

OVERSTONE NEWSLETTER

June 2025



Welcome to our June newsletter. In spite of the hot weather we have all been working hard in school. This is what we have been up to.....

Fir Class

The Romans came to Overstone and what a fabulous day we had!

History Off the Page came into school to visit the Ancient Year 3 Romans for the day. They provided an immersive and practical Roman history workshop – which was so much fun.

During the day, the children experienced life as it was in the 1st century AD - during the Roman occupation of Britain. The workshop gave them a feeling of what it was like to be in a Roman Fort in Britain, whilst learning about the issues of the time. The children also had the opportunity to participate in a range of cross-curricular activities and crafts.



The children gained an understanding of the issues that led to the Boudiccan Revolt, major events during the revolt and the people involved. Everyone had a great day, even eating Roman fruits and cheese in the afternoon!



Acorn Class

Our topic is Where do we live?

We have been learning all about different types of transport, as well as reading The 3 Little Pigs story and recreated the three different types of houses they built.

We have explored colour mixing to create our colour monsters and talked all about holidays. We have been roleplaying airports, creating our own passports and suitcases and making seaside pictures using sand and tissue paper.



We hope you also enjoyed coming to see your children in action during our sports day, we all had a lot of fun!



Ash Class



This month we have been exploring maps, which led to an interest in pirates. We were looking at the features the maps show and creating some of our own. In Music, we have been following the beat and playing our own on different instruments. In our Adventures Through Time topic, we have been using pictures from the past to detect differences between then and now. We have also started to look at minibeasts which live in our environment. In Literacy, we have been using 'The Storm Whale' to talk about the setting and the characters feelings within the story. This story created an interest in ocean life and many whale facts have been shared. In Maths, we have revisited odd and even numbers, looked at how to share a group of objects equally and created our own patterns.

Elm Class

Year 2 have had a busy month! In PSHE, they have been learning all about the School Council and what it means to be a school councillor. In Computing they have been lucky enough to learn about the International Space Station. How exciting this has been so far! Time has been a tricky topic to master in Maths, but the whole class made their own clocks to help.



Yew Class

On Wednesday 25th June, Year 6 held their enterprise sale. Children sold a number of items such as Gemtrees, fidget toys, cakes, bracelets and much more! There were also lots of games for people to participate in. The children altogether raised £269.35 for charity as well as how to learn how to work together as a group to create and sell a product. Representatives of Grundfos, who were the sponsors of this event, were there to support the children and also buy some of their goods. Well done to everyone in Year 6 for some excellent sales and thank you to everyone for supporting the class.



Oak Class



Year 4 went on a class trip to Hudnall Park this term. The children loved the experience and were very engaged throughout the visit. They learned a lot about rivers, which is in line with our geography unit this half term. The class spent time measuring the width and depth of the river in addition to analysing the flow of the river. The children were able to collect various species that lived there which they later were able to observe in more detail. They also learnt about being safe around water, which is a vital life skill. Well done Year 4, for some excellent learning and behaviour.

Redwood Class

In Art this half term, Year 5 are working on self-portraits. We all had photos taken of ourselves and are using them to create works of art in different styles. We've been learning how to make continuous line drawings and also experimenting with different ways to use collage too - we'll be trying lots of other different methods and techniques before we create a final piece at the end of the year!



Beech Class



In maths we have been learning how to represent data by creating pictograms. In Art, we have learned how to mix and create secondary colours. In PSHE we have learned about banks, bank accounts and savings. We have role played various scenarios - pretended to be the customer service assistants or to withdraw or deposit money using an ATM. In Science, we have enjoyed measuring tree trunks as part of our Plants unit of work. As you can see, we have been busy this month across all subjects.



The Orchard

Work is continuing at a fast pace within The Orchard building. Plastering has been completed and some rooms have had their first coat of paint. We are now making decisions over the signage for the front of the school and where we are putting the white boards in the classroom so that the cabling can be in the correct position. Mrs Blake and Mrs Roberts went to The Autism and ADHD Show in Birmingham last Friday and came back with lots of ideas for the provision. Within the main school the new storage space has been completed (and already filled!) as well as the meeting room being available for use. All that is missing in there are the new doors.

Attendance for June

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



Ash Class = 85.8%

Beech Class = 86.6%

Elm Class = 95%

Fir Class = 87.8%

Oak Class = 80.0%

Redwood Class = 93.5%

Yew Class = 95.9%

Forest School

In Forest School this month Pre-School have been exploring the different types of trees, looking closely at the bark and creating tree rubbings. They also made a grass crown. Reception have been learning tool safety using a hammer to create Hapa Zome butterfly's and practicing their fine motor skill making leaf necklaces. Year 1 have also been practicing their tool safety skills using a palm drill to create a hole in a wood cookie which they turned into a boat. Year 2 have revised habitats and micro habitats, creating dens for our woodland puppets and using magnifying glass to study different bugs. Year 3 have been exploring the different textures found in the woods and created a detailed drawing of part of a leaf. They also made a spinning top using a palm drill. Year 4 have made Nordic friendship bracelets, been whittling and exploring with clay. It has been a busy month in Forest School.



Sports Week

On the Week of June 9th, we had Sports Week in school. It kicked off with a visit from Paralympian Athlete, Sean Rose, who carried out an assembly about his career and the struggles he has faced as a sportsman. The children then took part in a sponsored fitness circuit. Children from Years 1, 2 and 3 had a visit from Harry Potter and took part in a Quidditch workshop and then on Tuesday and Wednesday, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 headed to the tennis courts and had a coaching session with Mr Winyard, Mr Hall and Jack the coach from Wing tennis club. To top the week off we held our EYFS, KS1 AND KS2 Sports day. Mentmore won the KS1 event, Ascott won the KS2 event but the overall winner was Waddesdon. Well done to everyone for all of their efforts!



What is coming up in July.....

- **1st July** – Transition day for Reception – Year 5
- **1st July & 2nd July** – Transition days for Year 6
- **7th July** – District sports for KS2
- **9th July** – Year 6 performance – 6.00pm
- **14th July** – Year 6 residential trip
- **18 July** – Year 5 – Artist workshop

- **21st July** – 8.50am – Rock Steady Music assembly
- **22nd July** – 9.00am – Year 6 Leaver Assembly for parents
- **22nd July** – 1.00pm – Year 6 leave primary school
- **22nd July** – 3.15pm – End of Term
- **23rd July** – Inset Day

And finally....

The school has partnered with Grundfos, who are an international company and since 1945, they remain driven to make water more accessible and reliable, to reduce energy waste and increase efficiency. Our Year 6 children spent the day at Grundfos HQ where they pitched ideas to gain funding, in the style of Dragon's Den. Having received some funding, the class put on their Enterprise Event and sold to the public. The next step is for the board of Grundfos to visit the school before the end of term to see what profit has been made. It has been an exciting opportunity for the children to have an idea of how a business such as Grundfos operates.

