



# Middle Barton School

## Newsletter

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Head's News

I can't quite believe how the weeks are flying by!!

I want to start by saying a huge thank you to Kelly Peedell for ensuring that a number of children from our school choir were fully prepared to attend the Festival of Voices last Friday. Thank you to Mrs Merry, who also went along. I have been informed that the children were an absolute credit to the school.

#### Staffing update:

I am very excited to inform you that we had two successful candidates for our Teaching Assistant role. Ella Daniels and Katharine Ward will be joining the Middle Barton team from September.

Next week see our annual sports day and family picnic- we look forward to welcoming everyone and I hope the weather stays good for it! FOMBS will be selling ice-creams at the event.

We will also be having our move-up afternoon next Thursday. This is where your child will get to spend time with the adults that will be working in their class in September and will get to know the other children in their class. We will be letting the children and parents know on Monday about staffing and which class your child will be in.

Please don't forget we are also recruiting for Miss Reynolds maternity cover, so if you or you know of anyone who may be interested then please pass in the link or ask them to give the school a ring-

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/146236/EDV-2024-MBPS-07910>

#### A thank you to FOMBS

Recently some of the money raised by FOMBS has gone towards some lovely new equipment for Acorn class including: bikes, an obstacle course, storage, outdoor reading cushions and much more. They have also paid for the Year 6 leaver hoodies- which our Year 6 children are so proud to wear. This year's class trips have also benefitted from a substantial donation, which has gone a long way to covering increasing transport costs.

They are now organising the next event- A colour run on the 20th July. This sounds like a very exciting event and I hope lots of you will be able to join us!!

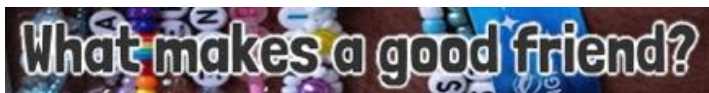
#### Assembly

### In the news this week

Singer, Taylor Swift, is in the midst of her Eras Tour, singing to venues all around the world. One superfan has made hundreds of Taylor Swift inspired friendship bracelets to donate to people in care homes. 11-year-old, Devon, came up with the idea to give out the handmade bracelets after seeing how happy her 92-year-old great-grandmother, Margaret, was with the one she gave her. She hopes to inspire all generations to get involved in the bracelet craze.

#### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever been to a show or concert? If so, what was it like? Ask someone at home about their experiences.
- > Thinking about your own friends, what is it about them that makes them special? Ask others at home about their friends.



#### Attendance

Target: 97%    This week: **96.4%**    Year so far: 96%

#### 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 01.07.24. – Clubs this week:

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

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

01.07.24. – Visit to Heyford Park School – Y5

01.07.24. – Visit to JUMP – Y6

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

02.09.24. – Inset Day – no children in school

03.09.24. – school starts for everyone

## Morning run

This week we are very pleased to award the following mega athletes their certificates:

One-and-a-Half Marathons: Juno

Two Marathons: Jozef, Reggie

Here are the distances that each class has run and the total for the whole school:

Acorn class	2354 laps	392 miles
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Maple class	3339 laps	556 miles
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Willow class	3357 laps	559 miles
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Oak class	3497 laps	583 miles
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Total	12547 laps	
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2091 miles

This is amazing work, everyone! Well done to you all!

Special mentions: Wren, Amelia W, Freddie C, Isaac, Steil, Evie, Fred, Indy, Axel G, Gabbie, Archie J, Rowan, Orlaith Ba, Harley, Romy, Jacob, Henry L, Charlie, Leá and Ben.

Acorn stars: Orlaith Bo and Jack

Maple stars: Teddy and Albie L

Willow stars: Nate and Alex

Oak stars: Annabelle M and Gwennie

Star of the Week: Ivan

## This week's safer internet tip:

### How can I introduce a phone in a safe way?

Whether your child already has a phone or they are about to get their first one, explore the parental controls on offer and have a conversation with your child to set up some boundaries around their phone use, for example, who they can give their number to, or where they keep it overnight. Reassure them you want to help them to enjoy using it safely, and that they can talk to you if anything upsets or worries them while using it.

If your child is very young, spend time with them downloading some appropriate apps and games. If your child is older, have a conversation with them about what they like or want to use their phone for, and what apps or games they use. Give them a strategy to use if something goes wrong, for example, turning off the screen and coming to talk to you.

### Choir at Festival of Voices

A report from Juno and Gabbie:

On Friday 21st June 2024 a few members of Middle Barton School Choir went to Dorchester Abbey to sing in a performance. We did countless songs, each with different meanings (our favourite song was World in Union) and we LOVED them all so much. :)

We had to learn all the songs beforehand; although we knew it was worth it was a little bit hard to remember that we would be *SO* amazing. We also had to practise all the songs for two hours before the performance!!! The wait before was so exhilarating and, because we already knew we would be awesome, we just ran around and ate food.

