



# Middle Barton School

## Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

### Head's News

I think summer has finally arrived!



We have actually been issued a Yellow Heat-Health Alert for next week (24/06/2024- 27/062024) so please make sure your child is wearing sun cream, suitable clothing (including a hat) and have a water bottle in school each day.

This week we have seen Maple class heading into Oxford to visit a synagogue and Pitt Rivers museum- please read Sienna's and Isla-Grace's recount.

Our cricket team attended a tournament at Chipping Norton School. I have heard the team spirit and determination was just amazing. Thank you to Mrs Szortowski and Mrs Saxby, who accompanied them.

We had our first visit from our new Reception children this week- they seemed to settle in well and enjoyed spending time in the Acorn outdoor area. We also carried out an open evening for the parents, which was really well attended. There were some familiar faces but quite a few new families who will be joining the school as well.

#### Staffing/Classes

I know everyone is eager to know about classes for next year and the adults that will be teaching your children but due to some recent recruitment and the paperwork involved, we cannot share this information just yet. Not long to wait, I promise!

#### Assembly

This week's assembly was conducted by Sam and Jess from Chipping Norton Leisure Centre. They spoke to the children about water safety and how to look after yourself and others around different bodies of water. Please ask your child why the number 3 is important? They talked about the different flags that should be seen on the beaches in this country and what they mean. They also explained about calling 999 and asking for the coast guard as well as the other emergency services.

#### Attendance

Our target       **97%**  
This week       **95.6%**  
The year so far **96.0%**

#### Personal Development for this term

DEFINITION- The curriculum provided by schools should extend beyond the academic, technical or vocational.

Schools support pupils to develop in many diverse aspects of life.

This term's Personal Development opportunities:

I.M.P.S- Year 6

Acorns trip to Woodstock Museum

Maples trip to a synagogue and Pitt Rivers

Under 11 cricket tournament

Festival of voices- School choir

## Dates for the diary

<https://www.middlebartonschool.org/school-calendar-and-term-dates/>

W/C 17.06.24. – Clubs this week:

Monday – team sports Y4,5,6, multi-sports YR, Y1

Tuesday – choir Y3,4,5,6

Tuesday – tennis Y2,3

Wednesday –Open the book Y1,2,3,4,5,6

Thursday - eco club Y4,5,6

Friday – football Y1,2,3,4,5,6

26.06.24. – Final swimming session for Maples

01.07.24. – Visit to Heyford Park School – Y5

03.07.24. – SPORTS DAY and family picnic

10.07.24. – reserve date for Sports Day (if rained off on 03.07.24.)

11.07.24. – Willows class trip to FarmEd

16.07.24. – Y6 afternoon performance 1.30pm

17.07.24. – Y6 evening performance 6.00pm

20.07.24. – FOMBS colour run

23.07.24. – Leavers' assembly

23.07.24. – end of term, finish at 1.30pm

## Morning run

What lovely weather for our Morning Run! It is great to see new members of the school trying our healthy activity before lessons begin. And we are very pleased to present the following certificates this week:

Two Marathons: Jayden, Axel G

Oak class have been setting a great example to the rest of the school, fielding 21 runners this week – well done, Oaks!

Special mentions: Elise, Rose, Freddie N (Oak), Amelie, Freddie C, Annabelle W, Mia, Albie C-D, Fred (Acorn), Orlaith Bo, Samuel and Tahlia.

Helpful to other track users: Ben

Acorn stars: Isaac and Ivan

Maple stars: Nell M and Isla-Grace

Willow stars: Archie J and Asher

Oak stars: Amelia W and Thomas

Star of the Week: Ruby

## This week's safer internet tip:

### **Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens**

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.



## Oak Class

Oaks class have crafted together some wonderful flowers out of donated clothes. They have also worked on using realistic dialogue in writing, and have planned a tour of the Antarctic.







## Willow Class

Willow's class have been basing their English this term on *Manfish* written by the famous French inventor, oceanographer, filmmaker and author Jacques Cousteau. Part of the "immersion" in the book involved children producing freeze frames and roleplay inspired by the images in the book. The children were very creative and one group improvised Cousteau's invention of an Aqua-lung using their water bottles!





## Maple Class

A report on Maples' Class trip from Isla-Grace and Sienna:

Jewish Synagogue

When we went to the Synagogue we walked into a beautiful hall with a red squeaky floor, with chairs that had little book holders for you to put your books. On a normal Saturday about 70 people come and enjoy bread and wine as part of their service. There is a holy light that never goes out, even when people are there.

Pitt Rivers Museum

It is a big building full of old sea dinosaurs and stuffed forest, safari and bug animals. There were lots of masks with different faces - most were scary, but some weren't.

