



Weekly Newsletter – 6th March 2026

This has been a very busy but enjoyable week. On Tuesday, Class 3 had a fabulous trip to the Living Rainforest. I was very jealous to hear they got to see a sloth. Today, the Reception children walked up to the Chinnor Railway and had a ride on a train to Wainhill. They also got to visit a signal box and visited cabs of diesel locomotives. This week has also seen the annual book week celebrations; more about this can be found later in the newsletter. The Year 5 and 6 boys also took part in a football tournament. You can see the results also later in the newsletter.

Stars of the Week

This week our stars are:

Y1: Alfie Jones, Myriam Varghese, Zac Sherwood

Y2: Alfie Boyle, Logan Ratnatunga, Sydney Bragger

Y3: Willow Neighbour, Alfie O'Toole

Y4: Freddie Milne, Jasper Thomas

Y5: Fletcher West, Phoebe Weare

Y6: Elliot Washington, Phoebe Caffyn



The following children received their bronze values award: Betsy Clarke (Y5)

Congratulations to these children who have now achieved their silver reading award: Jasper Thomas (Y4) and Jacob Davis (Y4)



These children have received their pen licence for great handwriting: Molly Turney (Y5), Iris Ansell (Y5), Sofia Lofty (Y5), Charlie Tucker (Y5)

Dates For Your Diary

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.

Book Week

This past week we have been celebrating book week and world book day. During the week, each class held heats for the poetry slam competition where children performed a well-known poem or a poem they created in groups or on their own. On Friday, the winners from each class went through to the final held in front of the whole school. The winners from each class were:

Year 6: Jude Horner, Elliot Washington

Year 5: George Eaglestone

Year 4: Freddie Milne, Jacob Davis, Oliver Bray

Year 3: Tilly Harris, Felicity Martin, Ruby Rae Wagerfield

Year 2: Myles Tucker

Year 1: Olivia Brooks, Charlotte Marsden, Lilly Gutteridge

There will be 1 winner from KS1 and 1 from KS2 which will be announced in Monday's assembly when all the votes have been counted from across the school. These winners will go through to the finals of all schools in the Thame Partnership where I am sure they will represent the school brilliantly. We will let you know who the key stage winners are and how they get on at the finals.

As part of book week, the children also were entertained by the staff's attempt at hiding their identity in the Masked Reader challenge. It was also very nice to see older children sharing books with younger children.

Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Tournament

On Wednesday, a team from Year 5 and a team from Year 6 took part in a football tournament against other local schools. Both teams showed excellent teamwork and were constantly encouraging each other throughout. Mr Horn said the children represented the school in an excellent manner. The Year 6 boys played excellently and reached the finals but unfortunately lost out on penalties. Well done to both teams for playing so well as a team.