

# OVERSTONE NEWSLETTER

May 2025



Welcome to our May newsletter. The children have been exceptionally busy this month, here's what we have been up to in May.....

## Beech Class

In Year 1, May flew by in the blink of an eye. The children have been hugely enthusiastic about their learning in Computing, planning, creating and editing their amazing photo stories.



In RE, the children have enjoyed playing a lucky dip game to test their knowledge about Jatakarma, the Hindu celebrating the arrival of a new baby.



## Elm Class



In order to support their PSHE work this term, Year 2 had a brilliant day out at Hazard Alley. They learnt about how to stay safe both inside the home and outside in their environment. They learnt how to cross the road safely, discovered the rules around trains and trainlines and how to keep safe around open water. They also had a very informative session on Internet safety. Well done Year 2 for being such wonderful role models!



### Ash Class

In the month of May we have enjoyed getting outside and enjoying the sunny weather. We have talked lots about sun safety and how to look after ourselves on these hot days, especially when developing our skills of running, jumping and hopping. In PE, we have also looked at developing our ball skills. Planting and growing has been a focus this month, based on the story of The Extraordinary Gardner, which we have used in literacy. We have written instructions and followed these to plant our own seeds. We have also been looking at different artists, using natural materials to create Frida Kahlo style portraits. Our creativity has also led to the making of musical instruments and making beautiful music and dances.



### Acorn Class

This month Pre-School have been reading the story of Goldilocks and the 3 bears. We have acted out the story and looked at sizes, focusing on big, medium and small.

We have also looked at the life cycle of a butterfly and we have real growing caterpillars in the classroom. The children painted some beautiful butterflies. We have also learnt about the life cycle of a frog, discussing changes from an egg to tadpole, to a froglet to a frog.

We also celebrated VE day by painting some flags. It has been a busy month in Pre-School.



### Fir Class



On Thursday 15th May, Year 3 had an informative lesson, undertaking practical activities in First Aid. We had a qualified First Aider come into school to help the children understand minor injuries, potentially saving lives – whilst making learning fun. This training ensured that our children were well-prepared to handle common accident situations.



The children learnt that First Aid education is a great way to develop their self-confidence, self-esteem and ability to cope with emergencies, as well as develop an understanding of risk which is good to learn from a young age.

### Oak Class

This month, some children in Year 4 took part in bikeability. They learned how to ride safely, signal when turning and how to ride their bikes using gears and breaks properly.



Well done, Year 4, we hope you enjoyed this session in order to develop your bike riding skills.



### Redwood Class

Year 5 have had an amazing half term doing all manner of things, but most notably they went on a residential trip for the first time! Being away from home might be a bit scary, but Year 5 were SO excited to be camping in the wild for three days that it hardly mattered how far away they were. They slept on the floor, prepared for a plane crash-landing, and even learned how to skin a fish! Survival skills – check - v. Look out Bear Grylls!



### Yew Class



Year 6 have been set the task to come up with a business idea that will make as much profit as possible. The children have been working in groups to make a presentation. On the Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June they will be pitching their ideas to the management board at Grundfos in Leighton Buzzard, who will decide whether they wish to invest in their idea. The children will be selling their goods at an event at school next half term. More details to follow on this exciting event!

### PTA fete



We would like to thank everyone who supported the Overstone School Fete last Friday evening. It was so well supported by school families and members of the community and it was lovely to see everyone having fun in the sunshine.

Our grateful thanks go to the Overstone PTA and all the volunteers who made the event a success.

### Attendance for May

Please help us by making sure your child is in school every day and they are here by 8.45am.



Ash Class = 88.1%

Beech Class = 90.9%

Elm Class = 95.9%

Fir Class = 93.9%

Oak Class = 89.5%

Redwood Class = 96.7%

Yew Class = 95.4%

## Forest School

In forest school this month Pre-School have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. Reception harvested radishes from the allotment and have been identifying bugs and Year 1 identified the different leaves in forest school and also made a trumpet out of dandelion stems. Year 2 have been practicing their tool skills, having a go at whittling and painting with water colours. Year 3 set up a Roman camp and celebrated national bee day by making bees using Hapa Zome. Year 4 have been classifying leaves and bugs, as well as cooking nettle crisps.



## The Orchard

Work is progressing well for our new ASD unit, The Orchard. Walls have come down, windows have been taken out and some new electrics have gone in. The work will continue over the half term break where the builders will be working on the new ceilings and lighting. They will also be working on the new meeting room and a new storage space in the main school. It is great to see the progress of the work which is happening really quickly.



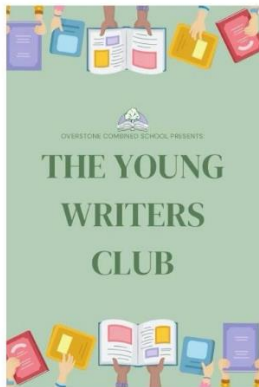
Thank you for all your patience and co-operation with the builders, hopefully the work is not having too much of an impact on parents and visitors.

What is coming up in June.....

- **2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Term starts
- **2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Year 6 visit to Grundfos
- **4<sup>th</sup> June** – 175year School Anniversary celebration – 2.00pm – 4.00pm
- **9<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 1 – phonics screening
- **9<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports week
- **9<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 – Bikeability
- **11<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 4 – Multiplication test
- **11<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 Secondary School and Transfer Test meeting – 7.00pm
- **12<sup>th</sup> June** – Pre-School and Reception Sports Day – 9.00am
- **13<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports day (am)
- **17<sup>th</sup> June** – New Reception parents meeting – 6.00pm
- **20<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 4 trip to Hudnall Park
- **23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Music concert – 6.00pm
- **25<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 – Young Enterprise sales – more information to follow
- **27<sup>th</sup> June** – School disco
- **1<sup>st</sup> July** – Transition day

And finally....

Overstone Combined School  
The Young Writers Club



Congratulations to our Creative Writing Club who have had a book published!

The children wrote, edited and submitted their masterpieces and have had their book published. They shared some of their stories at their book launch this week and the level of talent was amazing.

Their book is available on Amazon so please do buy a copy and enjoy their work.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Young-Writers-Overstone-Combined-School/dp/B0F8VG6MBQ/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crd=1Q4NSDZFG00CJ&dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.vq5\\_u1jrPP8bi8\\_y0Nu0uvDPdkb97CHD4jxkAuiyN6e40SyShZRNd6dZi2tb6FET8v-OgLroSNSsudcsSNiNA.xg8LFHG1P3K44VQQjkKTC\\_dBhF638\\_wpHn6fjN0\\_kvkdib\\_tag=se&keywords=overstone+young+writers+club+book&qid=1748019019&sprefix=overstone+young+writers+club+book%2Caps%2C58&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Young-Writers-Overstone-Combined-School/dp/B0F8VG6MBQ/ref=sr_1_1?crd=1Q4NSDZFG00CJ&dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.vq5_u1jrPP8bi8_y0Nu0uvDPdkb97CHD4jxkAuiyN6e40SyShZRNd6dZi2tb6FET8v-OgLroSNSsudcsSNiNA.xg8LFHG1P3K44VQQjkKTC_dBhF638_wpHn6fjN0_kvkdib_tag=se&keywords=overstone+young+writers+club+book&qid=1748019019&sprefix=overstone+young+writers+club+book%2Caps%2C58&sr=8-1)