

OVERSTONE NEWSLETTER



May 2026

What is coming up in June

- **Monday 1 June** – School opens
- **Monday 1 June** – Year 6 trip to Grundfos
- **Monday 1 June** – 2 week window opens for the Year 4 multiplication check
- **Thursday 4 June** – Year 1 – Visitor from MK synagogue
- **Friday 5 June** – Year 3 – Roman Day
- **Monday 8 June** – Phonics screening check week
- **Tuesday 9 June** – Reception – visit Wing Library
- **Thursday 11 June** – Year 6 leavers photos
- **Monday 15 June** – Year 6 Residential to Southampton
- **Wednesday 17 June** – New Reception Parents meeting
- **Monday 22 June** – Bikeability week for Year 4 and Year 6
- **Tuesday 23 June** – Reception – visit Wing Library
- **Friday 26 June** – Reception trip to Ascott House
- **Friday 26 June** – PTFA Disco

Willow Class



Year 6 have been raising some chicks in their class and the children were caring, considerate, and thoroughly enjoyed looking after them. The rest of the school also had the opportunity to visit the chicks, making it a wonderful experience for everyone involved. A huge thank you to Richard from Blackthorn Nursery for kindly providing the chicks for us to enjoy for a short time.

Pre-School – Acorn Class

We have exciting news! 5 butterflies have emerged from their chrysalis and we named them all. Maui, the first one, was big and strong, and the second one was Starry who was a little shy (hiding behind the lid top). The third to arrive was Bertie who had a very big wing span, fourth was Belle and fifth was Ben. These are all painted lady butterflies. We released them on the field just before half term so bye bye, beautiful butterflies.



Oak Class

Year 4 have been having so much fun. Our Bushcraft Residential was amazing and the children had a wonderful time. We embraced the great outdoors, learnt survival skills that included building shelters and fires, learning and implementing first aid, whittling tent pegs from sticks, practising camouflage techniques and hiding in the woods alongside a whole range of challenges, where we worked together as a team to earn points for our tribes. The children managed well in their tents and worked amazingly as a team. Well done everyone.



Ash Class

This month we have been thinking about pirates, sculptures and minibeasts. We have created treasure maps to show where the gold is buried, use different techniques to create 3D art work and hunted for bugs. We have even found time to work with a partner to create costumes for the outside area, ready to put on a show.



In maths we have been looking at adding and counting how many there are altogether. In Literacy we have been writing instructions for how to grow a beautiful tree. Ash class have been very busy.

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 = 93.7%

Beech Class = 93.0%

Elm Class = 87.3%

Fir Class = 96.6%

Oak Class = 88.0%

Redwood Class = 91.8%

Willow Class = 92.0%

The Orchard = 82.0%

Well done to Fir class for their attendance during the month of May, make sure you keep it up. Can we remind all families that the gate closes at 8.45am and it is important that your child is in school on time in order to receive their registration mark.

Beech Class



In Year 1 we have immersed ourselves, with great enthusiasm, in our learning. In Science, we have enjoyed identifying garden and wild plants; learning about different types of trees and comparing their leaves. We have discovered that some plants grow from seeds and others from bulbs.



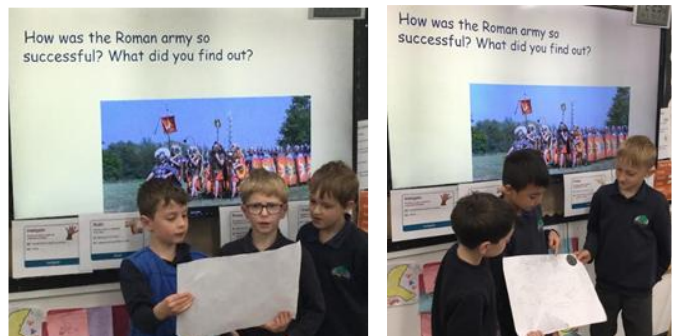
Elm Class

Year 5 had a fantastic time on their Bushcraft Residential. Children shared bell tents, learned around open fires, created fires, enjoyed games in the woods, ate outdoors, did first aid, made shelters and generally had a great time spending time together. They supported each other emotionally and made stronger lasting friendships and memories that they will hold for many years. They also got tired and muddy and came home desperate for a shower. A great time enjoyed by all... teachers too.



