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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful spring break and the children have had a great start to the Summer Term. We have lots of exciting things happening this term including school trips, school productions, rock project performances, Bikeability and Year 6 residential. We also have a week of sports, creative arts and our whole school carnival to look forward too! Don't forget school is closed on Monday due to the Bank Holiday. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th May.

Sports Week

Sports week is quickly approaching, we have now sent out the google forms inviting you to watch two events. The forms close on Sunday 10th May. The outdoor academy consent form has been sent out to all children in years 2 - 6. This **MUST** be returned to the class teacher or your child will be unable to take part in the caving session.

Dates and times for Sports Days:

Tuesday 19th May—Dragonflies—9.20am

Wednesday 20th May— Reception— 9:00am

Friday 22nd May- KS1 (Year 1 and 2)- 9:00am

Friday 22nd May- KS2 (Year 3,4,5,6)- 12:30pm

Parents/Carers are invited to attend sports days. On Friday 22nd, the PTFA will be providing refreshments throughout the day including a BBQ; all money raised will support future trips and projects for the school. Please be advised that you will need to bring your own seating.

Sports for Champions – Sports Week

On Wednesday 20th May, as part of sports week, we are once again hosting an inspirational workshop. This year with Leon Greenwood <https://sportsforchampions.com/athletes/leon-greenwood/>, a member of the team GB bobsleigh team. Leon needs your help to raise funds for vital training, medical and competition costs. This money will also help your school and other athletes across the country. The sponsorship forms will be sent home with the children soon. All sponsorship money **MUST** be paid into the school's crowd-funder page by **Tuesday 19th May**, please also use your child's name when making the donation so we can track them correctly.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/calcot-junior-schoolfundraiser>



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Year 6 PGL Information Evening

The Year 6 team will be holding a PGL Information Meeting for parents on **Monday 18th May at 4.30pm**. The meeting will take place in the Junior school. The Year 6 Team will be discussing PGL, sharing information about the trip, what the children will need, the activities they may be doing etc. This will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions regarding the trip. A packing list has already been sent out via MCAS.

Mobile Phone – Update

As per our recent communication please ensure that you have completed the **NEW** mobile phone permission form to enable your child to bring their phone to school. <https://forms.gle/BQA6x9EnyTgWMeF96> Once your child arrives on site the following procedure will apply:

- If arriving between **8:15am and 8:30am**, phones must be **switched off and handed to the member of staff on duty on the junior playground.**
- If the classroom door is already open, the phone must be **switched off and handed to the class teacher** when entering the building.

NHS Parent/Carer Workshops

NHS Berkshire have set up some parent/ carer workshops to support with early language and school age language which are now live on their website. These workshops were developed following a series of focus groups with parents and carers.

Please use this link to register for the School age language development workshop: <https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/advice/communication-and-hearing/school-age-language-development-workshops>

The NHS are also running an Early language development workshops for parents in the summer term. The workshop can be accessed using this link: <https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/advice/communication-and-hearing/early-language-development-workshops>

Holybrook Anniversary Fun day – Monday 4th May

Bring the family along this Bank Holiday to Linear Park, Calcot (4 May, 1–4pm) and celebrate Holybrook Parish's 25th Anniversary with a relaxed afternoon of entertainment, food, stalls and plenty of community fun for everyone.





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Sports

Calcot has recently celebrated some fantastic football success across our school. The Year 3 and 4 girls have progressed to the final of the Finley Uphill Cup after an outstanding performance in the semi-finals, securing an impressive 8–1 victory against Falkland on home ground. Their teamwork, determination, and skill have been evident throughout the competition. In addition, the Year 5 and 6 boys delivered a strong performance against Hermitage, winning 2–1 and earning their place in the semi-finals of the Bill Mac Cup. This success reflects the commitment and enthusiasm of all the players involved. Well done to everyone at Calcot, and thank you to all who have supported the teams. A special mention must go to our dedicated coaches, Mark and Mrs Smith, who generously give their time each week to train and support the children—your efforts are truly appreciated and to Mr Purvey for driving the teams on the school minibus.



Forms

Please use this link to access our school forms on the school website – please use this link to take you straight to them [Calcot Schools - Forms](#)

Remember, your child will be unable to bring their phone to school without a **NEW** mobile phone permission form being completed.