We all had a lot of fun and learned a lot of new things.







## Acorn Class

A beautiful sunny week for Acorns. We've all spent lots of time outside using the amazing new equipment funded by FOMBS.

In English both Reception and Year One have been writing their own versions of our text *The Last Wolf*. Their writing is improving hugely!





# CNPS Cricket Tournament

## A report from Rose and Evie:

On Wednesday 19th of June Rose, Evie, Freddie, Juno, Charlie, Jozef, Finlay and Ruby all participated in a CNPS cricket tournament. For our first game we played against Chadlington primary; they won...

The layout was one school would split into pairs eg:Rose and Ruby or Freddie and Charlie. So when it was our turn to bat we had a partner, it was nice and easy. When we were fielding, we found a place on the pitch aligned with our partner. Every time we had a new bowler we rotated one place to the right. When our partners were bowling we were wicket keeper.

In total we played four matches. In the end we lost all of them, but we had fun and still got wrist bands!





## Our focus for this week:

From Mollie and Katherine:

How to make a bee garden:

1. Find an area in your garden
2. Sow or plant some wild flowers
3. Fill a saucer with water and stones
4. Make a log pile or bug hotel
5. Make sure that you have plants that bees like: Lavender, Salvia, Buddleia

If this isn't possible, you can just sow some more seeds.

**Take some photos of your garden! Here is Mrs Henderson's garden:**



### Dojo points

Acorn - Andrew, Lucy

Willow - Archie J

Maple - Eden

Oak - Mollie





Forthcoming events:



**LIVE: Learning to Live  
with Pathological  
Demand Avoidance  
(PDA)**

**BOOK NOW**

**£10**

**Tuesday 2nd July 2024 | 1pm-2pm**

Part of a series of **live webinars** designed for the parents of children who have been diagnosed as autistic or with possible undiagnosed neurodivergence.  
*If you cannot attend the live webinar you can purchase a recording afterwards from [www.autismchampions.co.uk](http://www.autismchampions.co.uk)*

Featuring  
**Dee Nic Sitric**  
(CEO) +  
**Olivia Johnson**  
(Consultant)



**BLESSING  
SERVICE**

SUNDAY 30th  
JUNE 11AM

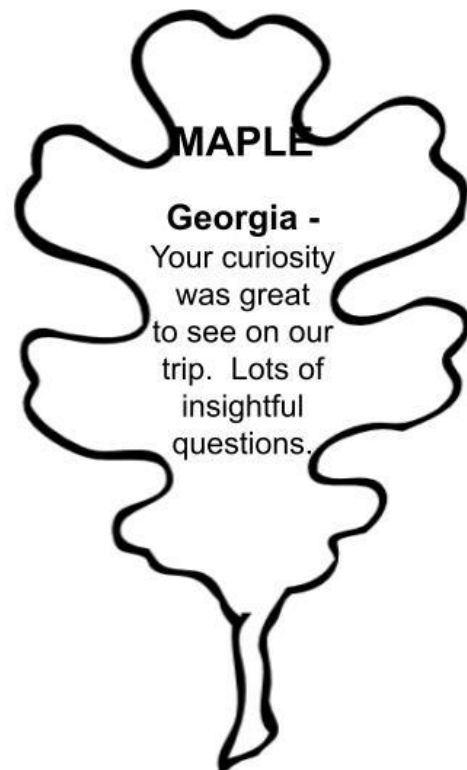
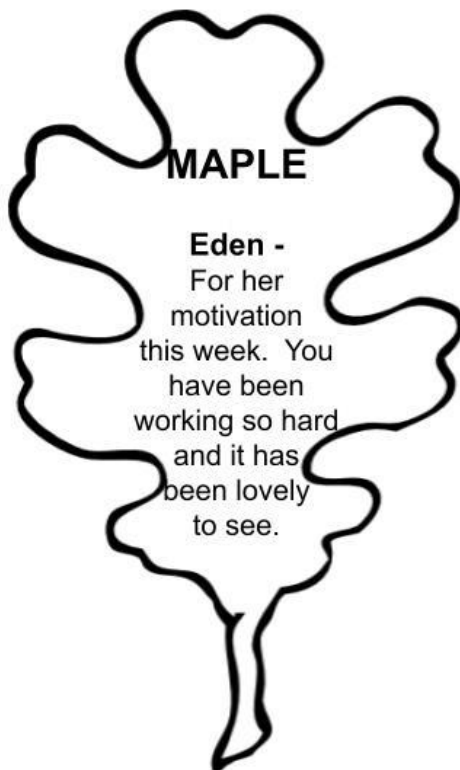
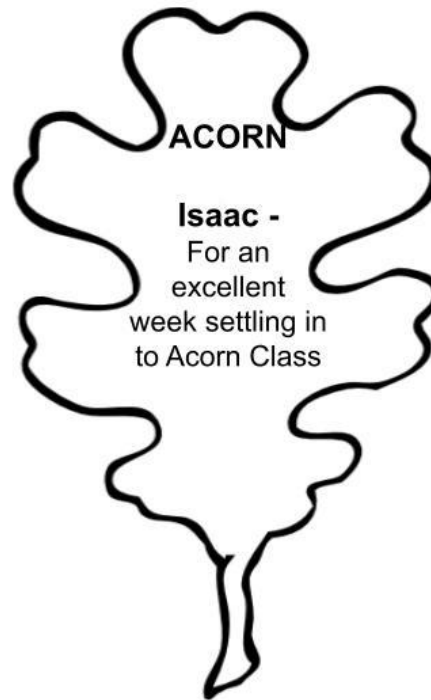
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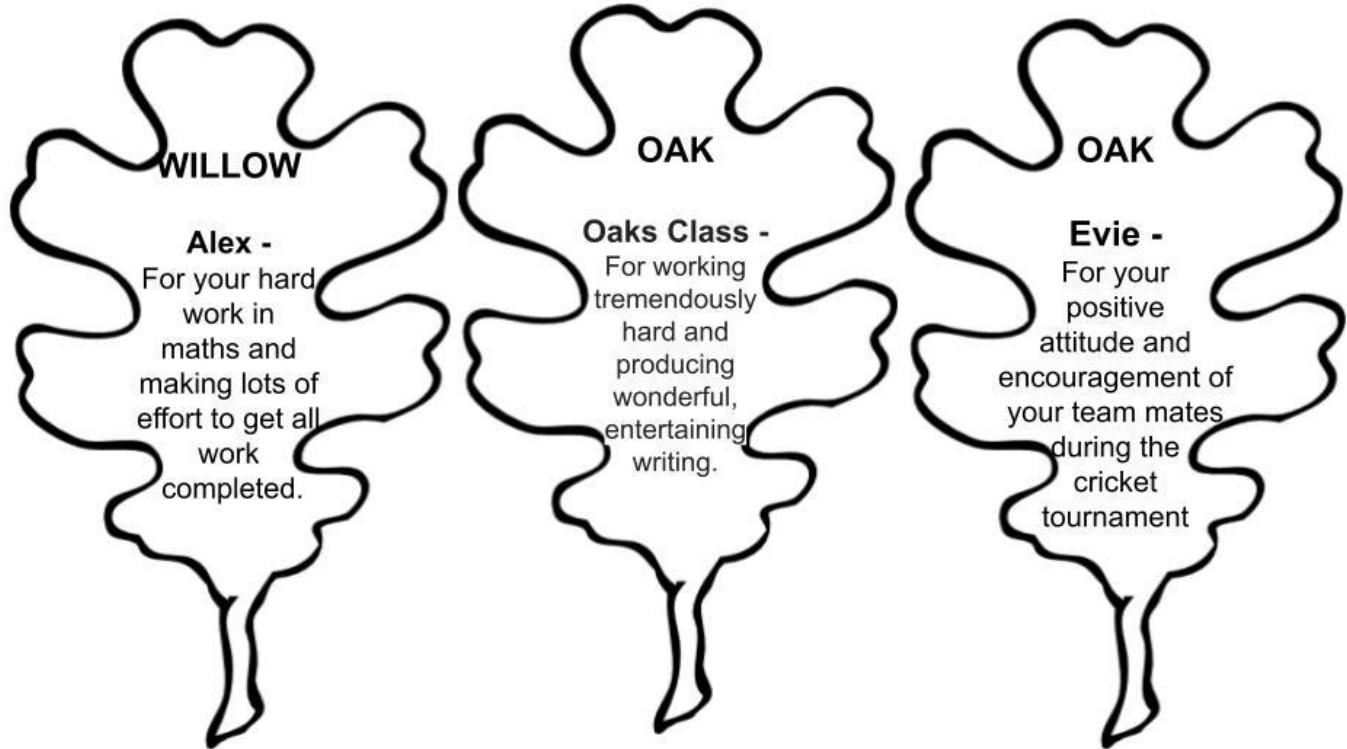
**All welcome with or without a pet**

Please bring a chair or rug to sit on



## Values leaves





Safeguarding Children - what to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect:

**Immediate danger** - if you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999.

**Immediate concern** - if you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.