

WHADDON NEWS

Autumn Term 1

Thank you everyone for joining us for a most wonderful Harvest Festival. The children performed brilliantly and the smiles on everyone's faces said it all. Huge thanks for your generous donations for the Food Bank. This will make a real difference to the families who use this service.



Father, as we celebrate this season of thanksgiving We give thanks for the blessings of food, provision and nourishment. Please grow in us a harvest for the world. Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord, that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance. Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord, that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion and righteousness. Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community. May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us into a harvest that can be feasted on by all. Amen.

Our New Whaddonites!



Welcome

Beatrix, Blake, Brunon, Elodie,
Isabelle, Jacob, Jemima, Karam,
Minha, Olivia, Sariah and Theo!

Forest School





Learning Outside the Classroom

Autumn Walks for Year 1

The Year 1 children have been making the most of the sunny autumn weather to go on a couple of local walks. During the first one they used their five senses to find out all about autumn - seeing tractors, hearing birds, smelling a bonfire, feeling the fresh wind and tasting blackberries! Then during the second walk they gathered ideas for an autumn poem, coming up with a lot of good adjectives to describe what they could see, hear, smell, feel and taste.



Squirrel and Badgers' Trip to Waddesdon

On Friday 8th of October Badgers and Squirrels visited Waddesdon Manor. Our teachers were Mr Small, Mrs Darnley and Mrs Williams. Our guide was Amelia.

Amelia took us to the power house, where we put our bags. Next we learned about bulbs and daffodils, which was fun. Then we made a Daffodil and Tulip lasagne, which was not a real lasagne! It's layers of daffodils and tulips. It's Tulips on top and daffodils on the bottom. After that we planted 1400 daffodils in Daffodil Valley. Next we had lunch on the steps of the manor house. After lunchtime we made paper tulips to give to our family at the stables. Finally we went back to school. I had a lot of fun. I hope we go back again.

By Mercy





Mantle of the Expert

Percy's Park Keepers.

The children in Hedgehog Class have been helping out Percy the Park Keeper. Unfortunately there was a huge storm in his park so he has recruited the children as his fellow park keepers to help out. So far, the children have rescued injured animals, giving them medicine, TLC and bandages, and are in the middle of deciding what to do about a large number of birds whose tree has fallen down. The Year 1 children have been learning a lot about mammals, birds, carnivores, herbivores, omnivores and map making! The Reception children are definitely enjoying their first Mantle and are becoming very good at stepping into the story!



The Ancient Oak Tree.

In Squirrel Class this half-term the children became a team of Arboriculturists. They are passionate about an ancient oak tree and the animals that shared their habitats with it. Unfortunately, there was a terrible storm which affected the tree and its inhabitants greatly. Sadly, following the storm, the Mayor of the village declared the tree as a health and safety concern and has insisted the tree be cut down. The villagers (Squirrel class) were outraged by this and are doing everything in their powers to prevent it. Thanks to the research, care and consideration of the arboriculturists the tree may be saved and the animals may survive. There are particular concerns for Scaredy Squirrel who is currently stuck at the top of an unsafe tree with no food. Thankfully the Squirrels managed to design a pulley system, to hoist fresh acorns up to Scaredy Squirrel. The story will continue in November.

Roman Legionaries.

This half term the legionaries of Badger Class have been patrolling the northern frontier of the Roman empire. Whilst doing this they have created their own shields and performed manoeuvres, designed a Roman fort, learnt some Latin phrases and started to decipher Roman numerals. Clay animals have been made as mementoes of their homeland and a meeting with a Celtic tribe has been organised for just half term. We can't wait to hear what they have to say!

An Autumnal Sports Afternoon.

Having missed our summer Sports Afternoon for the second July in a row, Whaddon School decided to do things a little bit differently and hold an autumnal one instead! It was a lovely way to start the new school year and having the school community back together again was really special. The children took part enthusiastically (including some of our brand new ones!), as did many of their parents and other adults. The weather was probably slightly better than it would have been in July - sunny, but not too warm - leading to a really wonderful afternoon.





Thank you all for coming and joining in!

Message from our Chair of Governors ...

I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Whaddon C of E Primary School. My name is Amanda Hardman and I have been a governor for the school since we moved to the village in 2019. I have also just become a parent at the school with a new little Hedgehog who is thoroughly enjoying his new learning environment.

I would like to thank Charlotte, our previous Chair of Governors, for all she has done over the past two years – especially during the tricky times of a global pandemic, an Ofsted inspection, SIAMS inspection and achieving our goal of school expansion.