Community links pages

If you are looking for any activities then please look at our community links page on our website, this is regularly updated [Calcot Schools - Summer 2026 Activities](#)

Below is the link for the new West Berkshire directory;

<https://directory.westberks.gov.uk/directory-search?pageNumber=1&pageSize=15&sortOption=Rank%3Basc&distance=1609>

Florence Rostron

Headteacher



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Message from Year 6 Change Team

This month the change team visited the Friends of the Elderly care home based in Calcot once again. We played games with the residents and spoke about what activities they take part in there. Everyone had fun.



We will be running another bake sale before the end of term. Look out for the posters.

The SATs Stress by Allayna

The clock ticks down, the rooms grows still. A thousand thoughts begin to spill, papers rustle,
pencils tap, the pressure builds, it's like a tap.

The questions come, so cold, so wide with answers lost, I try to hide. A battle fought in silence deep,
while dreams of grades refuse to sleep.

The Math, the words, the endless rows. Each problem mocks, each answer shows how
little I feel I know today. As time slips swiftly, fades away.

The ticking sound, a distant roar, My heart beats fast, my hands explore. The bubbling answers checked
with care, But all I want is to breath fresh air.

And yet, I push, I try, I fight for every point, for every right. But in the end, I know this truth, the stress
won't define my worth or youth.

For the scores may come, but they don't say how much I've learned or grown today, the outcome. So
breathe, take heart and do your best. For you are more than just a test.

Indeed you are, you shine so bright. A test does not dim your light.



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Calcot Infant and Junior School

Curtis Road, Calcot, Reading, Berkshire RG31 4XG
Headteacher - Mrs Florence Rostron

Teaching Assistant (Level 1) Fixed Term (until 31.12.26), Term time only

1:00pm- 3:00pm Monday- Friday (10 hours per week)
Salary: £24,796 FTE, Actual - £5,655 - £5,783 dependent on experience

Start Date: Monday 1st June

The staff and governors of Calcot Schools are excited to offer an opportunity to become part of our warm and welcoming school. We are currently seeking an enthusiastic, experienced, and highly motivated Teaching Assistant to join our Key Stage 2 team. At Calcot, you'll be joining a lovely school with a strong sense of community and highly supportive staff who are passionate about giving every child the best possible start. If you're ready to make a difference in a nurturing and inspiring environment, we'd love to hear from you.

Within this role you will be expected to:

- monitor and assess pupils and record and report on pupils' achievements and development
- have good organisational skills and flexibility
- support the behaviour of children
- have a good standard of written and spoken English
- be a team player with the ability to work well both individually, as part of a phase and as a whole staff.
- be resilient and have a solution-focused approach

We welcome visits and would be pleased to show you around the school, giving you the chance to meet our staff, see our facilities, and learn more about how we support our amazing children.

Closing Date for all applications: Friday 8th May 2026
Interviews: Week Commencing: 18th May 2026

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons regardless of their age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, or other protected characteristics.

To arrange a visit or for an application pack please call
Mrs Phillips on 0118 9428727, email
sphillips@calcot-jun.w-berks.sch.uk or go to our website www.calcotschools.co.uk



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office@calcot-jun.w-berks.sch.uk Mrs Florence Rostron
Website: www.calcotschools.co.uk

Lunchtime Assistants

Monday to Friday 12pm – 1pm, Term time only

Grade B SCP3 (£12.85 per hour)
(Actual salary £2,828)

This post is offered on a Permanent basis

We are looking for hardworking, reliable Lunchtime Assistants to join our friendly team and support our amazing children during their lunchtime. This rewarding role involves setting up and cleaning tables, supervising children while they eat, and actively engaging with them during play.

Candidates must be happy to work outdoors in all weathers, be proactive, and able to use initiative. You should enjoy working with children, be confident in helping them resolve minor friendship issues, and be creative in coming up with fun, inclusive games that all children can enjoy. If you are enthusiastic, caring, and a great team player, we would love to hear from you!

We warmly welcome visits to the school.

Closing Date: Monday 11th May 2026 12.00pm

Interviews: From 18th May 2026

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons regardless of their age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, or other protected characteristics.

If you would like to speak to us in more detail about this exciting role, or to arrange a visit, please contact our School Office on 0118 942 8727.

For an application pack please visit our school website www.calcotschools.co.uk under 'Contact Us' or email sphillips@calcot-jun.w-berks.sch.uk

Calcot Schools is committed to safeguarding children and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment and is in line with the guidance in KCSIE. All shortlisted candidates will be asked to complete a criminal records self-disclosure form. Successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks along with other relevant employment checks including online searches to help identify any incidents and/or issues which may be relevant to your suitability for the role, which the school may want to explore further with you.



