



# Middle Barton School

## Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Head's News

We are slowly coming to the end of the school year, but there are still things to look forward to. Our Year 6 children have been working so hard practising their play that they will be performing to their families next week.

Thank you to Mrs Bishop who has been working hard to get them prepared. 🤗

Sports day was a great success and it even ended with a bit of sunshine ☀️. I know a number of children often find sports day quite daunting with so many adults there watching, but they all showed great determination and

resilience. Thank you to all of you who came to cheer on the children and enjoy the family picnic afterwards. 🏃

Willow class has been out on a trip this week to FarmEd. The sun shone for them as they ventured around the fields exploring- please read their recounts below.

Maternity cover- this week we interviewed for a teacher to cover Miss Reynolds, once she begins her maternity leave. We are pleased to announce that Miss Epsom was successful at securing this position and we look forward to welcoming her back to join the Middle Barton School.

As some of you may be aware, there are discussions going on about transport to Chipping Norton School. I have been asked to share this link- "Save (and improve!) Oxfordshire's Spare Seats." The goal is to reach 500 signatures. You can read more and sign the petition here <https://chng.it/K2RDyJHxgL>.

#### Assembly



The Labour Party have won the 2024 general election, with Sir Keir Starmer becoming the next Prime Minister of the UK. The Conservative Party have lost power for the first time in 14 years.

Sir Keir Starmer has said he's, "ready to serve our country, ready to restore Britain to the service of working people." Rishi Sunak has said he accepts responsibility for the Conservative Party's defeat, telling supporters, "The British people have delivered a sobering verdict tonight, there is much to learn ... and I take responsibility for the loss."

We talked about the new government and the changes that could happen. When also related it to our school and talked about the changes that have happened or may happen in the past.

#### Attendance

Our target: **97%** This week's: **96.4%** The year so far: 95.7%

#### 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

AIMS Maths @ Chipping Norton School

Kids in the kitchen @ Chipping Norton school

Year 6 end of year special trip

Y5 Heyford Park taster Day

Sports Day

Willow Class trip to Farm Ed

## Dates for the diary

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

W/C 15.07.24. – **ALL CLUBS FINISHED FOR THIS TERM – NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**

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 the following dedicated super runners have obtained their certificate:

Half Marathon: Elise, Nell BG, Mia, Theo

Marathon: Jacob

Two Marathons: Tom D, Xander

Three-and-a-Half Marathons: Albie L

Everybody has done so well training for Sports Day and running on the day. These laps were counted towards pupils' totals so there are many more people heading for the completion of their personal challenge right before the end of term – check the list on the netball post each day at Morning Run for your name!

Special mentions: Reggie, Isaac, Ivan, Teddy, Jayden, Nell M, Billy, Tahlia, Nate F, Isabelle B, Axel G, Ben, Amelia W and Thomas J.

Acorn stars: Romy and Molly

Maple stars: Isla-Grace and Noah

Willow stars: Hayley and Archie J

Oak stars: Nate BG and Samuel

Star of the Week: Orlaith Bo

### CNPS Virtual Marathon

It is with great excitement that we announce the news that Middle Barton School has retained the title of Winners in the Virtual Marathon small schools category for the third year!

Our pupils tried their best to run the quickest mile they could (six laps of the school track). These times were recorded and the 26 best mile times went forward to be entered as the Marathon time for our school. Our time for the Marathon was 3 hours 36 minutes and we beat the second-placed school by thirteen minutes! This shows a great spirit of persistence and teamwork by our pupils – great work everybody!

## This week's safer internet tip:

### Instagram

Instagram is a photo and video sharing app that is popular with teens. People on Instagram can connect with one another through comments, captions, reels, stories and hashtags on photos and videos.

Young people use Instagram as a way to engage with their friends, share pictures and videos of their lives or things they like doing, and as a way to share their creativity in stories.

