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Newsletter 16

Friday 16th January

Dear Parents/Carers

A note from Mr Reeves

This week, it was a real pleasure to welcome so many of you into school for our Science Stay and Learn morning on Wednesday. The children and I loved having their families join them in the classroom and were proud to share the practical learning they have been exploring. A huge thank you to Mrs Stevenson for her thoughtful organisation and for presenting our science curriculum so clearly. It was wonderful to see our pupils' curiosity and enthusiasm shine through.

I am also delighted to share that Cropredy has been awarded the Primary Music Mark. This is a fantastic recognition of the school's commitment to high-quality music education. The award celebrates our ongoing work: weekly curriculum music, instrument teaching, performance opportunities, and the nurturing of children's musical confidence and creativity. We are proud of the rich musical experiences our pupils enjoy, and receiving this award is a tribute to the dedication of our staff and the children's passion for music.

Last week, we welcomed Maria Morris, our Safeguarding Governor, for a monitoring visit. As part of her role, Maria spent time speaking with children and staff about the culture of safeguarding across the school. This was a very positive visit, and pupils spoke confidently about how they can raise concerns and who they can go to if they need help. Staff also shared the strong systems we have in place to support children's wellbeing. We are really pleased with the feedback and remain committed to maintaining a safe, nurturing environment for all.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

This week's attendance is 98.53%

House Points			
Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore	Willow
655	721	744	889

KS2 Choir Club

We are delighted to let you know that we are starting a school choir which is initially being offered to children in years 3 to 6. We will be singing songs from a range of genres including pop, film, musicals and folk. If your child would like to take join then please book on ParentPay by Tuesday 20th January at the latest. We have 25 spaces available on a first come first served basis.

Out Of School Achievements

It has been lovely to see the variety and range of awards brought into school to be shared.

Jaxon won players player of the year at football last week. Well done!

Iris has qualified to compete the 200 metre freestyle at the Oxfordshire and North Buckinghamshire county championships in February. Counties are highly competitive and to even qualify is an incredible achievement. Well done!

To have future achievements shared in the school newsletter, please send the details to the School Office. Any certificates, medals or trophies to be presented in Celebration assemblies on a Friday, please also drop these into the school office.

Next Week In School

Don't forget to order your child's Hot Dinners through ParentPay if you haven't already done so.

Monday	• Clubs: Nature in Art, Taekwondo
Tuesday	• Clubs: Football
Wednesday	• Clubs:
Thursday	• Clubs: Nature in Art; Choir Yrs 3-6
Friday	•

PE & Forest School Days

Cygnets	Forest School – Monday PE – Wednesday
Year 1	PE Session 1 – Monday PE Session 2 – Tuesday Forest School - Wednesday
Year 2	PE Session 1 – Monday PE Session 2 – Wednesday
Year 3	PE Session 1 – Monday PE Session 2 – Tuesday Forest School - Friday
Year 4	Swimming – Monday PE Session – Friday
Year 5	PE Session 1 – Monday Forest School – Tuesday PE Session 2 - Thursday
Year 6	PE Session 1 – Tuesday PE Session 2 – Friday

School Certificates

Well Done to the following children who have received certificates in assembly today.

Headteacher's Award
Monty Y6
Darius Y3
Flynn Y2
Rudy Y1
Marty Y4
Imogen Y4
Jacob Yr 5

Reading Award
Ava Y6
Teddy U Y2
Thea Y4
Arlo Cyg
Jimmy Cyg
Olithia Yr 5

Writing Award
Chloe Y6
Rose Y1
William G Y4
Bonnie Cyg
Lucy Yr 5

Maths Award
Harry Y6
Oriarna Y3
Miley Y3
Ralphie G Y4
Audrey Cyg
Ella Yr 5

House Points Certificates

Bronze
Kitty Cyg
Jack L Cyg
Albie Cyg
Rory Cyg
Hudson Cyg
Jimmy Cyg

Silver
Rosalie Y1
Aaron Y1
Melody Y1

Gold
Ralph Y2
Delilah Y2
Teddy N Y2
Sophia Y1
Sophie Y1
Tilly Y1
Tati Y1
Oakley Y3
Lorenzo Y3

Platinum
Alfred Y6
Oliver Y6
Kacey Y6
Francesca Y4
Logan Y4
Thea Y4
William W Y4
Marty Y4
Farris Y3
George W Y3
Evie Y3

Chenderit Sports Events

Alfred K and Aneirin E both participated in the Yr 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics festival at Chenderit yesterday, representing Cropredy, but competing as part of an All Stars WINNING team, joining up with children from Kings Sutton and Helmdon. They both participated in 4 different events, but of particular note - Alfred won the Speed Bounce competition and together they came 3rd in the 2+2 lap relay and 2nd as part of the obstacle relay team. A fantastic evening's work boys! Well done!