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MAY HALF-TERM

Price + Offers

from £25 per day

Sibling discount: 10% off

Early Bird discount (15% off)
Code: MHT15

Age

5 - 12 Years Old

Dates + Times

Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May

Standard day: 9am-3pm
Extended day: 9am-5pm

Venues

Newbury: Winchcombe School

Maidenhead: Alwyn Infant School

Reading: Calcot Junior School

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WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS!
For Holiday Camp Enquiries - Email admin@mnrcoaching.com www.mnrcoaching.com

FOOTBALL CAMP

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LET THEM PLAY! Football

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from £20 per day

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Bikeability

Level 1 and 2 Combined Course, and Level 3 Course

Fun, safe, and professionally led
Learn essential cycling skills
Build confidence on the road

26/27 May
Level 1 and 2 combined course
Kennet Leisure Centre, Stoney Lane, Thatcham, RG19 4LJ

28/29 May
Level 1 and 2 combined course
Kennet Leisure Centre, Stoney Lane, Thatcham, RG19 4LJ

27 May (morning only)
Level 3
Cotswold Sports Centre, Downs Way, Tilehurst, RG31 6SL

SCAN ME

For children aged 10 years and older | £25 per course*
To book, please visit: <https://activetravel.wbcroadsafety.co.uk>

*All our courses are run by DBS checked, fully-qualified Bikeability instructors. Your child's bike must be fully road-worthy and the right size. Our instructors have the right to refuse training if your child's bike is deemed unsafe.

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17 MAY 2026
Benham Estate, Marsh Benham
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A GREAT DAY OUT FOR EVERYONE!

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- Dog Show
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JOIN US!



TEACHER TRAINING INFORMATION EVENT

Wednesday 13 May: 6-7pm

St Bartholomew's School, Andover Road, Newbury RG14 6JP

INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO TEACH?

Join our information event to learn more about how we can help you to become a teacher!

- Detail about the postgraduate SCITT & Apprenticeship routes that we offer (primary & secondary subjects)
- Information about QTS only & PGCE with QTS courses, as well as full & part time options
- Guidance on the application process and how you can prepare for teacher training
- Individual support & answers to your questions as you explore your next steps into teaching



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CENTRE for AUTISM WELLBEING HUB

Autistic Thriving at School and Beyond

As part of the University's centenary celebrations, we are hosting a free public hybrid (in person and online) event on the evening of 6 May on the theme of Autistic Thriving at School and Beyond.

Join us for an evening that brings together autistic children and young people, their families, students, professionals and researchers to explore what supports autistic children to flourish in education and everyday life.

The event will include talks from:

- Professor Elizabeth McCrum, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education and Student Experience) at the University of Reading
- Dr Fiona Knott and Dr Jo Billington, Wellbeing Hub project leads
- Andy Smith, founder of Spectrum Gaming, and a passionate advocate for young people's voices in education.

For in person attendees, there will also be an opportunity to review a poster presentation of current autism research from academics and students in the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences. Refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday 6 May

G10 lecture theatre, Palmer Building, Whiteknights Campus, RG6 6EW

In person: 18:45–21:00

Online: 19:00–20:30 via Microsoft Teams

For more details and to book your place, please visit our website.



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Menstrual Health and
Period Education Advocates

April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

EXCITING COMMUNITY EVENTS

We are delighted to announce that two of our most popular community events are back.

Our legendary period pants parties will be visiting Newbury, Theale and Thatcham libraries over the coming weeks:

Saturday 16th May – 10am – 12pm, Newbury Library

Saturday 30th May – 10am – 12pm, Theale Library

Saturday 13th June – 10.30am – 12pm, Thatcham Library

Come along and pick up free period pants on a first come, first served basis – take them home to try!

Dads Do Pads is also back, with sessions covering both Period Products and the Menstrual Cycle. These free online workshops offer essential information for any dad supporting a young person who is about to start, or is already having, their periods. Sessions take place on 2nd and 9th June, online at 7.30pm.

Information on our period pants parties and how to sign up to Dads Do Pads can be found on our events page: <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/events>

PERIOD BOX COLLECTION POINTS

From 1st June, we will be moving from home deliveries to community collection points, to help us make better use of volunteer time and ensure our service is sustainable for the long term. You will continue to be able to order reusable period products online.

