



“You are the light of the world, let your light shine!”

Whaddon School Newsletter

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Dear parents, please find this week's newsletter.

Mothers' Day service

Thank you to all the mums and family who attended the school's Mothers' Day service, this morning. It was lovely to see how hard the children had worked to convey their gratitude and love to their mums.

Health and Safety audit

We were visited by a member of the Local Authority Health and Safety team, on the 17th March and we received the final report, on Wednesday, this week.

We are proud to share with you that we received a grade A, which is the highest level awarded. We are grateful to all those who helped us prepare for the audit.

Red nose day 2025

The final count of donations made was a whopping £60. Thank you for the generous donations made!

Mufti day Easter egg donations



Thank you for the many chocolate eggs that were donated, on mufti day. Raffle tickets will be available from FOWS on the playground, at 50p each ticket **CASH ONLY.**

Alternatively, parents can email FOWS to advise that they would like to buy raffle tickets via friendsofwhaddon@gmail.com

House egg hunt

We will be having our annual house egg hunt, after the service at St. Mary's church.

The children do not need to wear house colours, but they will need suitable footwear for the hunt, as the grass may be wet and boggy.



School website link

Please find this link to our website, which is referenced in 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



It seems as though Spring is becoming more established and the sunny weather could be with us for a while longer. To stay safe and well outside, please can children bring named sun hats to school. If sunglasses have been prescribed then they can come into school, but we do ask that sunglasses are left at home in all other instances.

Trading cards and toys in school

We would like to remind everyone that trading card games are not permitted in school. Staff have recently spent a long time unpicking what belongs to whom and some children have been quite upset around misunderstandings of ownership. We appreciate that sometimes such cards make their way into school, unbeknown to parents, but we would like to take this opportunity to state these cards and toys are not to be brought into school to avoid any loss or misunderstandings in future.

May fayre tombola prizes

Please bring any items, suitable for tombola prizes, to school. Please can expiry dates be checked, so they cover the period after the May Fayre.

May fayre match funding

Do you know of a company or work for a company who provide match funding for charitable events? If so, they FOWS team would love to hear from you.

May fayre raffle prizes

If you know of a company, or work for a company who are able to provide raffle prizes, for the May Fayre raffle, please let the FOWS know, via the school office email.



**WHADDON SCHOOL
MAY FAYRE**

Sunday 4th May 2025

WHAT'S ON?
Maypole Dance | Stalls | Tombola | Games | Raffle |
Bar | BBQ | Cakes | Dance Demo | & more

ON THE DAY
12.30pm Procession & Parade From St Mary's Church
1pm-4pm Fayre with games, stalls and BBQ school grounds

Can you help?
We are collecting Filled jars, unopened bottles, teddies and cakes. We are also looking for on the day volunteers.

Whaddon Primary School,
Stock Lane, Whaddon, MK17 0LS
Friends of whaddon@gmail.com

Many hands make light work! If you are available to support the set-up, stall running or take down on the day, please let a member of FOWS know, so they can organise the right number of stalls for the support available.



Seed tray request

The children will be planting seedlings in the coming weeks and we welcome any seed trays, in order to do this across the three classes- in forest school. Please bring any seed trays you may no longer need to school for the children to use. Thank you!

Easter bonnet competition

Calling all crafters! Can you design and make a wonderful Whaddon Easter bonnet? This half term, we are holding a competition to present your original Easter bonnet, in our Easter parade, which will take place on the last day of term: **Thursday 3rd April**. The bonnets will be judged and winners selected by Reverend Dove, after the parade.

Any hat, cap bonnet will do, as long as it is decorated to celebrate Easter/Spring. Bonnets can be decorated with any crafting material or handmade items as long as the bonnet can be worn on your head! There will be a prize for the winner! All bonnets should be brought to school in a named bag. Good Luck- Teacher Read.

