



# Wootton St. Peters C of E Primary School

Our children become the rocks upon which a better world can be built.

Our Vision: **Our children become the rocks upon which a better world can be built. We explore the values of *perseverance, compassion and courage* to open up horizons of hope and aspiration.**

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## SCHOOL NEWS

10.05.24

### Upcoming Dates:

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**- School meals increase to £2.55 a day.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**- YR5 Forest school AM.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**- SATS WEEK.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**- YR 6 SATS Breakfast club 8-8.30am.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**- Football match at St Blaise after school.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**- Walk to school week.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**- Moonstone trip to LEGOLAND. **Please can all children be at school for 8.15am prompt, so that we are ready to leave on time.**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**- May Day 1.30pm-3.30pm.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**- Half term week.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun**- Inset day.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jun**- School starts back.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Jun**- Yr 5&6 IMPS trip to The John Radcliffe hospital.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**- Orchestra performance at Radley- Jade and Moonstone music groups.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**- Yr 3&4 Quad kids 9.00-12.30.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June**- Yr 5&6 Quad kids 9.00-12.30.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**- Moonstone Residential to Youlbury.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July- 1-3pm**- Whole school sports day on the cricket field.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** - School concert Joseph, at the community centre. 1.15- 2.30pm.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**- Whole school activity day (all day) - P.E kits.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** - Y6 Leavers Assembly 2-3 in the school hall.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**- School finishes 1.30pm- **NO ASC.**

### Parents/carers-

The sun has come out and school, as always, is a lovely place to be. I am full of admiration for all the children and staff at Wootton. The Year 6 children seem like they are ready to do their very best in next week's SATS tests, however it is very important to remember that SATS do not reflect the whole child. As Ms Phillips has written in her letter to Year 6 parents:

*"The SATS tests do not assess what makes each of our children special and unique. The people who create these tests do not see all the other talents and skills that our children have. They do not know that some of them can speak two languages, play a musical instrument, are a skilled sportsman, or that they love to sing or draw. They do not know that their friends can count on them; how their laughter can brighten the darkest day. They do not know that they are kind, loyal and trustworthy and that every day they try their absolute best. The levels they get from these tests will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are so many ways of being smart – they are all smart! So while we are preparing for the test, in amidst of it all – remember there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU! I couldn't be prouder of all our wonderful children. "*  
**Wise words indeed!**

Across the school each class is a hive of activity. The provision in Little Gems is excellent. It was a pleasure to see the skilled staff provide such excellent learning opportunities through their high quality interactions with the children and the creative ideas they have to make learning fun. Many children loved playing word hide and seek with Jo and there was some amazing sentence writing on blocks. The progress in Opal class is excellent - there are so many children writing stories independently which are an absolute pleasure to read. Jade class love hands on maths activities, again the adults provide excellent learning opportunities and we see progress on a daily basis - even in learning about fractions which is very hard!





## Mental Health Awareness Week 2024

This will take place next week from 13 to 19 May, on the theme of "Movement: Moving more for our mental health". We have taken part in the Children's Mental Health Week in February however I strongly believe learning more about how to look after our mental health is a very important topic. At school we will explore how movement is important for our mental health. The children at Wootton are very good at being active at school, but so many of us struggle to move enough. There are many different reasons for this, so this Mental Health Awareness Week we want to help you to find moments for movement in their daily routines. Going for a walk in your neighbourhood, putting on your favourite music and dancing around the living room, chair exercises when you're watching television – it all counts! For more information and tips please Follow this link:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mental-health-awareness-week/boost-your-mental-health-moving-more>

## The School Shield



**Little Gems** – Luna for being a kind friend and sharing toys. Well done Luna 😊

**Opal** – Emilia for her fantastic Phonics and great story writing. Great job Emilia 😊

**Jade** – Sophie for growing in confidence and contributing excellently in class. Great job Sophie 😊

**Moonstone** – Dexter for his outstanding Geography and his resilience to light a fire. Good work Dexter 😊

## This Week's ask me about??

**Little Gems** – Zebras.

**Opal** – Our Detective stories.

**Jade**- Pyramids.

**Moonstone**- British Farming.

### Sun safety

Many children have brought sun cream to school with them. As we said earlier it really is best of you apply a long lasting sun cream at home as we can't supervise all application of sun cream. We will continue to do all we can to keep your children safe in the sun so please continue to send your child to school with a hat and a water bottle. Children will be reminded to make sure they are drinking their water throughout the day. Children also have a bell at 12.55 to remind them to have a good drink at the end of lunch. Water is also provided with lunch in the school hall.

