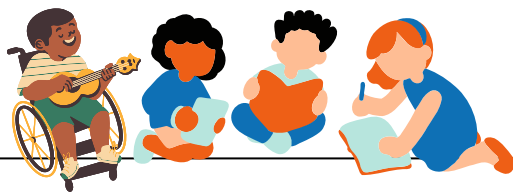
House	Points totals for this term
Farah	25,069 
Gershwin	23,704
Rowling	23,284
Newton	22,862

Stars of the Week/Growth Mindset



Congratulations to the following children who were awarded "Star of The Week"/"Growth Mind Set" Award last week: we are proud of you!

Class 1: Nicholas, Arabella	Class 2: Aliza, Emily H	Class 3: Alba, Ridley
Class 4: Emily, Ceecee	Class 5: Harper, Paul	Class 6: Emily, Zafina
Class 7: Issy, Ishaan	Class 8: Sophia, Blake	Class 9: Henley, Mila
Class 10: Ezra, Christy	Class 11: Freddie N, Anishka	Class 12: Flynn, Aiden



Year Group Updates

Year 3

We can't quite believe how quickly the end of the year is approaching - there are only a few newsletters left!

A big congratulations to the children who have reached the next level in certificates - 'Hatch Warren Champion Learner'. We are excited and determined with our sights firmly set on the next level and the all-important trophy!

We have been fully volcano-ified across a range of subjects, with our learning centred around mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. In English, we have been preparing to write volcano narratives, practising key features such as similes alliteration.

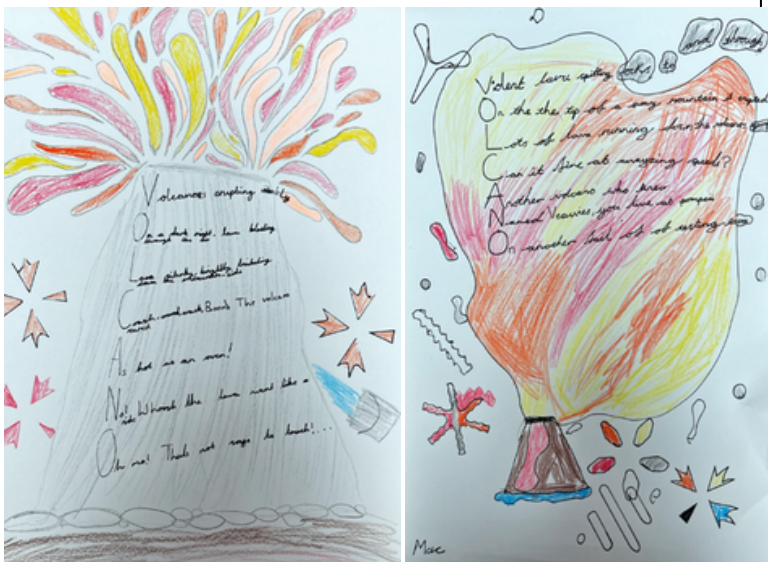
In science, we have explored types of rocks and how they're formed.

In guided reading, we have been enjoying 'Escape to Pompeii', using our inference skills to read between the lines.

Meanwhile, in geography, we have begun our learning journey exploring the layers of the Earth. The children had a 'WOW' moment when they sliced their playdoh Earths in half to reveal the different layers inside!

And as if that wasn't enough, we are about to begin our Hokusai-inspired art unit where children will create their own artwork based on his famous pieces (many of which feature Mount Fuji)!

To keep with our theme, have a look at Mac and Edie's acrostic poems to see if you can spot some of the features we've been learning about...



Year 4

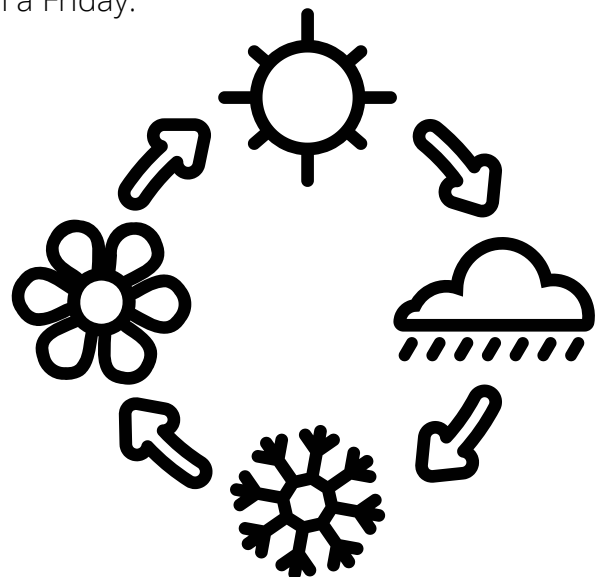
It is great to be back after a restful half term break, ready for a busy final term! We have lots of things to look forward to, including camp!

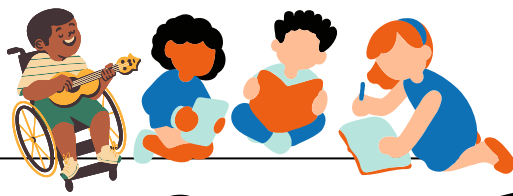
The children have all finished the Multiplication Check and we are awaiting the results. The children tackled the task with enthusiasm and are eager to find out their scores

In English this term, we are looking at explanations and linking this to our Geography topic about weather and climate. In maths, we are going to be applying our skills of all four operations to real life problems and in art we are going to be using iPads to produce some digital art.