#### Age requirement

To be eligible to sign up for Instagram, you must be at least **13 years old**.

Anyone 13 and older can create an Instagram account by registering an email address and selecting a username



# Sports Day







## Oak Class

Once we got started, everybody showed a fantastic attitude towards Sports Day, putting in great effort. Year 6s have been working so hard on their performance, you will be in for a treat next week. The Year 5s have been a delight to teach, they've been writing letters for Miss McGrath to introduce themselves for next year and have used their knowledge of algebra and cohesive devices to crack codes, before finishing off with some dancing in PE.



## Willow Class

There are 3 reports for the class trip to FarmEd this week:

### From Archie J:

Willows went on a class trip to FarmED for the morning. First we were met by Alex {a bug expert}. He gave us nets and pots to catch bugs. It was so fun, there was so much wildlife. We went on a nature walk. We went to an orchard with over 200 trees. 150 were apple trees. We continued our walk to a {manmade} pond to stop Ascott-under-Wychwood from flooding. We walked back to our starting point. Then we ate our lunch.





From Lyla and Amelia M:

When we got to FarmED Alex, our instructor, said we needed a net and a couple of pots. Alex showed us the fields and we went searching for different insects. Our first field was a flower field, but mainly grass. We found soldier beetles in the grass and grasshoppers in the flowers. Then we went to see the ponds. It was amazing. After we went through the middle of a field, we came to the top and went past a beehive. Finally, we went to get our lunch.



From Archie M and Harley:

As we arrived with Mrs Bryce, Miss Reynolds and Mrs Horner we were greeted by the instructor called Alex. First he showed us where to put our bags, he gave us nets and a small pot then we started the expedition. The first activity was to find and catch some insects including: soldier beetles, larvae, butterflies, grasshoppers, crickets, moths, dragonflies and some people found slugs! Next we headed to where the sheep were grazing and in the field they had over 150 species of apples. Then we went to their pond and Alex told us the pond was man-made to stop Ascott-Under-Wychwood from flooding when it rains heavily. After that an intimidating hill faced us; he told us to run to the top as fast as we could, but only a few of us did because we were so tired from all of the things we had done. On the way back, we encountered a greenhouse which Alex explained saved them from buying vegetables for the cafe every day. We came back to the start and had lunch, then we finally went back.



#### Special mentions

Thank you Mrs Bryce, Miss Reynolds and Mrs Horner for taking us.



# Maple Class

This week in Maples, we have finished off our banning narratives and written them up neatly onto yellow paper. They have all been working so hard on their presentation!  
We have also been looking at different types of lines and 2D shapes.

A long time ago, there lived a beautiful yet careless queen who hated spiders! She hated them when they crawl on her, how scary they were and badly they ate so hairy and gross! So she detested them because she is the queen and she is scared of them and no one else was so she was unharmed, and that's why she banned spiders!

At first everyone loved it there were no spiders so now you don't need to be scared any more! And the queen thought it was brilliant. And everyone chanted "no more spiders yay!" so everyone was happy so it will be a happy ending, right? But yeah everyone was happy on this day... "uh, said one of the people called Tony. "My children won't go to sleep because of all of the spiders," he said angrily.

"We have to think of something, but what?" said Joe.

"I know" said Bobby.

Let's get to know of this in her bedroom when she is asleep, then she will see what is happening to you and will kill the ban.

"Great idea!" said Tony, so when it turned night, and the queen was asleep then there plan was unleashed... The next day, the queen saw lots of spiders in her bedroom and lots of spots on her! She gasped and said to her sister "What have I done?"

"I need to fix this," so she demanded that everyone come there then said "the ban is lifted."

As quiet as a ghost, there was a powerful yet careless man. He liked electricity because it makes people get square eyes and it makes them grumpy all day long at school. He hated memories of people making fun of him when he tripped on a wire. One day, he decided that enough was enough, the prince used his magic powers to save his problem once and for all...

