

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week, was National Science week, at WF we marked the event by hosting a range of workshops for the children. These workshops were led by a number of organisations and some of our parents. I am grateful to all of the parents and organisations who gave their time to support our science work.

In Foundation stage the children worked on some colour mixing investigations.

In Key Stage 1 the children learnt about healthy eating.

Lower Key Stage 2 children took part in a workshop on magnets.

Upper Key Stage 2 children enjoyed learning about Formula 1 cars and what it is like to be an engineer working in the industry. They especially enjoyed looking at the nose of an F1 car and were surprised by the lightness of the frame.

Last week was also Red Nose Day and we raised money for Comic Relief through taking part in a giant obstacle course in the grounds of our school. The Sports Crew and Play Leaders at WF did a brilliant job constructing the course and then actively supported and cheered on the children as they ran around the course. Many thanks to Mrs Phillips for leading this event.



Best wishes Deborah Nind and The WF team

### Our assembly theme for the month of March is Trust



Writer of the week – Evie in Year 4  
 Mathematician of the week – Tom in Year 4  
 Reader of the week – Ruby in Year 2  
 School Value of the week – Ava in Year 5  
 BLP of the Week – Jovan in Year 6

### Celebration of achievements

This week, Cora & Claudia in Year 6 have been awarded their silver merit arrows. Well done to them for successfully completing a range of activities to a high standard to be awarded their arrow badge.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 200 nights of reading at home: Saffy in Swallows. Nate, Milly, Charlotte, Nancy & Ethan in Eagles. Luka in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175 nights of reading at home: Osian, Oscar WJ & Chloe in Nightingales. Olivier in Swallows. Harry, Felicity & Maya in Kestrels. Teddy in Red Kites. Annabel & Joan in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Aarav in Kingfishers. Belle in Nightingales. Evie in Red Kites. Leah in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children

who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Lucy in Kingfishers. Hollie in Kestrels. Nathaniel in Red Kites. Charlie & Anna in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Frankie in Eagles. Warren in Sky larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: William & Vinnie in Kestrels. Aashir in Eagles. Finley in Sky Larks.

### **Attendance**

School starts at 8:45am, can you please make sure your child is in class by 8:45am.

#### **EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!**

There are only 190 statutory school days in one year and 175 days (weekends and school holidays) available to use for holidays. Parents should avoid taking their children out of school during term time in order to go on holiday.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance for 13.03.23 – 17.03.23</b>
Eagles	98.10%
Kestrel	96.07%
Kingfishers	95.17%
Nightingales	94.48%
Owls	96.33%
Peregrine Falcons	94.09%
Red Kites	94.14%
Sky Larks	98.18%
Swallows	93.93%
Wrens	90.00%
Total	94.92%

### **PTA Update**

#### **Movie Night**

All 3 movies are now sold out for the Movie Night on Friday 24th March.

Please note parents are not required to get the children from their classes to the movie night. They will be collected from their class at 3pm by a member of staff and taken to the appropriate room to watch their movie. Collection is at 5pm from the front of the school by the office. We'll keep you updated if anything changes.

Please don't forget to follow us on Facebook for any PTA updates. @WilliamFletcherPTA

Any questions please email us at [williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com)

**Your School Lottery** - Did you know we are members of Your School **Lottery**? Every ticket sold on Your School **Lottery** directly benefits the children at William Fletcher School.

At just £1 a ticket, you can sign up for as long or as little as you'd like. With just 50 supporters we could raise £1,000 for the school per year.

The current "extra" prize is an iPhone 14 worth over a £1,000! To sign up visit [yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for William Fletcher. The draw takes place at 8pm each Saturday. All winners are notified by email. Please can we ask you to share with family, friends, colleagues and the wider community.

**Uniform Exchange** - We have a lot of second hand uniform in stock so if you have any specific item requests in between the sale dates please do get in touch via [Ptauniformexchange@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:Ptauniformexchange@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk) and we'll get back to you with whether we have it or not.

#### **Book Swap Next Thursday (30th March)**

Please come along to the book swap next week - Thursday, 3pm, in the school hall.

If you've not been before, please note there's no need to bring a book before you start borrowing.

If you have joined in before, don't forget your books and record cards!

Preschool children are welcome to borrow books too.

**Summer Fete** - Friday 16th June will be a non-uniform day in exchange for a prize for the children's Tombola stall and Friday 23rd June will be a non uniform day in exchange for an Adult or Bottle Tombola prize at the Summer Fete.