Here are some of the fantastic sporting opportunities that we have coming up. All of the events are held at Chenderit School in Middleton Cheney. Thank you to Tamsyn and the Chenderit Sports Leaders for supporting our school with continuing to develop our PE opportunities.
Where possible we will have a member of staff at the event, however parents are responsible for arranging transport to Chenderit.

Feb 5th (3.45-5.30pm) - Yr 1/2 Sports Hall Athletics competition, (6boys & 6 girls preferably)
Feb 12th (3.45-5pm) - KS1&2 X-Country festival (Any number of children welcome!)

Feb 26th (3.45-5.30pm) - KS2 Netball (Teams of 7 players)
Mar 5th (3.45-5.30pm) - KS2 Basketball Festival (Teams of 6) **DATE CHANGED**
Mar 26th (3.45-5.30pm) - KS2 Hockey (7 a side **please note this will be held at NOA)** **DATE CHANGED**

Next Event:
Jan 29th (3.45-5.30pm) - Yr 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics competition, (6 boys & 6 girls preferably)

For your child to attend, please sign up via this form: https://forms.office.com/e/Ej9QwYRLA1 or email the school office by the Monday before the event.

Our Week Of Learning

This week Cygnets, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 are sharing their learning.

Cygnets

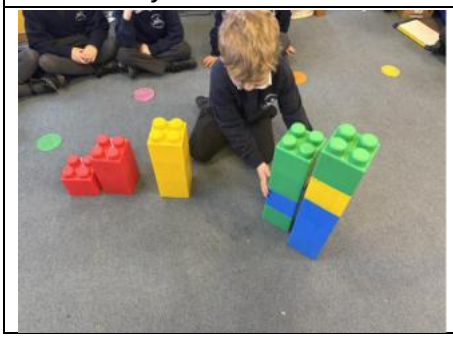
Cygnets have started 2026 with their enthusiasm and enjoyment of learning growing all the time. We have now started to learn Phase 3 sounds, which are digraphs and trigraphs. We are so proud of how well every single Cygnets is doing in knowing their sounds! Now we are practice being digraph detectives – making sure that we can spot them in words. This is something that you can try at home too!

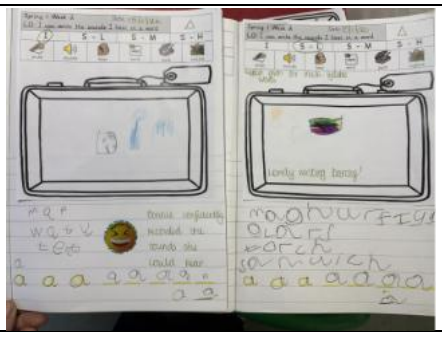
This week in our new topic, 'Let's Explore' we have started to think about explorers – what an explorer uses, and what they might need to pack with them on an adventure! We wrote lists using our phonic sounds! Next week we will be thinking about maps – and how they can help an explorer.

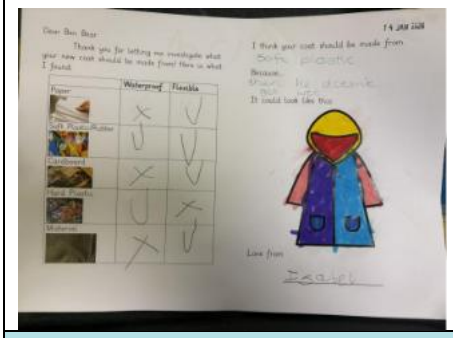
In Maths, we have been impressed by the children's skills in subitising – knowing how many there are without counting. Last week we made some subitising superheroes, making our own dot patterns to represent different numbers. This week, we looked at ordering numbers and that when you order the numberblocks – they make a staircase! We used the numberblock 'diddly diddly doo' song to help us other towers and pictures of the numberblocks.

Finally, we have enjoyed exploring the colder weather, looking at how trees change in the winter. We are hoping for some snow soon, but in the meantime, this week we investigated what materials would make the best raincoat, to keep Ben Bear warm. We decided that soft plastic would be the best materials from those we had.