The world went out - electricity was to be banned. No TV, no computer games. People would talk, children would play outside and the planet would be saved!

All of a sudden, people were hungry because there was no salt and no oil could not see or they got on hurting their selves their throats, many doctors and people will be walking so long. You have to pick up dust and dirt.

Very soon, the people had enough, they were getting the electricity back! The people asked the prince at noon, do you like playing on your PS 5 or doing gym 0 nights from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm?

Thursday 11th July

Long long ago, there was a powerful yet thoughtless king who absolutely hated rain. He hated getting wet and the smell it left behind. But he detested seeing people with umbrellas because he never remembered his own.

One day, he decided that enough was enough, he would use all his power so no one would get wet again...

At first, people were excited they they had got what they thought they wanted and everyone cheered. The people never got wet, they didn't have to carry umbrellas and as soon as they were dressed they could go out side.

After a while people's plants were dying and ponds were drying up. Can you imagine that? The king thought it was harmless.





## Acorn Class

This week we have begun a new book called Paddington, we've enjoyed writing labels for him and describing him. This week our chrysalis's hatched and we set our butterflies free.





Our focus for this week:



This week's garden photo – bees on Mollie's Lavender plant:





# Summer holidays information:



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024



[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

### LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

### PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

### TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### TESCO CAFES

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### YO! SUSHI

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### COCONUT TREE

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

### DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

# Drama Workshops



## NW Inventors Drama Workshop

Thur 8 August | 10pm - 12pm  
St John's Church, Kidlington

This workshop is for anyone who loves playing games and creating, and sharing, stories. Come along, have fun and try out some new skills along the way! We aim to create a welcoming and inclusive space for all young people to flourish and work alongside industry professionals.

For ages 8-11  
Tickets: £5

Bursary places available - email Abie on [waltona@thenorthwall.com](mailto:waltona@thenorthwall.com) to apply



## YouthLab Drama Workshop

Tues 30 July | 2pm - 5pm  
St John's Church, Kidlington

Join us for a fast paced, fun and creative workshop; we will improvise, devise, direct, build characters, explore movement and PLAY. We aim to create a welcoming and inclusive space for all young people to flourish and work alongside industry professionals.

For ages 12-17  
Tickets: £5

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## Dojo points

Acorn - Molly & Ramona

Maple - Lily

Willow – Nate

Oak - Amelia

## Sports Day Awards



**Sports Day Award**

This certificate is presented to  
Pippa

for having a Positive Sporting Attitude on Sports Day.

Date 10<sup>th</sup> July '24 Signed E. Merry

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This certificate features a background illustration of a green sports field with white running tracks. In the top left corner, there is a circular inset showing two children, a girl and a boy, shaking hands. In the top right corner, there is a gold ribbon award. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font, with the recipient's name and signature in a handwritten style.



**Sports Day Award**

This certificate is presented to  
Ivan

for having a Positive Sporting Attitude on Sports Day.

Date 10<sup>th</sup> July '24 Signed E. Merry

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This certificate is identical in design to the one above, featuring a background illustration of a sports field, a circular inset of two children shaking hands, and a gold ribbon award. The recipient's name is Ivan, and the date and signature are the same as in the first certificate.



# Sports Day Award



This certificate is presented to

Elise

for having a Positive Sporting Attitude on Sports Day.

Date 10.7.24 Signed Mrs Hogan



# Sports Day Award



This certificate is presented to

Georgia

for having a Positive Sporting Attitude on Sports Day.

Date 10.7.24 Signed Miss Sylvester





# Sports Day Award



This certificate is presented to

Alfie W.

for having a Positive Sporting Attitude on Sports Day.

Date 10.7.24 Signed Mrs Szortowski



# Sports Day Award



This certificate is presented to

Lyta

for having a Positive Sporting Attitude on Sports Day.

Date 10.7.2024 Signed Mrs Bryce



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.