

MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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"Living and learning with Faith, Community and Hope."

Our value this term is Respect

"So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 7 v 12

Dear all,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. When collating photographs for an open morning for prospective parents, it was lovely to reflect on all the amazing learning and additional experiences the children have already been a part of.

This term has started with our Year 6 pupils having a fantastic time on their residential visit to Kilvrough Manor in Wales last week. The week was packed with outdoor adventures, from rock climbing and canoeing to coastal walks and team challenges. The trip was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to build confidence, resilience, and collaboration — and despite some muddy boots, wet clothes and tired faces, everyone returned with big smiles and plenty of stories to tell! They used all our REACH learning behaviours to take part in adventurous outdoor activities. The conditions were often challenging (it rained and rained!!) but not one child complained and each undertook the tasks with enthusiasm, ambition and resilience. More photos can be found on the website:

<https://www.marcham.oxon.sch.uk/year-6-kilvrough/>



"Extremely Good.
Best Experience
I've ever had"
(Joe)

"Absolutely
amazing"
(Heidi and Paige)

"The Rocky Road
was delicious"
(Joden)



During the morning of Thursday 13th November, Years 2 – 6 had a tennis workshop. Each group had time practising skills and developing hand-to-eye coordination. They all had a great time, lots of smiles and some great skills of bouncing, balancing and hitting the ball. Photos can be seen on the website.

We have a few student teachers in our school currently starting their journey to training to be teachers. Miss Burton-Smith is working every day in Wolves and Mr. Demetriades (Mr. D) and Mr. Reeve working two days a week in Leopards class. They will be working with us until December.

3 pupils in Year 6 have been working hard on an idea to change one of our benches on the field into a Friendship Bench. They have designed (below) what it might look like, planned what they might need and even thought about when is the best time to start painting! They have even written to B&Q requesting some support with paint. To support this venture, they are organising a bake sale on Tuesday to raise money and fund the project.



Cake Sale – Tuesday 18 November

To raise money for our friendship bench. The bake sale will be in the KS2 playground after school. Alfie S, Ally, Miles, Heidi, Lena and Clara are organising.

We are making cookies, cakes and more! If you would like to purchase a delicious treat, please bring at least 50p.
Written by Alfie S.

“Living the Vision” certificates were awarded to:

Friday 7th November: Erin, Joshua, Leira, Florence and Dexter

Friday 14th November: Evie, Sylvia, Ollie and Jacob.

Certificates were also awarded to all Year 6s who went to Kilvrough.



“Reach for Learning” certificates were awarded to:

Friday 7th November: All Leopards, Fern, Sebastian, Catalina and Sienna

Friday 14th November: Oscar W, Gabriel, Clayton and Oscar B.



What a delight to see lots of 'spotty' children today. The School Council say a big thank you to all who supported the day. We have raised £309.67 for Children In Need.

With best wishes

Lindsay Priddle

Lindsay Priddle
Headteacher

Learning of the Week

This week, **Pandas** have been learning all about the festival of Diwali!

We explored some of the traditions that Hindus follow during this celebration and even tried a few ourselves. The children had great fun acting out the Diwali story and sharing their favourite parts. They also created beautiful Rangoli patterns, made their own diva lamps and prepared some delicious Diwali sweets- which most of us loved!

Leopards Class have been learning about Guy Fawkes and why we have fireworks on or close to November 5th. Can they tell you about King James and what Guy Fawkes hid? In Maths we have been learning part/part/whole method. We have been using different numbers (within 10 this week) to see how they are made up e.g. 4 is a part and 5 is a part, 9 is the whole. The children have used counter and pictures to support their understanding. We have only just started this method and will be practising it lots over the coming term to complete addition and subtraction sums.

This week, **Tigers** have been learning about Antarctica as part of their topic about animals. They have been learning about instructions and next week they will be writing their own instructions about how to care for an animal from Antarctica. They explored the forest school area, looking for minibeasts and their microhabitats, and they learnt about how different animals adapt to their environments.

In **Kangaroos**, we have continued with our Prehistory topic, moving from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age. In English we have been continuing with our whole-class text, The Ice Palace, and writing small pieces that we will build on later in the term. In Maths we have started a new multiplication and division topic. All this, plus a tennis workshop, and more!

In **Meerkats**, we have been busy learning about Roman soldiers. We have learnt about the different equipment that soldiers had and created our own Roman shields. We had lots of fun marching around the playground chanting "Sin, dex, sin, dex" which stands for left/right, (in Latin, sinister/dexter). We also formed a Testudo -tortoise formation and tried to defend ourselves against an attack!

This week in **Giraffes** we have been learning about light in Science. In Maths we have started looking at Fractions. This week we have found equivalent fractions and compared them. Today we were visited by a tennis coach from the White Horse Tennis centre and enjoyed developing our tennis skills.

On the week of the 3rd of November, the **year 6** children headed to Wales for a week long residential at Kilvrough. It was filled with so much fun, laughter and learning. The children were brilliant and had such a wonderful time. The activities ranged from climbing, canoeing, waterfall walks, rockpooling, beach art and spotting seals! In the evenings, we did lots of Orienteering and a lovely night hike! Attached are many photos to browse through.

