



"You are the light of the world, let your light shine!"

Whaddon School Newsletter

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Dear parents,

May Fayre

We hope that you enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend, especially the May Fayre, which took place, this Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many people in attendance. The children did a fantastic job of maypole dancing and we are extremely grateful to all who supported, volunteered, BBQ'd and provided the messages and music. A lot of hard work and tireless dedication went into ensuring the day went without a hitch and was enjoyed by the school, village and wider communities. Once the final total raised is received, we will share it with you. A huge thank you to FOWS for organising the highlight of the school year.

School Census 15th May

We would be grateful for as many parents who are eligible for universal free school lunches (Hedgehogs and Squirrels) to order school lunches, for the 15th May. This ensures that the school receive the funding required to subsidise the lunches, in the following year. If your child doesn't usually have a packed lunch it would be a good time to try one. Nothing will get wasted!

Farm visit

Whaddon School have been invited to visit a working farm, on 21st May. This visit will enable children to experience first-hand, the journey of wool from lamb, to sheep, to fleece, to crafting projects. Alongside this, there will be the opportunity to feed the lambs, observe the cows and calves and experience a tractor trailer ride.

In order to help us ensure all paperwork is in order, ahead of the visit, please can parents complete the consent and medical forms issued via ParentMail by Mrs Ellis returning them to school no later than the **9th May**. Payments should be made in the usual way, via ParentMail. Should you require support with making these payments online, please let the office know.

Admissions September 2025

We have had the first round of applicants for our reception cohort for those children starting school, in September 2025. Due to the recent low birth years that have been experienced across North Bucks, we have some spaces in our wonderful reception class. If you know anyone who is unhappy with their allocation of school, or is looking for an inclusive and vibrant reception experience, with amazing outcomes and small ratios of children to adults, please pass our name and contact details on. Viewings can be arranged.

Should you know of anyone with a marketing or PR background, who would be willing to discuss promotion of our wonderful school, please ask them to get in touch with the office so we can discuss a marketing strategy/ PR campaign.

VE day 80th celebration

On Thursday 8th May, Whaddon School will be commemorating VE day, which heralded the wonderful news that the war in Europe had ended, 80 years ago. We are marking the occasion with a range of activities related to life in Wartime Britain, music, recipes and the impact of rationing. We will be visiting the memorial at Jubilee Hall, to remember those who fought for our freedom. Lunch will be a special occasion, in the form of a street party layout, in the hall. Hot lunches and packed lunches are fine, so there are no preparations required. If you wanted to enter into the spirit, then please provide your child with a celebratory packed lunch. Unfortunately, items must not be shared, due to allergies and intolerances, individual small cakes/cake bars are permitted, for this special occasion, but are optional.

Swimming lessons

The Key Stage 2 visits to Bletchley Leisure Centre went swimmingly, last week and the children had a great time! Feedback overheard on the coach was that despite being a little apprehensive, they really enjoyed the lessons and couldn't wait for the next lesson. There were lots of tired, but happy children!



School website link

Please find the link to our website, below, which is also referenced at the top of this newsletter. Our website has many photos on the main page and class pages showing the children engaging in many exciting and

engaging learning activities. Alongside these, are overviews of the learning taking place this half term. <https://www.whaddon.bucks.sch.uk/web/>

Sunny weather

Summer has come early! To stay safe and well outside, even on cloudy days, please can children bring named sun hats to school. If sunglasses have been prescribed then they can come into school. We do ask that sunglasses are left at home, in all other instances. Please apply sun cream, at home, before your child comes to school. If they are able to reapply, independently, that is great, an adult will support, but they are not able to apply it to your child. Please check that the sun cream brought in is named and does not contain nuts or nut products.



Landscape art competition



As revealed in collective worship, last Friday, Teacher Read has organised an art competition which will focus on landscapes and silhouettes. For this competition, we are focussing on VE day. We will be celebrating our British Values and remembering those who fought to protect them. We are looking for British landscapes with a silhouetted soldier(s) over them. You can use any medium you wish- paint, collages, pencil, your choice- so long as it's a landscape of the British landscape. It may be interesting to include local scenery...we

are looking forward to seeing what you create! Please submit any artwork to Teacher Read with your name and class on the back before **8th May**.