Volunteers

If you can help us with listening to readers, forest school or supporting in DT or Art activities please let us know. We always appreciate the benefit of the skills and talent in our parent community.

Forest school

Unfortunately, due to low uptake in numbers, Green Planet Forest School will not be offering the forest school after school club, from September 2025. We are all disappointed, as it is a much loved club. Should you wish for your child to join the forest school club, for the remainder of this school year, please head to the Green Planet Forest School website and click on the Whaddon School link to book the places you need. <https://www.green-planet.co.uk/for-parents/>

Please ensure that your child had a complete change of clothing. If they get excessively wet or muddy they will feel cold and miserable for the afternoon. Unfortunately, we do not have sufficient spare clothing, as it has been issued and not returned to school.

A few children are not bringing their forest school uniform to school, which has meant that they are not engaging in the full forest experience, as it is not safe for them to do so, without the correct clothing.

Every child participating in forest school must have the correct clothing to participate. Information about what to provide can be found on the uniform section of the school website- link above- or by contacting the school office.

Homework



Homework for the Spring 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, 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 next

term.

Please remember that our uniform **does not** include nail varnish, eye make-up **or ornate hair accessories**. Jewellery, other than sleeper earrings, is not permitted, for health and safety reasons. Sleeper earrings (studs not hoops) must be covered with tape, for PE lessons. Please ensure that any post- Christmas party nails are removed for the school week. Long hair must be tied back for health and safety and concentration reasons. Any pupils coming to school with long hair that is down will be given a hair band to tie it back.

Absence

Please can parents let the office know, **no later than 08.30am**, if your child is unwell or going to be late in for any reason. This helps us complete our registers accurately, in a timely way. Any absences that have not been reported by parents, in person, by phone or email will be followed up by the school as part of our safeguarding commitment. More information on this is available in our child protection and safeguarding policies, on our website. Children who have been reported as unwell previously still need to be reported **each day** that the child is absent from school.

Timings...

Parents bringing their children onto the playground are welcome from 08.20am. When it is raining, we allow the children to go straight to their classes, without needing to line up.

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.



Getting to school on time really matters. Did you know...

If in a school year, you are late every day by...	You would have lost approximately...	or you would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	18 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	35 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	50 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	73 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	110 Lessons

**You should not take holidays during term time.
Please be punctual to maintain attendance.
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity**

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.**

Sometimes these dates have to be changed, due to other events that arise, throughout the school year. We endeavour to communicate these to you, via Parentmail, as soon as possible.

We aim to notify you, if your child is receiving an award, by the Thursday before the Friday collective worship. The children will not know if you are able to attend or not.

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

P.E days...

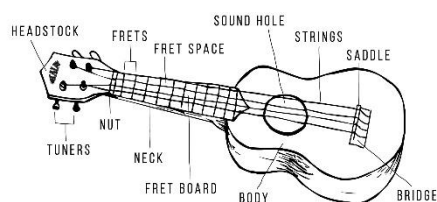
1st April: Hedgehogs and Squirrels will need their PE kit this Tuesday.

Badgers class will be having P.E on Thursday 3rd April, as the school is closed on Friday 4th for INSET.

Hedgehogs	Tuesdays
Squirrels	Thursday
Badgers	Friday
Foxes	Wednesday

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...

1st April Hedgehogs and Squirrels class PE together

3rd April Easter service St. Mary's church 08.40am

3rd April Easter egg hunt in house teams

3rd April Badgers PE (due to school being closed for INSET on Friday 4th)

4th April INSET day school closed to pupils

22nd April School open to pupils

25th April Badgers and Foxes **FIRST** swimming lesson (and each Friday afterwards)

2nd May Foxes sharing assembly

4th May Whaddon May Fayre ALL DAY!

5th May BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED!

12th May Key Stage 2 SATS week



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



Thank you to our reading volunteers, Mrs. Pit and Mrs Clarke

Thank you to FOWS for all of your fundraising and support!

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