



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

Whaddon School Newsletter

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21st March 2025

Dear parents, please find this week's newsletter.

Red nose day 2025

Red nose day took place today and it was lovely to see the sea of red around the school. Donations brought to school will go directly to the charity to support vulnerable families across the world and in the UK. We raised a brilliant £46.20



Sharing assembly- Foxes

Thank you to Foxes for your informative sharing assembly! It is clear that you have undertaken a huge amount of learning and that you have enjoyed using CAD! The presentation used in the sharing assembly will be available on the Foxes class page, on the school website, should you wish to have another opportunity to read about their learning.

Swimming

Swimming lessons for Badgers and Foxes classes commence on **Friday 25th April**. **Please ensure that your child's consent forms are signed and returned, to Mrs Ellis, in the office, along with the swimming questionnaire, by Monday 24th. All payments to be made by Parentmail, by 31st March. Thank you!**



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/>

Mufti day



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.

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.

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FriendsOfWhaddon@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!

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 this 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 08.35a. 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 spring term sharing assemblies are available on the school calendar, on our website.** Sometimes these dates have to be changed, sometimes, 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...

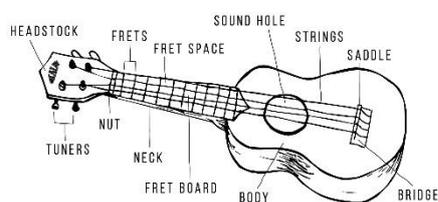
Week commencing 24th March and 1st April: Hedgehogs and Squirrels will need their PE kit on both Tuesday and Thursday.

Badgers class will be having their P.E lesson 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.**



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Dates for your diary...



26th March chocolate egg donation for children to come in their own clothes (mufti day)

28th Mother's Day celebration St Mary's church 08.40am

1st April Hedgehogs and Squirrels class PE together

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

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 Tolfree.

Thank you to Ms Lawrence, for supporting our afternoon activities!

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

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



A big 'well done' to all of the children who were given a teacher award or a golden ticket this week!

Thank you to all of the children, for all you have done, this week, making our school a brilliant place to learn, for being such good role models, for shining brightly and living our school values.