Volunteers

Thank you to all those parents who have come in to support the children. If you can help us with listening to readers, forest school or supporting in DT or Art activities- or any other areas of school, please let us know. We always appreciate the benefit of the skills and talents in our parent community.

Forest school

From 6th June, until the end of the school year, forest school will be taking place in the mornings. Please ensure that your child has the correct clothing, in order to keep them safe, during their forest school experience. Our forest school uniform list is on the website on the uniform tab. Children must wear long sleeves and long trousers, even in warm weather, this is to prevent scratches, tick bites and sun burn.

PLEASE CAN THE SPARE FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHING BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL!

Homework

Homework for the Summer term can be found on the class pages of our school website. We do ask that: reading is completed at least 5 times per week, TTRS and Spag.com platforms are engaged with, as frequently especially with the multiplication checks taking place in the Summer term, for year 4. This is not just good for practice and recall but the TTRS platform is very similar to the format of the actual times table check format.



Uniform



Should you require more uniform items, or information about what makes up our uniform, please head to our **website** and **click on the uniform tab** for our providers.

Friends of Whaddon School will notify parents of the pre-loved uniform sales that will be held this term. Forest School uniform is also available on this page.

Arrival times

We would like to remind parents that registration is at **08.30am** and **parents and children should be on the playground ready for collection by the adult at 08.25am latest.**

The gate will be shut at 08.35am. Late late arrivals will be buzzed in and signed in by a member of staff, who will require a reason for the late arrival, in order for us to record this for the local authority.

Celebration / class sharing assemblies...

We warmly welcome parents and family members to attend our celebration/class sharing collective worships, on Friday mornings. **The dates for the summer term sharing assemblies are available on the school calendar, on our website.**

We endeavour to communicate any changes to the published dates to you, via ParentMail, as soon as we are able. We aim to notify you, if your child is receiving an award, by the Thursday before the Friday collective worship.

Should your child have been awarded a certificate or medal, outside of school, please let us know, so that we can share this achievement, as a school. Please ensure that the school office is notified, in advance of the assembly, to help us manage the timings of the worship.



P.E days...

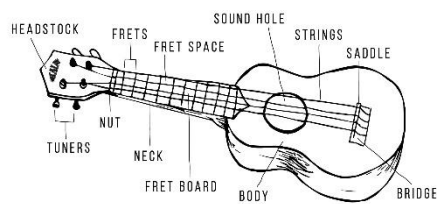
Hedgehogs	Tuesday
Squirrels	Thursday
Badgers	Friday
Foxes	Wednesday



Physical Education

Music lessons

PARTS OF THE UKULELE



Music lessons will continue with MK music co-operative guitar and ukulele, Wednesdays 11.15-12.00pm

Mr Dunham's music lessons Clarinet, flute and piano, will remain on Mondays

Payment is to be made directly to the music teacher.

French club

French club is open to children of all ages. If parents are interested in their child attending, during Thursday lunch time, they should **contact Madame Lepelletier via the school office email address.**



Dates for your diary...

4th May Whaddon May Fayre ALL AFTERNOON!

5th May BANK HOLIDAY **SCHOOL CLOSED!**

6th May last reading booster group Year 6

7th May last maths booster group Year 6

12th May Key Stage 2 SATS week Mon-Thurs

21st May Farm visit ALL DAY

23rd May Badgers sharing assembly

6th June Squirrels sharing assembly

9th June Multiplication check Year 4

10th June phonics screening check Year 1 and some Year 2

10th June parent stay and play session Reception cohort September 2025. **3.30-4.30pm**

13th June Fathers' day assembly 08.40am school hall

19th June Lisa Jeffries whole class photographs



Please see the website for other calendar dates- link to website can be found above.



Thank you to our reading and forest school volunteers!

Thank you to FOWS for your hard work in organising what will be a wonderful May Fayre!

Thank you, Reverend Dove, for your lovely Collective Worships, on Thursdays.

Thank you to the people in the village who continue to support the learning experiences of the children with their generous donations of crafting materials.