The performance was such a stunning experience - some parents were even moved to tears-and we were so grateful for this beautiful, perfect, engaging performance. The conductor, Kevin, made it extremely fun and helped us remember the words. Without him it would have been a disaster, still a fun one though. We even learnt sign language for a song called believe.

Thanks to all the people who made it happen, we are grateful to all of them.





## Oak Class

This week Year 5s have undertaken their final assessment week of the school year, and have done a brilliant job of getting on with things and working hard. We have also started planning and gathering ideas to create a survival guide - we used our forest school to imagine what natural resources we could use to craft a shelter.





## Willow Class

Willows located different habitat types in the school grounds and continued working on updating the old school map during outdoor learning.

We have also started our invention narratives this week in writing.





## Maple Class

Maples have shown brilliant resilience this week during their assessments and I couldn't be more proud of how far they've come! We have started writing our banning narrative and I look forward to sharing them with you.

A fun time was had in outdoor learning eating pizza!





## Acorn Class

We've had a busy week of assessments this week. Everyone has been working hard to show how much they have learnt this year; every child has made progress. We've also had plenty of time outside for continuous provision and all took part in yoga.





**Our focus for this week:**

## **Bloom in June!**



Here is Mrs Denby's garden, which has done 'No Mow May' and is now in 'Bloom in June'.

Please send Mrs Horner your photos – there is a bee-related prize for the winner!

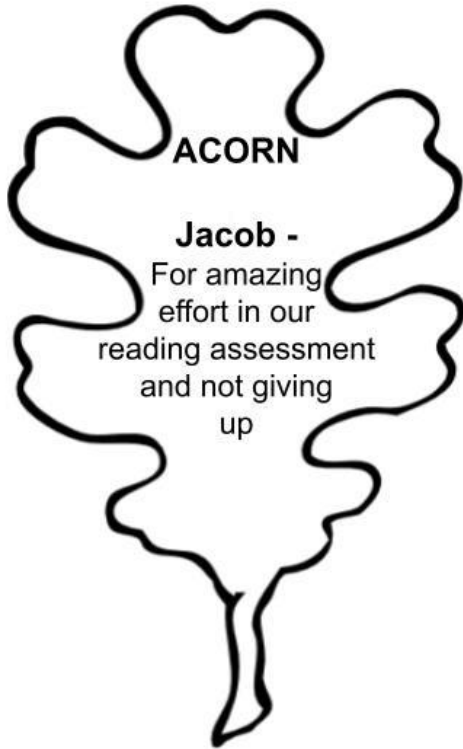
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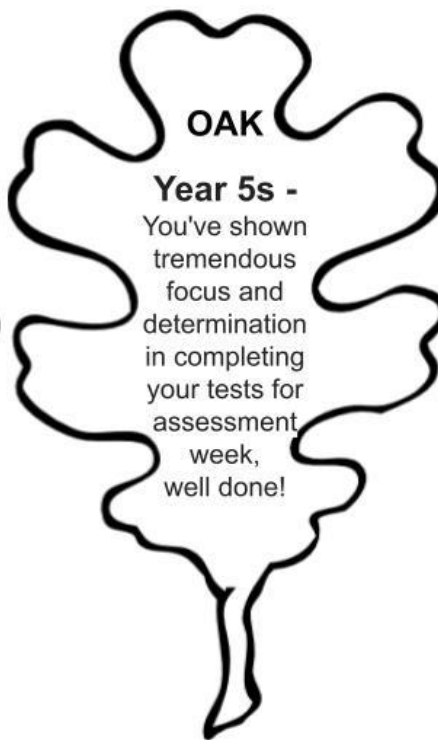
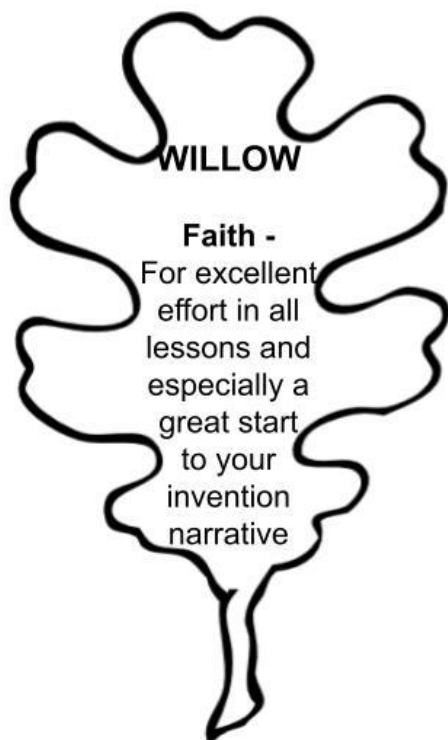
**Acorn - Dexter**  
**Willow - Archie J**

**Maple - Jayden**  
**Oak - Thomas**



## 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.