



Weekly Newsletter – 27th February 2026

As the front page of our weekly newsletter is all about celebrating children and their achievements, I thought I would start this week's newsletter with a big congratulation to the choir who performed at the O2 on Tuesday. It was a very long day for the children who did not return to Chinnor until after 11.30pm and they had spent all day rehearsing as part of an 8,000 children choir and then performing in front of at least that in the audience. Although they were very tired, and some may have had a little nap, they performed enthusiastically all day. Well done Choir, we were so proud of you!

Stars of the Week

This week our stars are:

Y1: Finn Koston, Lewis Wilson

Y2: Jessie Kelly, Alfie Brooker

Y3: Felicity Martin, Georgina Youngman Smith

Y4: Mya Casey, Rex Allison, Livvy Jones

Y5: Jonty Steinhoffel, Zac Kent

Y6: Max Thomas, Nathaniel Martin



The following children received their bronze values award: In Year well done to Jamie Browne (Y6), Elliot Washington (Y6), Archie Ray (Y3), William Slatter (Y3)

The following children have now achieved their silver values award: Ryla Rigg (Y1), Emily Marsden (Y3)

Well done to all these children who have received their bronze reading award today: Charlotte Marsden (Y1), Cecilia Milne (Y1), Eli Monk (Y1), Grayson Davis (Y1), Harrison West (Y1), Myriam Varghese (Y1), Ryla Rigg (Y1), Theo Lewis (Y1), Zac Bradley (Y1), Zac Sherwood (Y1), Freddie Gauld (Y1), Harrison Evans (Y1), Madi Smith (Y1), Olivia Brooks (Y1), Scarlett Gray (Y1), Tibbi Fowler Whale (Y1), Daniel Slatter (Y2),

Congratulations to these children who have now achieved their silver reading award: Finn Koston (Y1), Amber Mitchell (Y2)

These children have received their golden pencils for great handwriting: Emily Marsden (Y3), Finley Middleton (Y3), Rosie Rae Cain (Y3)



Dates For Your Diary

WB Monday 2nd March: Book Week
Tuesday 3rd March: Year 3 Living Forest
Wednesday 4th March: 3.30pm Year 5 & 6 Boys Football match
Thursday 5th March: World Book Day – Mufti of book character or pyjamas for bedtime story
Friday 6th March: Reception children visit to Chinnor Railway
Wednesday 11th March: 3pm – 6pm Open evening to see work
Wednesday 11th March & Friday 13th March: Mothers Day Sale
Thursday 12th March: 3.30pm Spring Concert
WB Monday 16th March: Year 6 Kilvrough
Wednesday 18th March: 7pm Smartphone Free Childhood meeting
Friday 20th March: Comic Relief Mufti
Monday 23rd March: Report cards go out
Monday 23rd March: Rock Steady Concert
Wednesday 25th March: 3.15pm – 8.30pm Parents Evening
Thursday 26th March: Year 6 trip to Junior citizens
Friday 27th March: 1pm Family assembly. 1.45pm school closes for Easter holiday.

Smartphone Free School

Don't forget we will be holding a meeting for parents on Wednesday 18th March at 7pm. This will be an opportunity to listen to a talk from the Thame Smartphone Free Childhood team and to discuss the merits of becoming a smartphone free school. It would be lovely to have as many people at the meeting as possible and it is a chance for you as parents to have your say as to whether Mill Lane becomes a smartphone free school.

AI Images

Some of you may be aware of an email that was sent out to LWS parents regarding reports to the School Health Nurse Service and police regarding use of AI images. Although we have not had reports within our school, we thought it would be useful to send a summary of the issue.

A small number of children in local schools have received highly distressing online communications from individuals linked to an organised crime group. They are using AI tools to generate fabricated nude images of children and are then attempting to blackmail them by demanding money to prevent the images from being shared. Victims have been instructed to purchase gift cards.

We are sharing this information so that you are aware and can take proactive steps at home. We strongly encourage you to:

- Have an open, calm conversation with your child about online safety and the risks of sharing personal information or images
- Reassure them that they will not be in trouble if they report something worrying
- Check devices, where appropriate, for unusual or concerning messages
- Remind them never to send money, gift cards, or financial details to anyone online

If your child is targeted, it is important to:

- Cease communication immediately
- Avoid making any payments
- Save evidence (screenshots, usernames, transaction details)
- Report the matter to the police

If you have any concerns or would like support, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Safeguarding our pupils is our highest priority. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact the school. The school's designated safeguarding leads are: Tineke van der Ploeg and Nicky Palmer. You can ring the office on 01844352106 or email head.2465@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk.