

Newsletter Friday 3rd October 2025

Headteacher News

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new" (Albert Einstein)

As we come to the end of another productive week, I want to take a moment to celebrate the continued enthusiasm and hard work shown by our pupils and staff. It's been wonderful to see classrooms buzzing with curiosity, creativity, and collaboration.

Whether through academic achievements, sporting successes, or acts of kindness around the school, our students continue to embody the school values.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. A strong home-school partnership makes all the difference, and we truly appreciate your involvement in school life.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Martin



School uniform



If you are purchasing new uniform, please check the schools uniform policy. It is available on our website.

Main Uniform

- Navy, grey or black skirt or pinafore dress. Skirt should be knee length
- Grey or black trousers or shorts - no leggings
- White or blue polo-shirt or white shirt/blouse
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan
- Black shoes or black boots in winter
- Navy blue checked summer dress

PE

- White plain t-shirt
- Navy blue or black shorts or skirt (no branding)
- Plain navy blue or black sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms/leggings (no branding)
- Trainers

The school will provide a separate PE kit for pupils when participating in sports tournaments.

Hair, Jewellery and accessories

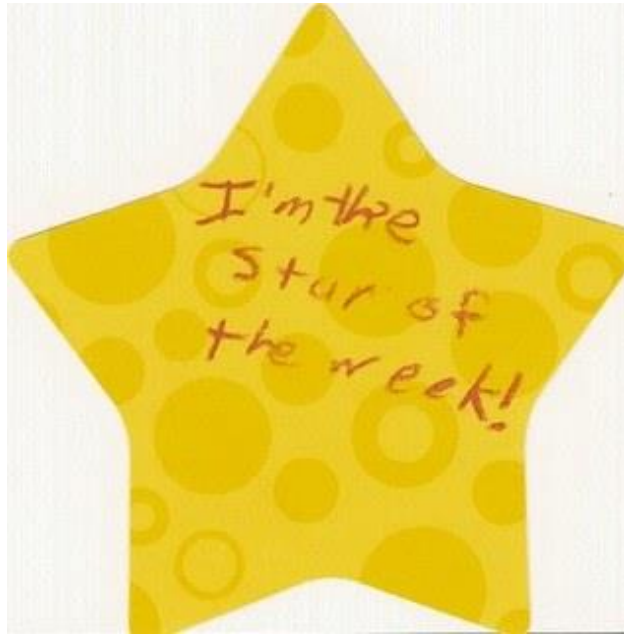
- No jewellery allowed except for a watch and only small, plain studs if children have pierced ears. These need to be removed during PE.
- Watches – to be analogue or digital, no SMART watches.
- Long hair should be worn tied up
- Make up should not be worn in school by any pupils including nail varnish.

A reminder that PE kits are only to be worn on days when the children have PE.

Our PTA run an exchange uniform shop where parents can purchase second hand uniform or exchange uniform that their child has outgrown. Please contact the school office if you would like access to the uniform exchange.

Many thanks

Star of the Week



Congratulations to the William Fletcher Star of the Week.

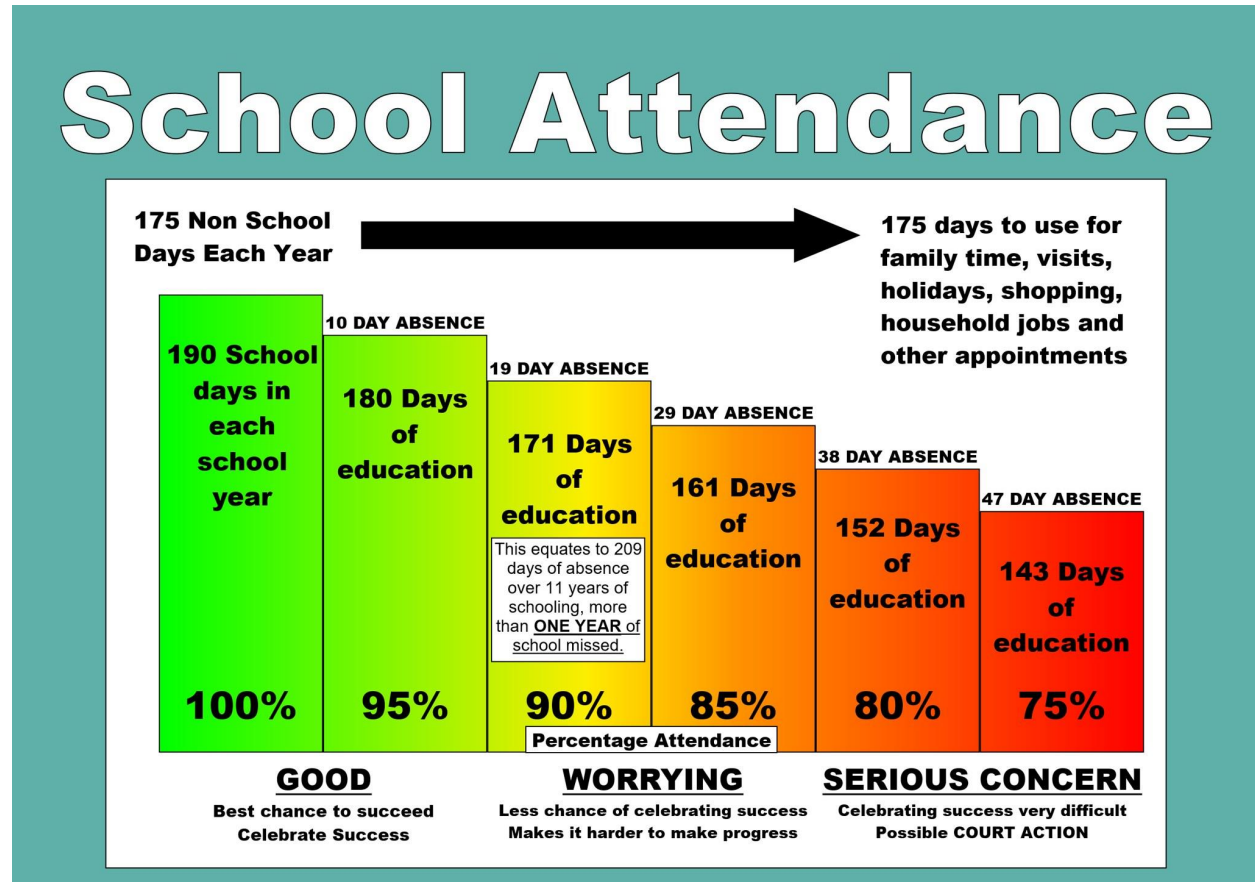
Reader - Bea in Attenborough Class

Maths - Indianna in Curie Class

Writer - Esther in Baker Class



Attendance



Whole Class Attendance for the week beginning 29th September was 95.27% attendance.

School Values

The value of the month for October is leadership.

Leadership is valuable because it develops essential life skills like confidence, communication, problem-solving, and teamwork in children, helping them to become active, responsible citizens. It fosters a sense of ownership and pride in the school community by empowering pupils to contribute to policies, initiatives, and events, ensuring their voices are heard. This approach prepares them for future success by instilling values and providing practical experience in decision-making and collaboration.

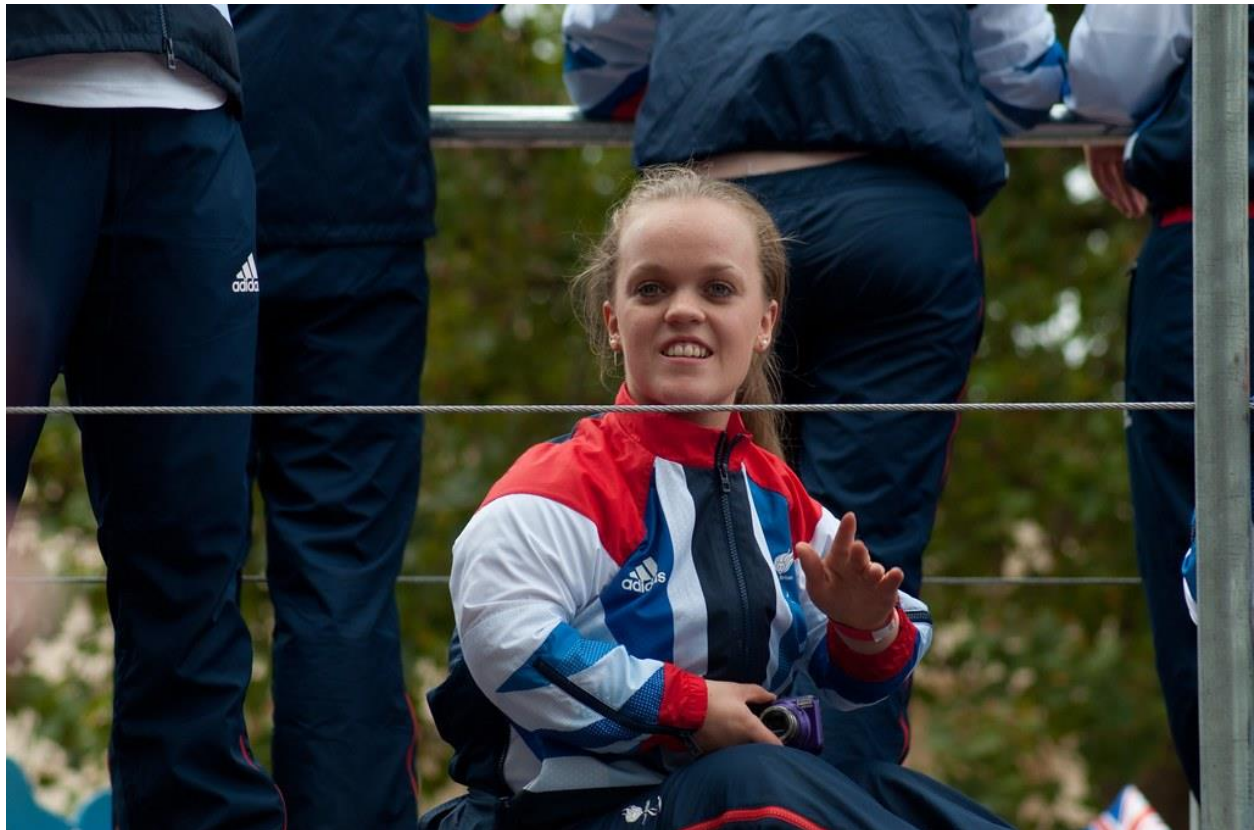
Benefits for Children:

- **Skill Development:** Children gain confidence, learn creative problem-solving, and develop strong communication and collaboration skills.

- **Active Citizenship:** They learn to contribute positively to their community and understand the importance of their voice in school life.
- **Responsibility and Ownership:** Opportunities to lead foster a sense of responsibility and ownership, enhancing self-esteem.
- **Preparation for the Future:** Developing leadership skills early sets children on a path for future academic and personal success.

I look forward to awarding dojo points to children for showing the value of leadership.

Simmonds Class



This week in Maths the children have enjoyed exploring pattern. Children are now able to copy and extend a repeated AB pattern, for example (red, blue, red, blue). We used a variety of objects and media to explore pattern - counters (cubes, bears, super sorter), printing patterns using sponge printers and using natural materials such as leaves and conkers. Who can make their own repeated pattern at home and send us a photo on Evidence Me?

Banana, Banana, Meatball <https://share.google/tRytUBL2IUaToBgg5> . The children have enjoyed this repeated pattern rap! Mrs Sale talked about ABB, ABC, and AABB patterns.

Perhaps children could try writing symbols/notation for their own patterns at home as in the video?

In our CUSP Reading lesson we listened to the story called I am (almost) always kind. A lovely story about putting yourself in someone else's shoes, stopping to think about how someone else might feel. We have been trying to put ourselves in other people's shoes in class too - thinking first! We briefly discussed the play on words of not actually putting someone else's shoes on!

In Phonics we continue to learn our Phase 2 sounds satpin etc. Keep using them as flashcards at home and keep sharing the books. We'll draw our first raffle prizes this week. Remember that children put a raffle ticket in the box after every 7th read. Winners get a prize! In PE this week we used our bodies as bicycles - we rolled across the large mats pretending to be wheels. We also laid on our back and cycled our legs in the air as if peddling up a hill. Lots of fun - and a real test for our tummy muscles! Next week we'll be thinking about Harvest. We are looking forward to welcoming Rev Oliver from the local church to speak about ways that Harvest is celebrated. We hope you have a nice weekend and we thank you for your continued support.



















Seacole Class



We've had a busy and exciting week of learning in class!

In Maths, we've been working on understanding greater than (>), less than (<), and equal to (=). The children have enjoyed comparing different amounts and using these symbols to show their understanding. It has been wonderful to see them grow in confidence when explaining which number is bigger or smaller, and how to show it!

Our Science this week has been focused on the life cycle of humans, and we've also explored the life cycle of butterflies with a fun, hands-on activity. On Tuesday, the children made their very own butterfly life cycle spinners, which they brought home – we hope you enjoyed seeing their work and hearing all about the four fascinating stages!

In English, we've been exploring the magic of adjectives to help describe an Autumn day. The children have come up with some brilliant descriptive words to capture the sights, sounds and feelings of the season. Why not ask your child if they can remember some adjectives they used to describe Autumn? You might hear words like crunchy, rustling, chilly, or breezy!

Last week on Friday we sent home the Phonics' folders, please can you make sure that the books and folders are returned to us by Tuesday so that we are able to prepare the folders to go back out on Friday. Thank you so much for your continued support, we know it is a lot to remember!

Please can we remind you of the upcoming Dance Festival school trip on the 22nd of October, please don't forget to send us back the permission slip. We are so looking forward to putting our best foot forward. Of course, with any school trip we welcome any additional support in helping us with the day, so if you are able to come along and help please let us know.

Attenborough Class



Week 5 has been completed and the children just keep getting better and better! We started our week in Geography by tea staining out pirate maps, now they definitely look old and special as if they could have belonged to a pirate. The children had such great fun doing this and many found it hilarious that we were using the same tea that they might drink!

In English this week we began by finishing our story of 'The Goose Who Laid Golden Eggs' from Aesops Fables. The children learnt about stories having morals and how they are often there to teach us a lesson. See if your child can remember the moral of this story? We then moved onto our writing lessons where we explored poetry. Our first lesson was to make sure we knew what some words meant, so we did it the old fashioned way... by using dictionaries. The children worked hard to hunt for different words and find their meanings. This in the end helped us write our own poems all about a teddy bear.

Finally, in Science we continued our learning on animals including humans by exploring life cycles. The children learnt about life cycles of humans and their stages on life as well as turtles and frogs. A key word we focused on was 'life span' and understanding that every animal has a different expected amount of time they will live. We then ordered some animals in their life cycles by using some key words such as birth, growth, reproduction and death.

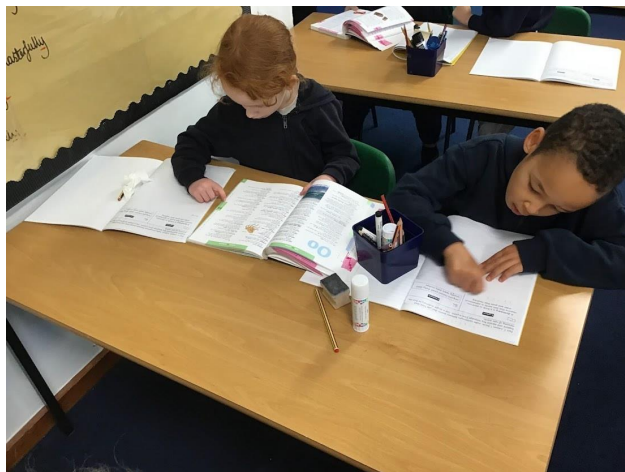
The children really are adapting to year 2 well and we are so proud of all of them. It can be a big jump and they are definitely presenting their excellence and perseverance.