We are looking forward to our trip around Cropredy coming up soon – finding out more about our fantastic community!







Year 2

A very busy couple of weeks in Year 2 to start the new term! We have thoroughly enjoyed sharing all our Christmas stories and settling back into routines.

Art – the class have enjoyed experimenting with texture as we start our new art topic painting. The pictures below were created with different tools such as lollipop sticks, crunched tissue paper, straw, string and rope as we explored texture this week. No paintbrushes were used!

Maths – We have begun learning all about shapes in maths where we have identified 2D and 3D shapes and explored sides and vertices. The children have been extremely engaged in this topic, and it is so lovely to see children so focused during maths lessons. Next week we will continue our work on shape and focus on lines of symmetry, drawing 2D shapes and investigating patterns.

British Bee Association Visit – last week, Year 2 were visited by the British Bee Association to conclude our science topic on biodiversity. The children learnt lots of valuable information about bees and were given the opportunity to try on beekeeper suits, handle equipment and taste and compare honey. The children (and Mr Stratford) loved every second of it and we thank for association for organising volunteers to give up their time to visit us.

For lots more pictures of our bee afternoon, please see the Year 2 class page on the school website!

Year 4

In the week before we broke up for Christmas, Year 4 concluded their topic of the Romans in style, as we celebrated with a Roman Day. We finished our whole class Mosaic which was inspired by our visit to the Roman villa in Chedworth & enjoyed an invasion themed Forest School, topped off with pizzas made over the firepit – it was a lovely way to end the term. Thank you to Mrs Sabin for leading the session.

Since returning for 2026, I've been impressed with how the class have resumed the routines and expectations set. New displays, seats and topics always brings excitement and a freshness to the beginning of another term. Our world-renowned StarBooks has had a re-stock of familiar favourites and new authors aplenty as we again big up the book talk and enthusiasm towards reading for pleasure – thank you to those parents who sent in pictures of their children reading in creative places over the holidays; these have been added to the area and make it even more special.

This past Monday marked our first venture to Southam for swimming sessions and let's just say it was quite the experience. Well done to everyone in the class for getting in the pool and being active. Stay tuned for updates on how the class are developing each week.

The class have really impressed me in both English and Maths this week as we enjoyed our new class novel, Hannah Gold's The Last Bear, which links to our over-arching Spring term topic on Conservation. We will be writing a balanced argument around global warming, climate change and fossil fuels. In Maths, we tackled equivalent fractions and fractions of an amount – with the children showcasing great resilience, focus and perseverance to work through two challenging topics.

Finally, a thank you to those who came in to see us for the Science Showcase this past Wednesday, as we finally revealed the results of our freezing experiment and the children were able to look back at their predictions when they analysed their results.

Reminder - date for your diary – Year 4 Showcase - Thursday 26th March at 14:30 in the school hall. Showcasing our learning on our Spring topic of Conservation.

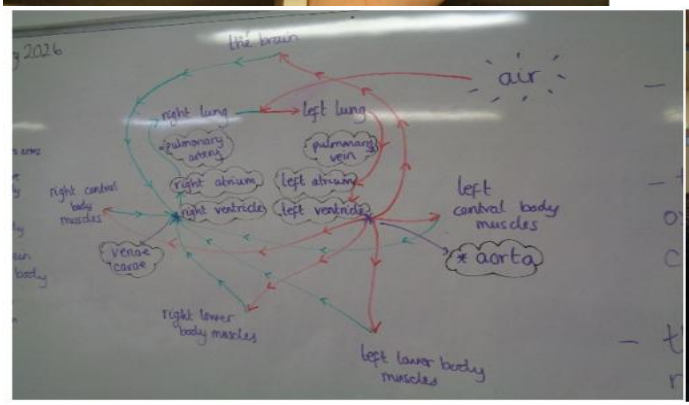
Year 6

What a great start to the new year we have had in Year 6 and we have hit the ground running getting into all of our new topics.

This term, in Humanities, we are studying the Ancient Kingdom of Benin which would now be a part of Nigeria. The children have been locating where this Kingdom would have been using Google Earth and comparing this to the UK. We have considered where on the earth these different places are and considered how the physical geography would be different. A lot of children predicted that Nigeria would be hotter due to how much closer it is to the equator. However, they were surprised to learn that places on the equator are not necessarily the hottest in the world.