Any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch via [williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com)

### **Family Science Day**

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April there is a Family Science Day with Cherwell Collective at Exeter Hall. To further information and booking please visit:

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-science-day-with-cherwell-collective-tickets-577018436677?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-science-day-with-cherwell-collective-tickets-577018436677?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete)

### **Williams Hockey Coaching – Easter Camp**

WHC Easter camp is from April 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> at Oxford Hawkes Hockey Club. For more information please email [drew@williamshockeycoaching.com](mailto:drew@williamshockeycoaching.com) or register [here](#).

### **Yarnton Community Drop In**

Yarnton Community Drop-In sessions are held every Monday afternoon in the village hall from 2pm to 4pm. All ages are welcome. They are run by and for villagers. If you would like a warm and friendly place to pop into on your way to or from school pickup please do come and have a drink, cake and a chat. There is no charge unless you would like to donate something towards our running costs. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Ignite After School Club Term 5**

Ignite are running an after-school sports club for children in Foundation to Year 6. If you would like your child to attend Ignite Sports Club for term 4, which will run every Thursday from 3pm to 4pm, starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, please complete the Parent Pay form. It is based on a first come first serve basis and will cost £4.50 per session (£27 for term 4).

### **Friday cafe**

*Every Friday, 8.45am- 10.30am in the Howard Hillsdon Room.*

Pop in, meet other parents and carers, everyone welcome. Information available at each session, including:

\*Helping your child with maths \*Healthy lunchbox ideas \*Money matters \*Reading with your child.

Tea, coffee and biscuits available and younger siblings always welcome. For more information, please contact: Clare Pink, Family Support Worker

[clarepink@william-fletcher.gov.uk](mailto:clarepink@william-fletcher.gov.uk) or, Karen Ariss: [karen.ariss@abingdon-witney.ac.uk](mailto:karen.ariss@abingdon-witney.ac.uk)

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club runs every day from 07:30 – 08:45 in the Howard Hillsdon building (old playgroup). The children enjoy a range of breakfast cereals, fruit juices, yoghurts and toast, followed by the opportunity to play indoor games. The cost is £5.00 per child. If you would like your children to take part in breakfast club, **please see the staff in the office to book prior to attendance.**

### **Knitting For All**

We have a knitting club at school run by Steph Radda on Tuesday's from 3pm - 4.15pm (term time only). If you would like your child to attend or for more information, please contact Steph on 07940564486 for further details.

## Yarnton Brownies

Yarnton Brownies currently have spaces. Come and join the fun! Open to girls aged between 7-10. We run Wednesday's during term time from 6.30-8pm. Please visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> for more information and to register interest. Alternatively call 07866122863 - Heather Kimber Moss for any additional help.

## Forthcoming Dates

### March 2023

27.03.2023 Parents Evening  
28.03.2023 Parents Evening  
31.03.2023 End of Term 4

### April 2023

17.04.2023 Start of Term 5  
19.04.2023 –  
21.04.2023 Year 4 Hooke Court  
24.04.2023 National Skipping Day

### May 2023

03.05.2023 Class Photographs  
05.05.2023 May Day Dancing  
24.05.2023 Quidditch Day

## William Fletcher School Term Dates 2022/2023

### Term 4

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February INSET Day

### Term 5

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

### Term 6

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June INSET

## William Fletcher School Term Dates 2023/2024

### Term 1

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September INSET Day  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September INSET Day

### Term 2

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November INSET Day

### Term 3

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

### Term 4

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February INSET

### Term 5

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

### Term 6

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June INSET



# NEW NURSERY OPENING IN YARNTON



SPRING 2023



IS YOUR CHILD BETWEEN THE AGES OF 2-5 AND YOU'RE  
LOOKING FOR A NURSERY TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO?

YARNTON DAY NURSERY IS OPENING IN SPRING 2023

YARNTON DAY NURSERY IS A NEW NURSERY WHICH  
WILL BE RUN BY A WELL ESTABLISHED NURSERY  
BASED IN BANBURY WITH OVER 30 YEARS  
EXPERIENCE



FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL [YARNTONDAYNURSERY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:YARNTONDAYNURSERY@GMAIL.COM) FOR A PROSPECTUS

- > Banbury School Day Nursery
- > Yarnton Day Nursery



**WE'RE  
HIRING  
NOW!**

## Nursery Manager & Early Years Practitioners

Both Banbury School Day Nursery and Yarnton Day Nursery are looking for full time and part time Early Years Practitioners to join a fun and dedicated team. You would work at both nurseries to provide support during the expansion of the nurseries.

**JOIN OUR TEAM**

Send your CV at either:

[Bsdnursery1989@gmail.com](mailto:Bsdnursery1989@gmail.com) / [YarntonDayNursery@gmail.com](mailto:YarntonDayNursery@gmail.com)