Diary Dates

Day	Date	Event	Time
Monday – Friday	17th – 21st November	Assessment Week	In school
Tuesday	18th November	Cake Sale to raise funds for a Friendship Bench	3.15- 3.45pm
Thursday	27th November	Rainforest Trip	All day
Monday	1st December	IMPS visit for Year 6	Morning
Thursday	4th December	Carol Service – Choir (more details to follow)	All day
Tuesday	9th December	Pandas Class Nativity – parents welcome	2pm
Thursday	11th December	Open Morning – parents welcome to visit classes	8.35 - 9.05am
Tuesday	16th December	KS1 (Leopards & Tigers) Nativity – parents welcome	2pm
Thursday	18th December	KS2 Carol Service – Church	9.30am
Friday	19th December	End of Term	1.30pm

School Website

Have you taken a look this half term ..? Here's what's new to see....

[Pandas](#) - Have updated their class letter and curriculum web for the new half term.

[Meerkats](#) - Have shared a recent Gymnastics lesson, a Lego robot workshop and Halloween poems.

[Wolves and Giraffes](#) - Our year 6 children recently spent a week at Kilvrough Manor, Gower Peninsular, Wales. They had a wonderful time and their experiences have been shared on their class pages.

Term 1 Sept 25 Wed 3rd Sept to Thu 23rd Oct INSET days 1 st & 2nd Sept, 24th Oct	Term 2 Mon 3rd Nov to Fri 19th Dec
Term 3 Tues 6 th Jan to Fri 13 th Feb 2026 INSET Day 5 th Jan	Term 4 Mon 23 rd Feb to Fri 27 th Mar 26
Term 5 Mon 13 th Apr to Fri 22 nd May INSET Days 4 th May	Term 6 Mon 1 st Jun to Fri 17 th Jul INSET Day 20 th July

Attendance

Well done to Morland house with 97% attendance

15th October - 12th November.

Anson 96.06%	Denman 95.49%
Duffield 92.94 %	Morland 97.13%

Reception Applications for 2026/27

Reception Applications for 2026/27 Applications for Reception can be submitted from **4 November 2025** until **15 January 2026** for entry to school in the 2026/27 academic year.

Generally we advise the following: It's a good idea to list 4 schools on your application. Think about how you will manage your child's commute to and from school every day - the council will only provide free travel support in very limited circumstances.

Apply well before the deadline of 15 January in case you have any last minute ICT issues. Go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions for further information and to submit an application.

Applying online is the best way to apply - it's safe and secure, you can edit your preferences, and it won't get held up or go missing in the post.

Applications received after 15 January will be considered late and are far less likely to secure a place at a preferred school.

OCC Admissions Team

The Little Recyclers

We have decided to try another recycling company for your **donated, unwanted clothes**. Please note the collection is on **25th November**. Please leave bags at the front of school by the trees by 9am as usual. Please see the poster on the next page for items that can/cannot be included.

Thank you.

Please find this term's Primary Newsletter from the 0-19 Children and Young People's Public Health Service (previously school health nursing).

[Term 2: Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter November 2025](#)

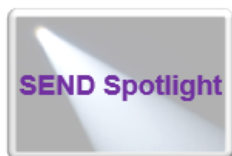
Governor News:

It's time for our annual parent survey. Your feedback helps us understand what's going well and where we can improve—across teaching and learning, communication, wellbeing, culture, wraparound care, and more.

Please [click here to complete the survey](#) by **Friday 21 November 2025**.

- It only takes about **2-3 minutes**, and you only need to complete it once as a family response.
- Responses are **anonymous** and will be reviewed by the senior leadership team and governors.
- We'll share a **summary of results and actions** with families ahead of the Parents' Evening in March.

Thank you for taking the time to give your feedback.



If you're a parent of a child with SEND, the Council for Disabled Children offers a range of free eLearning modules designed to help you better understand the systems and support available. These online courses cover topics such as Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), preparing for adulthood, and working in partnership with professionals. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2021** and **31 August 2022**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2026**.

Apply online at

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

– it's quick, easy and secure.

You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres – ask for details at your local facility.



For help and information:

Web: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Email: admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Tel: **01865 519800 Option 2**



CHILDREN'S FLU VACCINATIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Visit our website to:

- Register a new consent form
- Book a community clinic appointment
- Find your school code
- Find out more information



<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/parents/>

For further information about the Flu vaccine follow the link below

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes –
more funds for
your organisation
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS
ARRANGED ON:

25th November '25

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

£42

Vicky's After School & Holiday Club

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd December

8:30am – 5:00pm

Location: Aston & Cote primary school

TAX FREE CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!

SPORTS

NERF WARS

STEM

BAKING

OUTDOOR PLAY

MESSY PLAY

DISCO

GAMES

ARTS & CRAFTS

BOOK NOW!

Contact Vicky Hickman
Call: 07887711454
Email: holiday@vickysafterschoolclub.co.uk

Bring your own packed lunch & a light tea will be provided