



## Stars of the Week



### This week our stars are:

**Y1:** Madison Smith, Tiberius Fowler Whale

**Y2:** Poppy Rogers, Weronika Bednarczyk Wesolowska

**Y3:** Finley Middleton, Tilly Harris

**Y4:** Hugh Greaves, Lucy Milne

**Y5:** Iris Ansell, Florence Hathaway

**Y6:** Jude Horner, Sophie Maxwell

**A big well done to Class 2 and Class 6 who were a real credit to the school on their trips on Tuesday.**

# Weekly Newsletter – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Strange Requests:** I thought I would start this week's newsletter with a couple of unusual requests. Firstly, the Nursery are on the look out for an under the counter fridge with a freezer section (only needs to be small). If you have one that is working but you no longer need please could you contact the school office (01844352106). Secondly, we need to break up and level the ground to create the outdoor storytelling area. We were wondering if anyone had a rotavator we could borrow (or had the time to help), so that we could see if this would work. Please contact the school office or email head.2465@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk.

## Important Info

**Drop off:** The Y2 – Y6 children have settled well in to the morning routine of coming in to school through the gate and going to their class where there is early morning activities for them to complete. Due to safeguarding guidance, we have to ask parents to let their child walk to their class on their own. If they are struggling, we get older children to help them or wait for children in their class to come down the path. Because children are coming in to the class, teachers are busy helping them settle and therefore it is very difficult for them to speak with parents. Most members of staff are available to talk to parents between 8.15am and 8.30am if you ring the office. Alternatively, you can speak to the person who is on the gate and they will pass on any messages to the class teacher. Concerns can also be emailed to the school office and will be passed on to the class teacher. It is also easier to speak to teachers at the end of the day although I would ask you to try to avoid Wednesday afternoons as that is when we have our weekly staff meetings.

**Extended Services:** Currently we run a breakfast club from 8am to 8.45am and an after school club from the end of the day to 5.30pm. We will continue to run our own breakfast but after January we will be handing over the organisation of the after school club to an outside provider. The reason we have taken this decision is that it is very difficult to find staff to run the club and we are limited by what we can provide. By going over to an outside provider a wider range of activities can be offered and the club will remain open until 6pm. There will also be 2 slots that parents can sign up to with different prices: end of the day to 4.30pm or end of the day to 6pm. The company will also provide a snack e.g. toasted sandwiches. The company that will be providing our after school club service is called S4All. Here is a link to their website so that you can find out a little bit more about them: <https://www.s4aclub.co.uk>. They will be arranging a meeting with parents interested in using the after school club. As soon as we have a date for this, we will let you know. More details about what they will be offering will follow too.

# Dates for your diary

## Reminder of Dates:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 9am Harvest Festival: Donations of dried, tinned and packets of food are warmly received. Please bring these to the main hall on the morning.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm: Open Evening to see how we teach phonics / spelling and reading

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Flu vaccines for all children

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October: MLSA Halloween Disco

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October: Last day of term



## Class Activities:

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Year 5 & 6 girls rugby event – Please can you make sure you have returned the permission slip

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Whole school assembly on hedgehogs

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Year 5 poetry workshop

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October: Whole school 'Farm to Fork' workshops

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Art workshops for all the children

## Open Evening

We will be having an open evening for parents on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October starting at 6pm. This will be an opportunity for you to see how we teach reading, phonics and spelling. We would like the children to come along to the evening to demonstrate the different activities – you can then see them in action. More details will follow.



## Lost Property

The lost property basket at the front of the school is overflowing with jumpers so if your child has lost a jumper it might be worth popping in to check if it is there. All these items are not named so it is hard to return them to the right person. Below are some photos of items that someone might recognise:

For any queries in response to this message please email ([head.2465@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:head.2465@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk)) or telephone (01844 352106) the school office.