Fir Class

Fir Class have been busy developing their understanding of the Romans by exploring how and why the Roman army was so successful. The children worked collaboratively in groups exploring what Roman life was like for the soldiers, covering aspects such as recruitment and training, weapons and armour, rewards for bravery and punishments and leisure activities. They showed excellent teamwork skills by sharing ideas and listening carefully to one another in order to design their posters. The children thought carefully about how to present information clearly providing interesting facts and pictures to engage their audience. During the presentations, the children spoke clearly and confidently to the rest of the class demonstrating a growing confidence. This activity also enabled the children to build further on their oracy skills promoting language development. It was lovely to see the children so enthusiastic with their presentations and showing genuine interest and respect for their classmates whilst listening to others. Well done, Year 3.



Elm Class

Year 2 have been getting creative in Art with their clay tile project. The children explored making shapes with clay and tried out different textured prints by pressing a variety of objects into the clay, experimenting with patterns and detail. They also revisited the score-and-slip technique, practising how to securely join pieces of clay together. The class showed fantastic focus and enthusiasm, and came up with some super ideas for their finished product.

They then planned their final design for a house-themed clay tile, drawing on the skills that they developed throughout the unit. They considered features such as windows, doors, roof shapes and decorative details and drew what the tile would look like before transferring their chosen design into clay. Their final creations were executed beautifully and the children were very proud of their work. The tiles are now dry and ready to be decorated. They really did a fantastic job and have developed their clay skills wonderfully. Well done year 2!



The Orchard – Cherry Class

We saw May arrive and celebrated May Day by exploring how it is celebrated in different European countries. We then had a May Day party; we made bunting, decorated flags from our chosen countries, made sandwiches and fruit kebabs for a picnic and tried our hand at Morris dancing!

In our practical maths lessons this month we have explored length by creating dough snakes then measuring and comparing them. We also made our own grocery shop, deciding on prices and choosing our roles to play. Some of us then used our maths skills to work out calculations to give change to the shoppers.

We have taken some of our learning and our PE outside this month and we are working on our skills of throwing and catching. It has been a busy half term and we are looking forward to more fun and learning together after the half term holiday.



Forest School

This month in Forest School, we have been busy exploring, creating, and learning outdoors.

Year 4 have been looking closely at different habitats for our woodland puppets, thinking carefully about where different creatures might live and what they need to survive. Year 3 tried their hand at foraging and enjoyed cooking nettles on the fire to make delicious nettle crisps. Year 2 celebrated the 100th birthday of David Attenborough by creating beautiful Hapa Zome bunting and hosting a wonderful mud kitchen tea party. Year 1 have been identifying evergreen and deciduous trees and learning how to spot the differences between them throughout the seasons. Reception planted runner beans into the allotments and built upon their knowledge about the lifecycle of a butterfly. Pre-School children explored creativity by painting with natural objects and sizing sticks using materials they found outdoors.



Year 6 SATS

The children in Year 6 worked incredibly hard during the Year 6 SATs week. Although they were understandably nervous because they are tests, they showed determination, enthusiasm and a real eagerness to learn throughout. They all deserve a huge well done for their efforts. They are all superstars in our eyes and as a special reward for all of their hard work, the Year 6 team organised a Teddy Bears' Picnic to celebrate at the end of the week. Well done Year 6 and we hope you enjoyed your treat.



And finally.....

The children and staff would like to thank one of our Year 4 families for donating some javelins to the school. Their child trains at an athletics club and these are used to develop the children's skills in this athletic discipline. We are always grateful for donations and these can be used, and enjoyed, across the whole school. Many thanks.

