



Weekly Newsletter – 13th February 2026

The last couple of weeks have been a very busy end to the term. Last week, we had a very successful Year 5 and 6 careers fair and this week has seen our annual Science week. Next term is looking equally exciting with the choir performing at the O2 in the first week back and the annual book week activities in the 2nd week of term. Class 3 have a trip to the Living Rainforest, and the Year 6 children have their residential trip to Kilvrough. Finally, our talented musicians will get to perform at our Spring concert. All the dates later in this newsletter. I hope everyone has a lovely, restful break.

Stars of the Week

This week our stars are:

Y1: Scarlet Gray, Tibbi Fowler - Whale

Y2: Myles Tucker, Amber Mitchell

Y3: Leo Lofty, Thomas Moseley

Y4: Poppy Westbrook, Abi Mawdsley, Amelia Keep

Y5: Marlo Carstairs, Jasper Cullum

Y6: Jayden Bayly, Oliver Bonnar, Betsy Hambridge

The following children received their bronze values award: In Year well done to Oliver Boyle, Myles Tucker, Daniel Slatter, Albie Smale, Maddox Kidimu, Harper Gatial.

The following children have now achieved their silver values award: Alfie O'Toole (Y3), Kai Sherwood (Y3)

Congratulations to Jessica Kelly (Y2) and Autumn Graham Standley who are the first children to receive their Gold Values award.

Well done to all these children who have received their bronze reading award today: Tilly Harris (Y3), Abi Mawdsley (Y4), Isla Mawdsley (Y4), Amelia Keep (Y4).

Congratulations to Jessica Kelly (Y2) who has also achieved her silver reading award.

These children have received their golden pencils for great handwriting: Isla Mawdsley (Y4), Jacob Davies (Y4), Hattie Hamridge (Y4). Well done to Aaron Caalse (Y4) who received his pen licence.



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 23rd February: Children return to school
Tuesday 24th February: Choir perform at O2
Friday 27th February: Mufti day for Mothers Day (donations of gifts)
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 bed time story
Wednesday 11th March: 3pm – 6pm Open evening to see work
Thursday 12th March: 3.30pm Spring Concert
WB Monday 16th March: Year 6 Kilvrough
Wednesday 18th March: 7pm Smartphone Free Childhood meeting
Thursday 19th March: 3.45pm Year 3 & 4 hockey tournament
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.

Careers Fair

Last week the Year 5 & 6 children had a very successful careers fair. Thank you to the parents who came in and told the children about their jobs. It really helped them think about what careers they might like. The children then created their own careers fair for the younger classes to come and visit. As part of the fair the children thought of activities to showcase their career e.g. the engineers had children creating bridges, a group taught the children parkour, the archaeologists were digging up bones and rotten teeth were pulled out by aspiring dentists. These were just some of the careers chosen. A lot of thought and hard work was put in by the Year 5 & 6 children to make it a fun and informative experience for the children. Thank you to both classes for all your hard work and enthusiasm.

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.

O2

The choir will be performing at the O2 on Tuesday 24th February. We will be leaving at 12pm once the children have had an early lunch. As we don't get back until after 11.30pm, the children will be able to come in late on Wednesday. We ask that the children are in school by 10.30am. Please can you send them with food for the evening break in rehearsal.

Science Week

We have had a very successful Science week with a range of activities for the children to enjoy. It all started with a VR workshop where the children explored space from the safety of the hall. We were very lucky to have a range of animals visit the school. The children had a close encounter with a golden eagle, owl, blue tongued skink, spiders, snakes, skunk and a husky. The children loved meeting all the animals. The Year 5 children set up a range of experiments for the rest of the school to try such as making elephant toothpaste and slime. It was a very messy but fun workshop and thank you to Class 5 for their patience and teaching with the younger children. All classes have taken part in a competition to make a boat that could float for as long as possible or travel the furthest distance. The KS2 children had to also build a boat that could hold the most weight. Finally, each class investigated a famous scientist. A sample of work will be on display in the hall.