Weir Class



The children have been working together to think of adjectives and adverbs to describe the landscape and animals in the Serengeti in Kenya in readiness for writing stories next week based on the book *The Hunter* by Paul Geraghty. We have also been completing our lessons on place value in readiness for moving on to addition and subtraction next week.

They have been working on their balances during indoor PE with Mrs. Moore and continue to enjoy hockey lessons on Wednesday afternoons. There is an after school hockey club if any of the children are interested please contact the office.

In art the children have been learning about storytelling through drawings initially looking at the illustrations of Laura Carlin and this week looking at the author Shaun Tan, known for his picture books without words. They have been learning how to create visual notes in their art books.











Curie, Kahlo & Baker Class



We're really looking forward to our trip to Bletchley Park next week. In preparation, we have continued to learn about life during World War Two. We have looked at what children packed in their suitcase when they were evacuated and have explored how Winston Churchill led the country during this time. We also used our analytical skills to distinguish between factual information and opinions about Churchill as a leader. On the day of the trip, please make sure that your child brings a waterproof coat and wears warm clothing as they'll be outside some of the time. They'll also be walking around a lot, so it's important for them to be in comfortable shoes (smart trainers will be suitable).

In our writing lessons, we have also had a historical focus. The children have loved learning about how the Vikings invaded Britain on longships as part of our unit on diary entries connected to this period. Ask your child if they can tell you why the boats were built to be long and narrow. There are a few reasons!

Lastly, we have had lots of fun playing football in our PE lessons. It has been great to see how well they have played in their different teams and their enthusiasm for trying new positions on the pitch.





Johnson Class



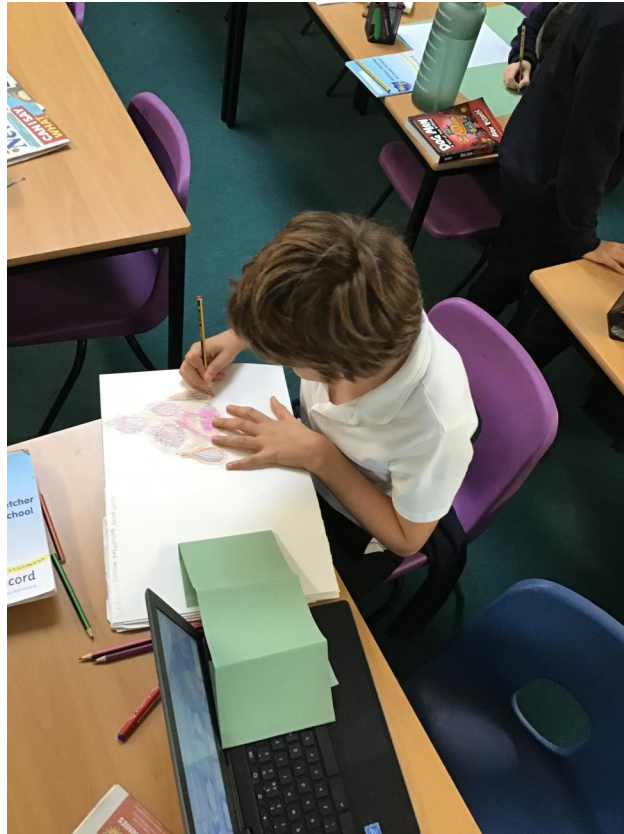
In history this week, we explored the events of WW2 leading to The Battle of Britain. The children used maps and three different coloured balls of playdoh to map out how armies moved across Europe and how the war spread. We finished our lesson with learning about how the Channel Islands were involved in WW2 and we will be looking at how the RAF were involved in WW2 next lesson.