Home learning will be continuing with the children using TTRockstars. Even though we have completed the multiplication checks, it is important that they do this as it will give them practice for the upcoming learning in Year 5!

Please see class teachers if you need a reminder of the password or have any issues accessing it. Please also remind children to bring their library books with them to change during library sessions - classes 4 and 6 on a Thursday and class 5 and 6 on a Friday.





Year Group Updates

Year 5

It has been a busy few weeks in Year 5. In English, the children have really enjoyed the poetry book Cloud Busting and writing and performing some of their own poems.

In maths, they have been looking at properties of number, focusing on factors, prime, square and cube numbers. Next week in science, we will start our RSE unit looking at how the children's bodies will change and develop and the importance of understanding and controlling their emotions.

In history, the children have learnt all about Thomas Beckett and Henry II and who was to blame for Thomas' death. In art, we looked at sketching using line and tone, and had a go at drawing the Globe Theatre.

It was great seeing so many of you at the Opal parent outcome afternoon. We hope you got a real taste of how we are trying to promote more play interaction between the children.

We hope you enjoy the Sports Day at the end of the week.

Have a great weekend,

The Year 5 team

Recommended read:



Almond, David

Brand New Boy

When George arrives at school the teachers are buzzing with excitement and the children believe he is strange but likeable all at the same time. Dan and Maxie soon realise that there is more to George than they imagined! A thought provoking read at KS2.

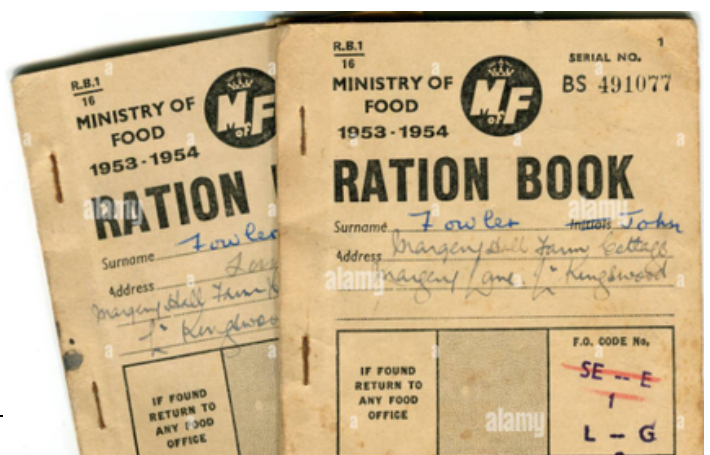
Year 6

It has been a busy start to the second half of the summer term.

Our Macbeth English writing unit is proving to be very popular and the children have been thoroughly absorbed in writing a narrative version of the opening scene from the play. They are enjoying attempting to capture the mood and atmosphere of the stormy heath and the appearance of the three witches.

Our new history topic focusses on how Britain rebuilt itself after the end of World War 2. The children have been amazed at how the country changed with the introduction of the NHS and Welfare State. We have also been learning about how rationing didn't stop for at least another 9 years after the war ended. We are using the rationing link in our DT project. The children will be creating scone recipes based on ingredients that would have been available in 1945. We have been discussing the availability and seasonality of fruits and vegetables that are native to Britain, and about how people became creative in making their basic rations go further.

The children have now all received their roles in our Year 6 production of 'Gigglebox' and it has been great to see them get stuck in to rehearsals and learning the songs. We appreciate any support that you can give with learning lines and songs words.

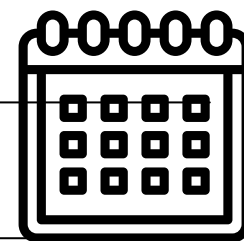


Student Achievements



We love celebrating our children - if you have any achievements to share to with us please email a photograph of your child and description of the achievement to the school office stating your permission to add it to the newsletter and we will add it to this page for everyone to celebrate with us.

Dates for your Diary



Please find below a list of upcoming dates for your diary:

- Friday 25th & 26th June 2026 - Year 6 Basingstoke Schools Secondary Transition Days – more info to arrive from your secondary school
- Thursday 2nd July 2026 - Year 5 day at Brighton Hill Community School
- Friday 3rd July 2026 - Year 4 Camp
- Monday 6th July 2026 - INSET DAY – school is closed to pupils
- Thursday 9th July 2026 - Year 3 – Listen2Me Concert PM – more info to follow
- Friday 10th July 2026 - Move-Up Morning (including for new Y3 children)
- Monday 13th July 2026 - Move-Up Morning (including for new Y3 children)
- Monday 13th July 2026 - Year 6 – Listen2Me Concert PM – more info to follow
- Tuesday 14th July 2026 - Year 5 - Listen2Me Concert PM – more info to follow
- Tuesday 14th July 2026 - Year 6 Oscars Party
- Wednesday 15th July 2026 - Year 4 - Listen2Me Concert PM – more info to follow
- Monday 20th July 2026 - Rock2theBeat Concert for parents whose children attend
- Monday 20th July 2026 - Year 6 Picnic
- Tuesday 21st July 2026 - Year 6 Performance – Evening at BHCS – more info to follow
- Wednesday 22nd July 2026 - LAST DAY OF TERM – EARLY COLLECTION 2.30PM – Forms to follow