

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

It has been a very busy week in school and so this week our newsletter is full of photos of what's been going on. We are also delighted to introduce you to our new teaching staff, read on to find out a bit more about them. We have, this week, appointed two new Lunchtime Supervisors; we are looking forward to introducing them to you when we have completed all their paperwork.

Thank you for supporting our events this week, it is wonderful to see our community coming together. This week, The Friends have also provided a newsletter, which provides an update on their recent fund raising. Thank you also for making sure your children have had water bottles and hats in school – they have managed very well in the heat.

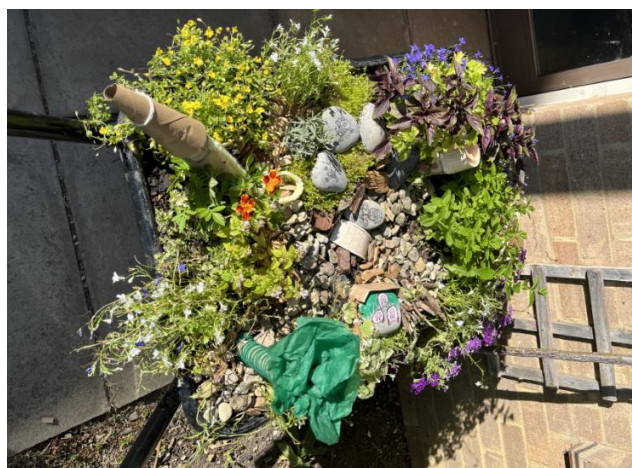
I hope you manage to find cool and restorative spaces in which to be this weekend.

News from Around the School - Witney in Bloom

The children in Year 3 have had a wonderful time preparing their Schools in Bloom 2025 wheelbarrow. All wheelbarrows will be displayed at the Witney carnival and you can vote for your favourite!

The theme for the wheelbarrows was 'Fairytale Gardens', which fitted very well with the Year 3 topic of myths, legends and fairy tales. It also brought to life the work they have been doing on plants.

It is fantastic to see how the children's designs have become reality in the finished wheelbarrow.

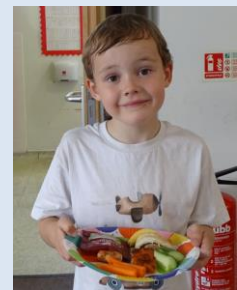


After the wheelbarrows have all been judged at the carnival, they will be delivered to residential and care homes, where they can be enjoyed by residents through the summer.

If you are visiting the carnival tomorrow, do take a moment to look at all the wheelbarrows and to vote for your favourite.

News from Around the School – Year 1 wedding

It was a beautiful day for a wedding! Children and staff looked wonderful in their wedding finery. It was a wonderful occasion, with the children really entering into the event. The afternoon was full of party food and games as the children celebrated together.



News from Around the School – Sports Day

It was fantastic to see our children working together, celebrating the success of others and enjoying being active. It was a great day of sport and lots of fun!



News from Around the School –

The Blake is alive with the sound of music

It was a wonderfully joyous afternoon of music when our choir, our Year 3 recorder players and a host of musicians came together to celebrate music. A huge well done to all the children who performed and great thanks to Mrs Raven who brought it all together, as well as conducting our choir. The music was fantastic, but all the children also displayed perseverance and courage – well done to them all!



Welcome to our new teaching staff

We asked each of our new teaching staff to send us a few lines about themselves so that we can start to get to know them. We are looking forward to getting to know them better in September.

Mr Steve Brown – Teaching Year 6 in September



Steve has been a teacher for 11 years, but prior to that he worked for Adventure +, in outdoor education. He has canoed the Thames from Witney to central London and loves being outdoors with his family.

Steve says that working with children is rewarding, inspiring and hugely enjoyable. He loves being part of their learning journey, especially when the 'penny drops' and children grasp something new.

Steve loves chocolate!

Mrs Jenny Gustafson – Teaching Year 3 in September

Jenny says that one of the things that she loves about teaching in a Primary School is the variety of subjects that she gets to teach, because she finds so many of them interesting. Inspiring and motivating the next generation is her passion.

Outside of work Jenny enjoys spending time in nature, reading, painting and keeping fit by attending a variety of gym classes, running and occasionally playing cricket.

Jenny says that she feels very lucky to have a job that allows her to do so many of the things she loves at work as well as for pleasure!



Mrs Gemma Mallon – Teaching Year 4 in September



Gemma started working in education in 2017. Initially she worked as a TA, then training as a Higher Level TA before undertaking teacher training. Her aim is to make learning fun.

In her spare time, Gemma enjoys reading as well as spending time with her family. Gemma's family enjoy playing games together, especially Uno, as well as eating pizza!

Gemma enjoys baking cakes; her favourite bakes so far are a sorting hat from Harry Potter and a 3-D robot cake.

We are looking forward to introducing you to our new Lunchtime Supervisors in due course.

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