I am excited to take on the role of Chair and aim to help anywhere I can within the school community. I am stepping into the role at an excellent time with the school expanding each year and all of the excitement that this entails. As governors we aim to work closely with the school community to help each child to thrive and reach their full potential while supporting all staff along the way.

The governing board is continuing to look for new members so if you or anyone you know would be interested to join us, I'd love to have a chat about the roles and all that we do.

I look forward to meeting many of you - parents, carers, pupils and staff over the coming months and, should you have any questions for me, I can be contacted via the school office.

Enjoy the half term break,

Amanda

Chair of Governors

Super Squirrels

Shout-Outs!

Arlo - for his interesting contributions in class.

Arrany - for always being a kind and smiley friend.

Beau- for learning a lot of new things.

Callie - for being a positive role model.

Elena - for her positive attitude to learning.

Given - for being a supportive class member.

Hattie - for great contributions during SPaG.

Henry - for always challenging himself.

Hope - for remembering to use her dictionary!

Izzy - for her super attitude to learning.

Jack - for super contributions to Mantle.

Nyah - for being a kind and thoughtful friend.

Olivia - for having a positive outlook.

Romily - for developing independence in maths.

Rene - for showing great endurance in learning.

Seb - for his enthusiasm in class.

Sienna - for showing great endurance in learning.

Taylor - for her great attitude to learning.

Teddy - for taking responsibility for his learning.

William E - for his super work building a hoist.

William W- for his super speedy maths facts.

News from the Hedgehog Burrow

Emily and Rupert have done some fantastic writing.

Arthur and Joshua have learnt to put finger spaces in their writing.

Erica and Tori have created some careful and beautiful pieces of art work.

Matthew has been very enthusiastic and sharing lots of ideas during our class learning.

Rosie and Zara have been showing endurance with some tricky maths.

Hannah and Flynn have been reading stories to other children

Ewan has been a great member of Percy's Park Keepers, with great contributions to our drama and story.

The Reception children have been becoming wonderful members of Hedgehog class.

Dhwani has been doing an incredible job of learning her spellings.

Brilliant Badgers Shout Out

Well done to Archie who has shown excellent enthusiasm for our Mantle of the Expert work.

Indy has wowed me with her wonderful story writing which has a great sense of humour and style in it.

Archiejack has worked really hard on his reading and comprehension skills, fantastic!

Isla's enthusiasm for using her maths skills is brilliant and she is always happy to share her knowledge of times tables that she knows.

Henry has shown lots of willing and interest in our Mantle work too—he has created some fantastic story writing to go alongside it!

Well done Mercy on your great enquiry skills that have helped you with your fact finding in Mantle and writing about the Celts!

Elizabeth has been a brilliant learner in Maths and French, showing her skills at understanding the French number system! Bravo!

Thank you to all of the Badgers for continuing to check on me and make sure that I am safe and healthy!

Dates for your Diary for Autumn Term 2021

Date	Event	Time	Venue
1st Nov	Welcome Back	8.50	School
2nd Nov	PTMs Badgers, Hedgehogs and Squirrels	All day	Zoom
3rd Nov	PTMs—Hedgehogs and Squirrels	All day	Zoom
4th Nov	Diwali Day—Whole school	All day	School
11th Nov	Remembrance—Whole school	11.00	Memorial
18th Nov	Key Stage 2—First aid training	9.15-10.45	School
25th Nov	FOWS Winter disco		School Hall
1st Dec	Christmas craft day	All day	School
9th Dec	Key Stage 1—Nativity	18.00	School Hall
10th Dec	Key Stage 1—Nativity	18.00	School Hall
15th Dec	Christingle—Whole School and families	14.00	St Mary's Church
16th Dec	Christmas lunch	12.00	School Hall
16th Dec	Christmas Party—Whole school	13.00 –15.00	School Hall
17th Dec	Pantomime	13.00	Milton Keynes Theatre

**SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS
2021/2022**

AUTUMN TERM 2021	Wednesday 1 September	Friday 22 October
	Monday 1 November	Friday 17 December
SPRING TERM 2022	Monday 3 January	Friday 18 February
	Monday 28 February	Friday 8 April
SUMMER TERM 2022	Monday 25 April	Friday 27 May
	Monday 6 June	Thursday 21 July

TERM TIME BANK

HOLIDAYS 2021/2022

Monday 3rd January 2022

Monday 2nd May 2022

INSET DAYS 2021/2022

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 18th July 2022

Tuesday 19th July 2022

Wednesday 20th July 2022