



## Weekly Newsletter – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Again, this week we have something to celebrate. A team of Year 5 and 6 girls took part in a football tournament. They played brilliantly as a team and ended up drawing 2 matches and winning 3. They just missed out on the final on goal difference, but they won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place play off. Congratulations to all the girls who took part – what a great achievement!

### Stars of the Week

#### This week our stars are:

**Y1:** Madison Smith, Theo Lewis, Lilly Gutteridge

**Y2:** Tommy Telford, Freya Luxford, Daniel Slatter

**Y3:** Emily Marsden, Arthur Proud

**Y4:** Lucy Milne, Isla Cranney

**Y5:** George Eaglestone, Kai Jennings

**Y6:** Jamie Browne, Elliot Washington



The following children received their bronze values award: Zac Sherwood (Y1), Arthur Moseley (Y1), Finn Koston (Y1), Thomas Avery (Y1), Lewis Wilson (Y1), Miryham Varghese (Y1), Grayson Davis (Y1), Leo Lofty (Y3), Georgina Youngman Smith (Y3), Finlay Richardson (Y3), Grayson Watson (Y3), Florence Hathaway (Y5), Sofia Lofty (Y5)

The following children have now achieved their silver values award: Charlotte Marsden ((Y1), Lilly Gutteridge (Y1), Freya Luxford (Y2), Sienna Osborne (Y2), Weronika Bednarczyk (Y2).

Well done to all these children who have received their bronze reading award today: Lucas Rudolph (Y5), Sofia Lofty (Y5), Florence Hathaway (Y5), Iris Ansell (Y5), Addison Osborne (Y5), Kira Wilson (Y5).

Well done to Sofia Lofty (Y5) and Lucas Rudolph who have also achieved their silver reading award (Y5).



## Dates For Your Diary

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: Year 5 & 6 careers fair  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February: Year 5 & 6 careers fair for whole school to participate in  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February: Science week  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February: Reception Class eye test  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February: MLSA Valentines Disco  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February: Last day of term

## Smartphone Free School

Don't forget we will be holding a meeting for parents on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. This will be an opportunity to listen to a talk from the Thames 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.

## Supporting Wellbeing

I have attached information regarding a forum that supports families with children with mental health challenges. The group is offering the following webinars:  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Sleep & Mental Health. 5pm – 6pm, Online.  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Unmet Needs or Emotional Avoidance? Understanding the Difference in School Non-Attendance. 1.30pm – 2.30pm. Online.  
Family wellbeing walks (during the Easter Holidays at both Blenheim Palace and Harcourt Arboretum).  
Online, drop-in coffee mornings, 2 Thursdays per month, dates can be accessed via the booking link.  
You can sign up using the link in the attached leaflet.

## General Information

**Careers Fair:** The Year 5 & 6 careers fair is taking place next week. Thank you for all those who have volunteered to help on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. It is not too late to sign up and join in. If you are free, we would love to have more jobs on show. All you need to do is bring some information about your job, be happy to speak to inquisitive children and maybe have little activities they could do. Please contact me on [head.2465@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:head.2465@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk) if you would like to help at the careers fair.

**Resin Animals:** We know the children love to bring in the tiny resin animals, but could we ask you to remind the children not to swap these over in school as it is leading to a lot of arguments which we are having to sort out during learning time.

**Science Week:** In the last week of term, we will be having a science week. As part of this the children will be designing and making boats. If you have any old boxes, tubes, foil trays etc., we would love to have them for the activity. Please give any donations to your child to give to their class teacher – many thanks.

**Toilets:** If your child needs to go to the toilet, please can you take them to their own class toilets and wait outside the toilets. Please do not go in as this would be deemed a safeguarding issue as other children could be using the toilets.