You can still order period boxes for yourself or any family members via our website up until 31st May: <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request>

If you have used our service before, you will receive an email on 1st May explaining the changes to our service, and how to access period boxes from 1st June.

With best wishes,

All Yours

All Yours Period Box CIC – www.allyoursbox.co.uk
Facebook & Instagram - @allyoursmonthly



Coffee morning



On Wednesday 6th May

We have Lizzie Paterson who is the Autism Advisor for Families from the Autism Advisory Team joining us to offer support and answer questions for parents of those children with an ASD diagnosis or on the pathway.

Venue: Infant School

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am

You will need to book a place as numbers are limited.

To book please email Mrs Chester by Mon 4th May

mchester@c-inf.w-berks.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you!!



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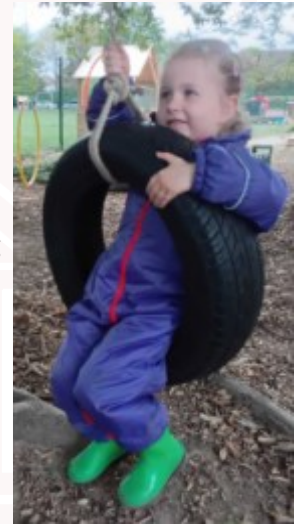
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Nursery

It has been an extremely busy and exciting few weeks in nursery. As the weather continues to improve, it has been wonderful to see so many of the children choosing to spend more time outdoors. To support this, we have made some upgrades to our outdoor area, including the addition of a new tyre swing—many of you may have already spotted it hanging in the trees! This has been a huge hit with the children and is fantastic for developing their gross motor skills, as it helps build core strength, balance, coordination, and spatial awareness through climbing, gripping, and swinging movements.



With the change in season, we have been embracing the warmer weather and exploring the theme of new life. The children have enjoyed bug hunts, observing birds outdoors, listening to spring stories, and engaging in a range of continuous provision activities to support this learning.

As we move further into the warmer months, we kindly remind parents to provide appropriate clothing, including named sun hats. Children should also arrive at the nursery each day with sun cream already applied, and bring a named bottle in their bag for reapplication at lunchtime if they are staying all day. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep the children safe while they enjoy the sunshine.

Reception

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back and hear all about their holiday adventures. Thank you to those who shared photos on Tapestry and helped their child to complete their Easter journals—this really supports the children in talking about their experiences and practising their writing skills. In Literacy, we have enjoyed 'As We Grow' and 'Once They Were Giants', sparking great discussions about how we change as we grow. Our life cycle learning continued with The Very Hungry Caterpillar, where we explored how caterpillars transform into butterflies and learned the word "metamorphosis." We also shared Rosa Explores – The Life Cycle of a Frog, comparing frog, butterfly and human life cycles. We have had great fun looking for minibeasts in the garden too! We are especially excited to be caring for our own caterpillars and look forward to observing their changes over the coming weeks. In Maths, we have been exploring doubling, odd and even numbers, counting patterns beyond 10 and 20, using practical resources to support one-to-one counting and matching numbers to quantities. The children have also practised counting to 100 and grouping objects to support accuracy, showing great enthusiasm and perseverance. In PE, we have enjoyed active counting through movement, including jumping and skipping and have started practising for sports day too!

Reminders and requests:

- We'd really appreciate any donations of large playground chalk for outdoor learning please.
- Please read at home daily (5–10 minutes) and sign reading records.
- Ensure all clothing is clearly labelled and PE kits should be brought in on Thursdays.





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Year 1

Welcome back to the Summer term! The children have returned to school brilliantly after the Easter break, and we are so impressed with how well they have settled back into routines, including our soft starts and new lunchtime arrangements.

This half term, we began by exploring the story 'We're Going to Find a Monster.' The children have been working hard to build sentences using 'and' to join their ideas together. We have also started to explore the different settings that Charlie and Eddie visit, using exciting and adventurous vocabulary to describe what they might see, hear and feel.

In Maths, we have been learning all about money. The children have been recognising different coins, understanding their values, and exploring how many 1p coins make up other amounts. We even created our own class shop, where the children used 2p coins to "buy" different items. This led to some great discussions, including realising that we can't pay for a 15p toy using only 2p coins, as it is an odd number.



Reminders

- Although the weather is getting warmer, children still need to come to Forest School wearing long sleeves and bottoms to ensure they stay safe and protected.

Year 2

Year 2 has had a really positive start to the summer term and has come back ready to learn with great enthusiasm.

