



Shine as Lights in the World
Philippians 2.15

March 7th 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

It was so wonderful to see the children dressed up as adjectives on Thursday and we were so lucky to have been blessed with sunshine for the annual parade too! Thank you all for supporting this event and thanks to Mrs White, our English Lead, for organising such a great day. The costumes were all fabulous but the winners of the costume competition this year were Harry Adams (inflated), Ruby Bloomfield (thoughtful), Emma Khoja (camouflaged) and Ben Ridding (gelatinous).

Thanks also to all of the children who submitted such amazing entries for our book character from an egg box competition. All of the entries impressed us and won their house 5 points each, but after much deliberation, the School Council chose the following winners: Bethany King (Zog) and Finn Coulton (Fantastic Mr. Fox). Well done to them and all who took part!

Children's Mental Health Day

Thank you all for donating to Place 2 Be when the children came into school dressed as colours from the characters in the film Inside Out. We have raised £424 for this fantastic charity.

Cross Country Finals

A group of Year 3 and 4 took part in the West Oxfordshire Partnership Cross Country Finals last week and represented the school so well. We want to congratulate them and also to thank the adults who supported this trip.

WASP

After school provision at WASP will be closed on Wednesday 21st May. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused by this and hope that communicating this to you now allows sufficient time for you to make alternative childcare arrangements. The closure is to allow for essential whole-school staff training. Breakfast provision will be unaffected.



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Chewing Gum

Please can you support us by making sure your child does not bring chewing gum into school. We have noticed this week a number of children who have been doing so.

Special Educational Needs

With almost one in five of our children on the SEND register, I am sure this event will be of interest to many of you:



The flyer features a colorful illustration of diverse children holding hands at the top. Below this, the text reads: 'SEND TOGETHER A DAY FOR PARENT CARERS TO CONNECT, SHARE AND LEARN'. A list of activities includes: Workshops and Information Sessions, Panel Discussion and Q&A, SEND Advice Clinics, and SEND Marketplace. The event is scheduled for Thursday, 13th March, from 9AM to 3PM at The Kings Centre, OX2 0ES. Registration information is provided as www.tinyurl.com/sendtogether. The event is described as 'A LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP EVENT' and is supported by BOB (Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System), the Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum, and Oxfordshire County Council.

Message from Church

The church is running two Experience Easter Events for children in the Easter holidays and we have attached a flyer for the events here along with a registration form. We also have paper copies of these available from the school office. The church have also asked if you could **bring in any Pringles type empty tubes** to school for use in a paschal candle craft project. Thank you!

Swimming Pool Lifeguarding course

Advance notice – We will be holding our life saving training course on the 17th and 18th May. Further details will be shared in due course.

Birthday Book Donations

Belated Happy Birthday's to Chester, Matthew, Sienna, Frankie, Heidi, Olivia, Marnie, Stanley, Rupert and Isla. Thank you for donating a book to your class. We hope you had a special day! If you would like to donate a book, please collect a donation sticker from the school office.

PTA News

Dance moves at the ready – it's Disco time!

We're excited to announce that our first disco of 2025 will be taking place on **Friday 28th March**. This disco will follow the usual fun format, with Years 1-3 in the first session (5:15-6:15pm) and Years 4-6 in the second session (6:30-7:30pm). Refreshments, face painting and pocket money toys will be available to purchase on the night, and we'll have plenty of water to keep everyone hydrated throughout.

Advance tickets for the disco sessions will be available via **Classlist** ([click this link](#)).

We'd also love some **volunteers** to help things run smoothly on the night, alongside some donations of **small cakes/traybakes** if anyone can spare the time to bake. Please see the **Classlist sign-up** sheet for details and sign up for anything you can help with, or speak to the office or a member of the PTA. Thank you!

A special disco session will take place for **Foundation Stage** children on Thursday 27th – our very own Nicole Lipscombe (aka Gurgle & Co) will be leading the children in some funky moves with some fun light-up accessories and disco snacks. All the children will be attending this event as it will take place during the school day. If you would like to support us in running the foundation disco, you can [buy tickets on Classlist](#).

We will send further details and reminders nearer the time.

The PTA Team

Dates for the Autumn Term

Date	Details	Who
4 th & 5 th March	Parent – Teacher Meetings	All
6 th March	World Book Day Including Author Visit for KS2	All

10 th – 14 th March	Kilvrough Residential	Year 6
10 th – 13 th March	Bikeability Course	Year 5
13 th March	Street Dance Festival	Year 4
14 th March	Hill End Visit	Year 5
21 st March	Red Nose Day	All
21 st March	U11s Swimming Gala	Selected children
26 th March	STEAM Museum visit	Year 3 & 4
31 st March	Year 3 & 4 Performance – 2.15pm	Year 3 & 4 Parents
1 st April	Year 3 & 4 Performance – 5.30pm	Year 3 & 4 Parents
1 st April	Vision Screening	Reception
7 th – 21 st April	Easter Holidays	All
23 rd April	Year 4 Languages Day (Burford School)	Year 4
30 th April – 2 nd May	Bushcraft Residential	Year 4

Thank you all for your continued support and have a wonderful half-term break!

Best wishes,

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