NEWSLETTER

13TH NOVEMBER 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2026

- Open Morning - 17.11.26 (9.30-11am)
- Parent Workshop - 25.11.26 7-8pm

December 2026

- Christmas Fayre - 04.12.26 (5.30-8pm)
- Nativity KS1 - 09.12.26 (2.15pm)
- Parent Wreath Making - 09.12.26 (TBC)
- Christmas Jumper Day - 10.12.26
- Rock Steady Concert - 10.12.26 (9.15am)
- Open Morning - 11.12.26 (9.30-11am)
- Christmas Lunch - 16.12.26
- Carol Singing - 17.12.26
- Christmas Service - 18.12.26 (Please see below)

HEADTEACHER FORUM

Thank you to those who attended the Forum on Tuesday. We discussed the possibility of Aspens, our catering company offering a packed lunch option. We will explore this and share the outcome. In addition, we discussed communications from school. We were keen to explore how families feel about the frequency and content of our comms. In general feedback was positive but there were some issues with the functionality of MCAS, especially the stacking up of messages which can mean things are missed or superseded. We will feed this back to MCAS. As suggested, we have added a self help guide to MCAS onto our website. Please follow the link if you need a reminder of how to do anything.

https://www.stadhampton.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=My+Child+At+School+%28MCAS%29&pid=247





OPAL EQUIPMENT

We would really love any old coats, hats and bags for our next OPAL area of play. If you have been having a clear out, we would be very happy to take them off your hands (adult and child sizes). In addition, we would love any small world toys, dolls and prams if you happen to be having a pre-Christmas cull.
Many thanks in advance.



COATS, GLOVES, HATS ETC

As the weather is becoming significantly colder, please can we remind families that children need a coat in school every day as well as a pair of wellies. We go outside for break times whatever the weather. Children will also be doing PE outside so please can you ensure they have dark coloured tracksuit trousers and a dark coloured sweatshirt or hoodie to keep them warm.



YOUNG VOICES TICKETS

We believe that the window for Young Voices tickets has closed for school specific admission. However, we are aware of 2 tickets from one of our parents which are no longer required. If you would like these, at face value, please contact the office.



SECOND-HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

A big thank you to everyone who has kindly donated second-hand school uniform. We are very grateful for your generosity and support.
We currently have a plentiful supply of second-hand uniform, so we would kindly ask that no further donations are brought into school for the time being.
Thank you again for your continued kindness and support.

RAGS 2 RICHES

In January 2027 our school will be taking part in a Rags 2 Riches collections.

Collection Date - 20th January 2027
Please see information sent via email.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

As a follow up from our newsletter at the end of term 1, we have made the decision to hold 2 sessions for our Carol Service on Friday 18th December. See below for the plan.
Families will be able to select 2 tickets per child which can be for whichever combination suits. For example, you could have both tickets for Carol Service One or Two or 1 ticket for Carol Service One and 1 ticket for Carol Service Two.
We have allocated enough tickets for each child to have 2 and they will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. The form will be available to selected your prefered ticket options will be sent out on Friday 13th November.
We appreciate that this is far from ideal but we do have limited space and a school of extremely supportive families.

PARENT WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

We will be holding an interactive parent workshop based on setting boundaries and managing consequences in school between 7.00-8.00pm. We aim for this to be a very relaxed and informal opportunity to share experiences and gather some useful tips.
Please complete kindly the form to let us know if you will be attending.
https://forms.gle/WeVX1sdAMmN7ar419





CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who donated today for Children in Need

We have raised £96.00!









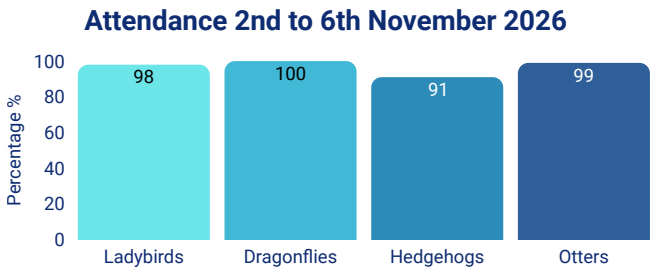


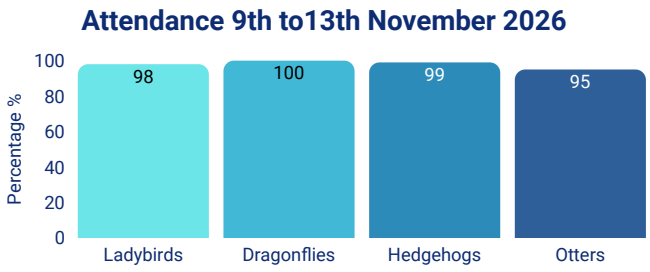





ATTENDANCE

The school has an attendance target of 97%. Each child has an important part to play in helping us meet it. Regular attendance supports learning, builds confidence, and ensures every pupil can make the most of the opportunities school offers.
Thank you to all families for supporting good attendance—together, we can continue to build strong habits that help every child thrive.





Well done Dragonfly Class for highest attendance for 2 weeks!

CAKE CLUB

Would you like your child to be in with a chance of winning a cake each Friday?
Cake club membership costs £10 for the year; which can be paid in full within the first term, or £5.00 per term to guarantee your entry. Membership means your child's name will be entered into the Cake Club draw each Friday to win the cake kindly donated by a different family each time. If you would like to take part in Cake Club and help us raise funds for FOSP, please see Mrs Venner or leave money in the office clearly marked with your child's name.

Calling all bakers. We have created an online cake club rota: Cake Club Google Sheet - Please do pop your name down against any of the available dates if you would be willing to bake or donate a cake. If you are unable to edit the google sheet directly, please email the office with the date you'd like and we can pop your name on for you.

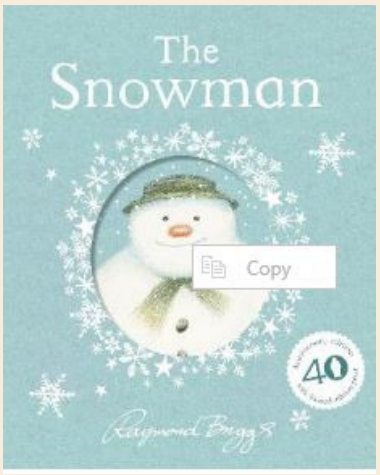


Please can we ask that all cakes made are nut and gelatine free.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER BOOK CLUB

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

This weeks book recommendation by Mrs Blackmore



THE SNOWMAN – RAYMOND BRIGGS (1978)

Imagine a book that tells an entire story purely through illustrations. The Snowman does exactly that, allowing the reader's imagination to bring the story to life without a single written word. We can truly appreciate how much a colouring pencil can convey, creating emotion, movement, and narrative without the need for text. The illustrations are beautifully expressive, encouraging readers to interpret the story in their own way. For early readers beginning their journey towards a love of books, this is a wonderful introduction to storytelling. It provides the perfect opportunity to discuss the illustrations and develop imaginative storytelling skills before children are able to read independently. Of course, many of us now associate The Snowman with the beloved half-hour animated television film that has become a Christmas tradition. Accompanied by its unforgettable music, we watch as a young boy builds a snowman that magically comes to life, capturing the wonder and excitement of childhood. Themes of innocence, imagination, friendship, and childhood joy run throughout the story, making it as touching today as it was when it was first published. This book is a perfect reminder that a picture really can speak a thousand words.