In Literacy, we have begun an exciting non-fiction writing unit all about caterpillars. The children have been creating informative leaflets using a range of sentence types. They have learned about how caterpillars grow, how to care for them, and how they transform. The children particularly enjoyed publishing their work and sharing their finished leaflets with the Nursery children, which was a lovely opportunity to celebrate their writing.

In Maths, we have been focusing on time. The children have worked very hard to tell the time on a clock to the nearest 5 minutes, including both past and to the hour. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow, and they are now much more aware of time throughout the day. Many of them enjoy checking the clock and working out how long is left in a lesson or until the end of the school day! We are very proud of how well the children have settled back into their learning and look forward to another busy and exciting month ahead.

Reminders: Year 2 will be getting the exciting opportunity to try out swimming during sports week. Please could you ensure that you have read the letter so children bring the correct kit needed and we can work out groupings based on their swimming ability. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support.



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Junior School Update

Year 3

What a wonderful start to the Summer Term we have had in Year 3! The children have really benefitted from our soft starts to the morning and have come in each day with happy smiles and enthusiasm, ready to begin their learning. We have been so impressed with how positively the children have responded to the activities and the way they co-operate, share and settle so well.

In English this month, the children have been busy exploring instruction texts and developing their writing skills. They have used imperative verbs to write command sentences and then built on this learning by using direct speech and adding adverbials of time. They applied their understanding of instructional layout, grammar and punctuation brilliantly, and the teachers have been so impressed with their vocabulary choices and accurate speech punctuation. Their published work will be so interesting to read!

In Maths, the children have been learning the 4x and 8x tables and exploring the relationship between the 2x, 4x and 8x tables. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they use their knowledge of multiplication facts to solve problems and make connections between the different times tables.

Science has been particularly exciting this month as we explored how water is transported from the roots to the leaves in plants. The children were fascinated by investigating the structure of a celery stem and seeing the tiny tubes that carry water through the plant. They loved observing how dyed water changed the colour of celery leaves and white flowers, helping them to understand how water travels through the stem.

Another wonderful highlight was the children's first swimming lesson last Friday. We were so proud of how well they listened, followed instructions and approached the lesson with such positivity. It has been a fantastic start to the term, and we are looking forward to all the learning and opportunities still to come.

Reminders:

- **PE is on Thursdays and Swimming is on Fridays.** Please ensure children have the correct kit for both lessons each week. Earrings must be removed on PE and swimming days.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the summer term and have been busy with lots of exciting learning opportunities. The children have really enjoyed the start of their swimming sessions and it has been wonderful to see their confidence and skills in the water come back to them. They have shown great enthusiasm, resilience and excellent behaviour throughout.

In Science, we have started our new unit on States of Matter. The children have been exploring solids, liquids and gases and learning about how particles are arranged and move in each state. They have particularly enjoyed using models and diagrams to help them understand these important scientific concepts.

In Maths, we have just finished our unit on fractions. The children worked incredibly hard throughout this topic and should be very proud of the progress they have made. They have developed their understanding of counting in fractions, finding fractions of amounts and mixed number and improper fractions.

A reminder that the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) will take place in the first week back after the May half term. Please continue to encourage your child to practise their times tables regularly at home, as this will really help to build their confidence and fluency.

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- Please ensure you have made payment and completed the medical form for the year 4 school trip by Sunday 31st May <https://forms.gle/VAZzxLL6Pjyzu6ZPA>



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Year 5

Year 5 have had a wonderful term. They have been very enthusiastic and highly engaged in their learning, particularly while studying 'The Boy in the Tower'. The children enjoyed discussing the Bluchers, exploring serious themes, and writing excellent news reports about the falling buildings. They have successfully used their knowledge of reported speech, key features of a newspaper report, and a range of literary devices to take on the role of journalists, producing interesting and factual pieces of writing.

In Maths, the children have begun working on fractions. They have applied their understanding of multiplication, as well as whole and part relationships, to help them find and understand fractions.

In Geography, the children have been identifying where China is in the world and developing their understanding of the country's size and global position. They are looking forward to learning more about China, including its animals, diverse biomes, and rich culture. The children are particularly excited to explore traditional Chinese food and to have a go at writing in Chinese, developing their understanding of a different language and writing system.

Science has been especially exciting so far this term. The children have started learning about plants and animals, including how they grow and change over time. They will explore the concept of life cycles, thinking about how living things develop from babies into adults, and have begun to understand the different stages of growth in both animals and humans.