In Science, we have started developing our knowledge of Animals, including humans. Last week we looked at the circulatory systems and how this works to transport blood around the body so it can deliver oxygen to the muscles. Every child in the class took on a specific role and we represented oxygenated and deoxygenated blood using red and blue pencils. By the end of this reenactment, the children were able to say exactly what their role was and where the blood would go next in the system. This week, we dug deeper into what makes up blood and learnt that the blood is made of 4 key components: platelets, plasma, red blood cells and white blood cells. We learnt the purpose of each part and created scientific diagrams and a pie chart to show how these work together in the blood system.

The children have really gotten into our new class novel – Children of the Kingdom of Benin. They have been very excited by all the action and are enjoying the twists and turns that seem to be happening in every paragraph. We have been using this book as inspiration for writing our own action sequences and we are now able to use dashes for dramatic effect in our narrative writing. I look forward to seeing their final pieces of writing next week.



Upcoming Dates For Your Diary

~~Friday 30th January – SEND coffee morning~~ -A new date TBC as we will have a guest speaker
Tuesday 10th February – Parents' Evening
Wednesday 11th February – Parents' Evening
Thursday 12th February – PTFA School Disco
Friday 13th February – End of term (finish time 2.55pm)
Monday 23rd February – Back to school
Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
Friday 13th March – Marvellous Mothers Shop (PTFA)
Thursday 26th March – Year 4 Showcase
Friday 27th March – 9.30am Easter Service, End of term early finish 1.15pm

Forest School

We are currently looking for donations to support our Forest School sessions.
If you have any old or spare kitchen utensils, woodland animal soft toys, or large logs that could be used as a seating area, they would be greatly appreciated. If you're able to help, please bring any items into school and leave them with reception. Thank you for your continued support.

Online Safety Information for Parents

Church and Community Notices

In Need of a Little Extra Food Support?

As a result of community generosity, we have a Foodbank supply for ease of access in St Mary's Church, Cropredy, porch (open in daylight hours). Please feel free to use it as you have need. And to let others know who also may benefit.

Cropredy Welfare Trust

If you live in Cropredy and have an emergency or acute need for financial support, please be advised there is a Welfare Trust for Cropredy residents to which you can apply. If you'd like to know more (in confidence) please feel free to be in touch.

Sfenby@cropredy.oxon.sch.uk
Vicar.shiresedge@outlook.com
07747181868

Best wishes,

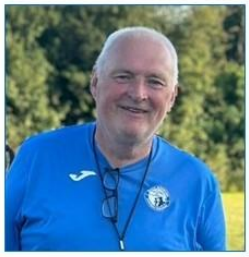
Cropredy SLT

Half Term Football

Christopher Rawlins Primary School

Aynho Road, Adderbury. OX17 3NH

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February



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Final Whistle: 3.00pm

Drop off/Registration available from 9.30am (Earlier or later by prior arrangement)

We have access to Indoor Sports Hall if required

To Book: Call/Txt/WhatsApp/Email Mark on

07952 579358

mark@markandrewsfootballcoaching.co.uk

Camp Fees

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ALL 5 Days

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Term 3 After-school Sessions
Bicester Leisure Centre

Join the Youth Activators for a fun active session where you can try multi-skill games. Sessions are suitable for 4-11 year olds. Parents/carers/guardians are required to stay for the session and are encouraged to join in. Please present your You Move card to the Activator on the day.

Please wear comfortable clothing to move in, trainers and bring a water bottle.

Sessions will take place in the Activity Hall (upstairs studio) at Bicester Leisure Centre every Wednesday 4-5pm from 7th January until 11th February 2026.

Please scan the QR code to book your space

Bicester Leisure Centre, Queens Avenue, Bicester OX26 2NR

Family Round Robin Nature Event
February Half Term 2026

Free event open to all. Whether you're into games, challenges, or just hanging out with other families, this in-person event is perfect for everyone.

Join the Canal and River Trust for a chance to bond, laugh, learn and play!

For more information and to book your free place please scan the QR code

Wednesday 18 February 2026, 9am-12:30pm

Cropredy Wharf, Banbury OX17 1PQ

What to expect

A round robin event where you can try family crafting using foraged items such as sticks, leaves and feathers, I Spy activity, wildlife survey and learn basic navigation.

Everyone welcome - bring a friend!

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PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS FRIDAY IN BANBURY

YEAR 5 - YEAR 8

4:00PM - 5:00PM

The Hill Community Centre, Dover Avenue, Banbury, OX16 0JJ

GIRLS ONLY SESSION

YEAR 6 - YEAR 11

5:00PM - 6:00PM

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