We have also started our Harvest work to share in the church next Friday. The children are researching the Lammas Festival and the Chanthaburi Fruit Festival. They are creating posters

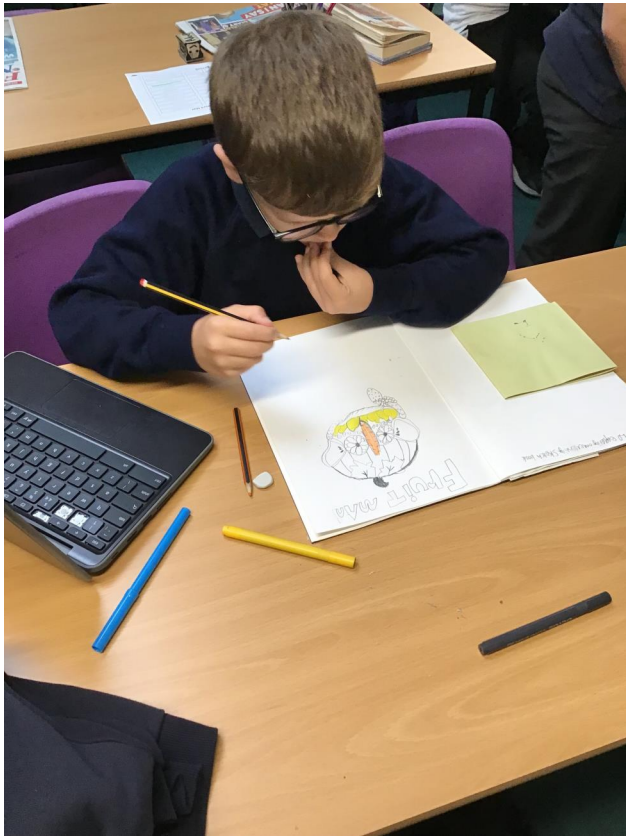
with facts and information about them and some fruit potraits - based on the art work of Guiseppe Arcimboldo.

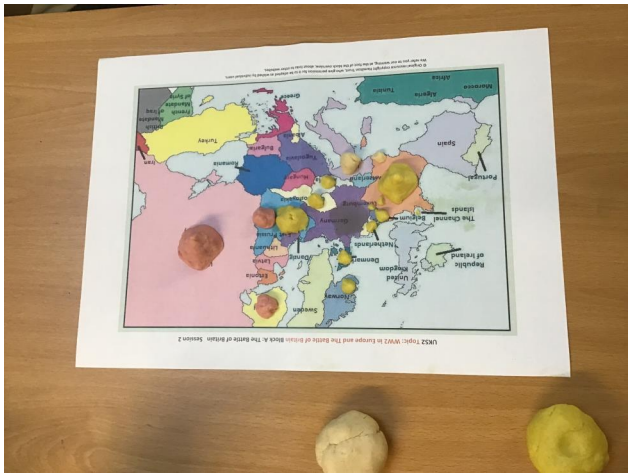
In writing, we have been writing speeches on something we are passionate about. The children had to write persuasively, whilst looking at the fors and againsts for their arguments.

We hope the children enjoyed their











Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy



We have a lunchtime supervisor vacancy. Please use the link below to find further information if you are interested in joining our team. <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/123023/EDV-2025-WFPS-34102>

Parents Evening



Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 22nd October (video call) and Thursday 23rd October (face to face) for Seacole, Attenborough, Weir, Curie, Baker & Johnson class and Wednesday 22nd October and Thursday 23rd October (face to face) for Foundation Stage Class. Kahlo class is on Tuesday 21st October (face to face) and Wednesday 22nd October (video call).

You would have been sent a letter about booking your Parents Evening. **Please note appointments for Parents Evening can be made from Thursday 18th September at 18:00 and will close on 17th October 2025.**

School Photos

On 9th October your child will have their school photo taken. If the children have siblings in the school the siblings photo will be taken in school time, however if you have siblings of a younger age and you would like a family photo, please come via the school office at 8.30am.

Help repair Yarnton Play Park!



Every time you shop at Tesco between now and mid-January 2026, please remember to collect a blue token and vote to help fund urgent repairs to the Rutten Lane Play Park in Yarnton.

Participating Tesco stores: Eynsham, Kidlington, Witney (Cogges Hill, Fettiplace, Valence Crescent, Witney Express).

Please support our community park - every token counts!