The children have also started swimming this term. They have all been keen participants, listened carefully to instructions, and thoroughly enjoyed their time in the sunshine.

Reminders:

Please ensure you have made payment and completed the medical form for the year 5 school trip by Sunday 28th June

<https://forms.gle/ED51bejeiT3BCGs49>

Year 6

Year 6 have returned from the Easter break with a calm, focused and mature attitude. We have been particularly impressed with their determination and positive mindset as they prepare for their upcoming SATs. The children have approached their learning with confidence and resilience, showing a real commitment to doing their very best.

In Art, the children have been creating striking Banksy-inspired keyhole artwork. This project encouraged them to think deeply about symbolism, perspective and meaning. The keyhole design represents looking beyond barriers and exploring hidden ideas, and the children have produced some incredibly thoughtful and creative pieces. Their work demonstrates not only artistic skill but also an ability to reflect on wider themes and express these visually.



In PSHE, we have been focusing on emotional wellbeing and what it means to be mentally healthy. The children have explored how it is normal to experience a range of feelings and have discussed positive ways to support themselves and others. These included staying active, listening to music, spending time with friends and speaking to a trusted adult. It has been lovely to see the children engaging so openly and thoughtfully in these discussions, showing empathy and respect for one another.

In Science, the children have been learning about electricity. They have explored how electricity is used in everyday life, built simple series circuits and learned how to represent these using symbols. More recently, they investigated how batteries work by creating their own simple circuits and exploring chemical reactions. A particular highlight was creating their own lemon batteries—a memorable experiment that certainly sparked plenty of curiosity (and a few surprised reactions!).

Overall, it has been a very positive start to the summer term. The children continue to show maturity, enthusiasm and resilience in all areas of their learning. We are incredibly proud of their attitude and look forward to supporting them over the coming weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Reminders:

- Please complete the form for the Newbury weekly news so your child can be included <https://forms.gle/EoKGv5xrooofdA3Z6>



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Infant School Certificates

April Stars of the week

Reception:

RAM -

RJM - Ella, Obi, Maryam and Madison

Year 1:

1VW - Ayla, Liliana-Mai, Rayen and Maya

1SA - Dobbie, Finley, Hope and Charlie

Year 2:

2CK - Nahliah and Ruben,

2RT - Jacob, Marco, Caitlin and Jastin

Infant School Attendance

Week ending 27th March - Attendance **95%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Wood's class, well done!

Week ending 17th April - Attendance **98%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Tominey's class, well done!

Week ending 24th April - Attendance **100%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Tominey's class, well done!

Year to date Attendance 93.4%



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Junior School Certificates March/April Stars of the week

Year 3:

3ST - All of 3ST, Dylan, Emmie, Minahil and Micah

3FD - All of 3FD, Fraiser, Lucas, Rosie and James

3SL - All of 3SL,

Year 4:

4AM - Ethan R, Jacob, Noah, Alex, Amelia and Rudy

4MB - Sama, Sanaya, Freddie, Samayra, Tessa and Oliver

Year 5:

5DP - Ethan, Izaya, Louis T, Jorgie, Bonnie and Kye

5AB - Eliske, Blake, Alice, Jacob C, Reggie and Natalie

5LH - Ajeebah, Charlie T, Ruqqayyah, Milo, Louie S and Hugh

Year 6:

6NC - Charlie S, Ben, Rossi, Myia, Dania and Rory

6MH - Isla, Ronnie, Yusuf, Harper, Eliza and Jaxson

6RS - Jayden, Yashika, Faiaz, Heidi, Jessica and Beau

French Certificates

Aareez (Y5) Pour un fantastique masque de carnaval

Thomas (Y5) Pour un fantastique masque de carnaval

Dylan (Y4) pour votre enthousiasme

Charlie Marshall (Y3) pour une excellente contribution

Wali (Y5) Pour toujours faire de ton mieux

Eubridge (Y3) Pour un travail fantastique dans la leçon

March/April Manners Badges

Year 3: Jake

Year 4: Samayra, Ethan P and Aubree

Year 5: Louis T, Noah and Rayaana

Year 6: Alex, Allayna and Yashika

Read a Rainbow Certificates

Year 4: Jessica (Y4), Lilah-Mae (Y4),

Junior School Attendance

Week ending 27th March - Attendance **93.9%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Munro's class, well done!

Week ending 17th April - Attendance **99.6%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Drew's class, well done!

Week ending 24th April - Attendance **99.1%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Hughes class, well done!

Year to date Attendance 95.1%