

Dear Families,

We are well and truly into our festive countdown now and it has been so enjoyable seeing our children be entertained this week by professional productions. On Wednesday, Acorns, FS2, Y1 & Y2 were transfixed as our hall turned into a stage for the production of Cinderella. Yesterday we took Y3-6 to the Corn Exchange to watch the excellent Dick Whittington and the children's behaviour as usual was exceptional. A HUGE thank you to FOWS for subsidising our viewings and snacks at both events – to see the children so engaged and interactive at both performances was a joy.

Sports News

Our Boys Football team took part in a match at John Rankin Schools and were mighty winners 12-0. The boys displayed **Courage** and **Respect** against their opponents and were justifiably proud of their achievement – well done! Thanks to Miss G and Mr Hughes for organising/transporting.



Reading Café Morning

Don't forget to join us next Friday 13th December at 8am to share books and biscuits with us (KS2)! Any family member who drops off is welcome to join us!

FOWS

As this arrives in your inbox, our FOWS Christmas Fayre will be in full swing. Thanks to all of those working prior, during and after to ensure success in raising funds for our children.

Library / Book Fair

Thanks for all your **Kindness** and support at the Book Fair last month, our total sales were £734.95 which has given us £293 in rewards to buy new books for the library. The children can look out for new titles arriving in the new year.

Remembrance Day

Thanks also for all your **Respect** shown by purchasing poppies and other items. We raised an amazing £259.80 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Winter Mini Challenge 2024 – West Berkshire Libraries

Their 2024 Summer Reading Challenge 'Marvellous Makers' was all about getting creative and it was developed by [The Reading Agency](#) in partnership with Create. Children can now take part in a Winter Mini Challenge with the same creative theme. The Winter Mini Challenge extends the core message

from the summer of aiming to fire up children’s imaginations, unleash storytelling and inspire their own creativity through the power of reading.

Children can take part online by signing up on the website here: www.wintermini.org.uk. They are challenged to read 3 or more books through the winter to complete the challenge. Children can add ratings to their books and unlock limited edition virtual badges on the website as they progress and for finishing, they will receive a special printable certificate to download. Taking part in the challenge, joining the website, and receiving the virtual rewards is all **FREE**, as is library membership and access to books from all West Berkshire Libraries. The challenge has already started and runs throughout the winter until 20th February 2025.

Word of the Week

To help with next week’s word please try to put the word into a sentence, define the word, look it up, draw a picture of the word, look for it in a magazine or ask them to explain how they could use it in class.

Next week the new word will be: **vulnerable**

Playground equipment

Please ensure children are supervised before and after school. This includes not allowing them to ride scooters in the school grounds and playing or using equipment which includes the climbing frames. Often activities are set up in Acorns or FS2 ahead of the school day which are being interfered with which interrupts the planned learning.

Drop Off at Year 1 classrooms

We know that the path is narrow outside the year 1 classrooms resulting in congestion at drop off and pick up times. Please could those waiting be mindful of others needing to get through to other classes especially when they have prams or buggies and need to use the path. Please also remember the one -way system around the school.

Upcoming events at school

December	January
10 th KS1 Performance 9:30am	6 th INSET day
11 th FS2 Performance 2pm	7 th School starts
12 th Christmas Jumper Day (whole school)	16 th Willow Class Assembly
12 th KS1 Performance 10am	23 rd Oak Class Assembly
13 th Reading Café (KS2)	28 th Bikeability Level 1 (Y5)
18 th Christmas lunch	30 th Pine Class Assembly
19 th FS2 Christmas party	
20 th End of term 12:05pm	

Enjoy your weekend, take care especially as there is a current weather warning in effect for gusts up to 60mph.

Kind Regards,

Matt Percy