Yarnton Playingfield Committee

PTA Update



Just a reminder that there is a Cake sale, Book Swap and Uniform Exchange TODAY, 3pm in the school hall. Please do come along. Donations of cakes/biscuits etc (no nuts please) or offers of help would be greatly appreciated. <https://volunteersignup.org/77J84>

The PTA AGM and Social is taking place on Wednesday 15th October, 7pm in the Kahlo classroom. Please come along to find out what we've used funds on over the last year and what the plans are for the next school year and to meet some new people. Drinks and nibbles provided. Everyone welcome.

Many thanks in advance Becca, Rachel and Catherine

William Fletcher School PTA

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High Flyers



Safeguarding Information



If you have any concerns about a child relating to Safeguarding, please get in touch with one of our Safeguarding Leads immediately.

Our School Designated Safeguarding Lead is: Mrs Claire Martin (Headteacher)

Our School Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are: Mr Austin (Assistant Headteacher), Mrs Haynes (Assistant Headteacher) and Clare Pink (Family Link Worker)

If you are unable to speak to a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team at school and have a safeguarding concern, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) directly who will be able to advise you.

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

Please see below some useful websites:

[NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC](#)

[Childline | Childline](#)

[Home - Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board \(oscb.org.uk\)](#)

Calendar Dates



October

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| 03.10.25 | PTA Book Swap and Uniform Exchange 3pm |
| 07.10.25 | Johnson and Kahlo - Bletchley Park Visit |
| 08.10.25 | Baker and Curie - Bletchley Park Visit |
| 08.10.25 | Rev Oliver visiting Simmonds class for a Harvest Talk |
| 09.10.25 | Individual School Photos |
| 10.10.25 | World Mental Health Day -To mark this day, staff and children can wear one item of yellow (yellow socks, yellow hairband, yellow ribbon) alongside their normal uniform |

12.10.25	Oxford Half Schools Challenge
14.10.25	Article 12 conference at Blenheim Palace
15.10.25	PTA AGM and Social at 7pm in the Kahlo classroom
16.10.25	Kidlington Fire Service coming in to visit EYS, Year 1 & 2
16.10.25	Year 6 Imps
20.10.25	Bikeability Week - Year 6
21.10.25	Kahlo Class Parents Evening (Face to Face)
22.10.25	Year 1-2 Dance Festival at The Marlborough School
22.10.25	Parents Evening (Virtual for Years 1 - 6 and face to face for Foundation Stage)
22.10.25	Year 1 & 2 Dance Festival
23.10.25	Parents Evening (Face to Face) - Not Kahlo Class
24.10.25	Term 1 Ends

November

03.11.25	Inset Day
03.11 .25 -	
07.11.25	Year 6 Woodlands all week
04.11.25	Term 2 Starts
06.11.25	U11 girls football
12.11.25	U9 & U11 Cross country
13.11.25	Foundation Stage Open Event for parents/carers of September 26 intake -
3:15pm	
14.11.25	Children in Need - Non uniform day - wear spots! Donation £1
21.11.25	Year 1 & 2 Visit to Crocodiles of the World

December

03.12.25	Open Classrooms 2:30pm - 3:00pm
04.12.25	Foundation Stage Open Event for parents/carers of September 26 intake - 9.30am
04.12.25	U11 Boccia
11.12.25	Foundation Stage Christmas Play Performance - 9:15am
16.12.25	Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Play Performance - 9.30am
17.12.25	Fresh Start Christmas Lunch
17.12.25	Christmas Jumper Day
18.12.25	Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Play Performance 1:30pm
19.12.25	Carol Service at St Bartholomew's Church
19.12.25	End of Term 2

Term Dates



William Fletcher School Term Dates 2025/2026

Term 1

Monday 1st September INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd September to Friday 24th October

Term 2

Monday 3rd November INSET Day

Tuesday 4th November to Friday 19th December

Term 3

Monday 5th January INSET Day

Tuesday 6th January to Friday 13th February

Term 4

Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March

Term 5

Monday 13th April to Friday 22nd May

Term 6

Monday 1st June to Thursday 16th July

Friday 17th July INSET

Monday 20th July INSET

[Contact Us](#)

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