Best wishes,  
Charlie Pitt



## Math's Master

**Little Gems** – Arthur for always trying so hard to 10 in different ways.

**Opal** – Jack for telling the time- O'clock and half past.

**Jade** – Connor for working so hard on his Fractions.

**Moonstone** – Sofia for her super progress in plotting coordinates.

## School attendance-

Little Gems- 89.41%

Opal- 95.80%

Jade- 92.56%

Moonstone- 95.47%

## May Day Celebrations

A reminder to have your May DAY sticks ready for our celebrations on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. If this is your child's first May Day, please come to the school office to collect a green stick for your child to decorate with flowers (these can be real or fake flowers, made out of whatever you like). Please see example below! Children can also bring a change of clothes with them to school for the celebration that day. This needs to be smart clothes and sensible shoes. No football shirts please! Let's hope the sun shines for us.



## Help Needed

Would anyone like to take on the role of fundraising for the school? This is only going to take about half a day every two or three months. I can provide the template letters that I have used and the lists of educational foundations and trusts who are likely to give us money. There is also the possibility of crowd funding which has worked well in the past. I also use a very helpful website which is a tool for finding relevant trusts. You don't need to be a governor or a member of FOWS to do this. It's quite rewarding!

If you are interested please let the office know. Thank you.  
Marian McLachlan, Rory's mum.

## May Fair 2024



We are currently looking for donations and helpers for our May Fair stalls on:

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

### Teashop and Cakes

- If you would like to donate cake, please email me or Angela and let us know. Cakes can be left at school reception on the morning of the event.

We are hoping to run 2 tombola's, items suitable for donation:

### Adults' tombola:

- Toiletries
- Confectionery
- Plants
- Drink – Alcoholic/non-alcoholic

### Childrens tombola:

- Teddies
- Small toys
- Board games



### Pop the tomato!

Come along and have a go at popping the giant tomatoes to see what prize you can win for 50p!

You might get a tomato, or you might get sweets or toys!

## Uniform stall

Do you have any uniform in good condition that we could sell at our second-hand stall? If you do, please fold, bag and label 'for FOWS' and leave in school reception foyer.

## Face painting

We hope to have our lovely face-painters at this year's May Fair to make some colourful creations.

## DONATIONS DEADLINE

Thank you to all those who have already donated. Deadline for donations is Monday 20th May, 4pm.

Thank you!

Claire & Angela

Friends of Wootton School  
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## Alice in Wonderland

Come along to see the Wootton Players perform 'Alice in Wonderland' and enjoy the Mad Hatter's Tea party afterwards. Sunday 19th May 2pm in WADS Community Centre. Several of our year 5 and 6 children are taking part, please come and support them.

Tickets: Adult £10, child £8, family (2 adults, 3 children) £30.

Tickets are available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wootton-players/t-yakmmge> or see Mrs Scott.



## -Ox Trail Update

Our school's Ox has been beautifully painted! A huge thank you to Mrs Mcneil and the children who contributed to this project. Let's take pride in knowing that our Ox will be part of the Ox Trail from 6th July to 29th August. During this time, a fantastic array of life-sized and mini oxen will be placed throughout the county for everyone to enjoy.



We're excited to announce that we'll be hosting a virtual **Blind Auction** in May, and you're invited to participate! The purpose of this auction is to raise funds for Sobell House through the Ox Trail program. We have an amazing selection of prizes up for grabs, including annual passes to Blenheim, vouchers for a sports centre, bowling, junkyard golf, and much more.

**Ox Trail Blind Auction Information:** If you'd like to take part, please pick up a bidding form from the school office which will be available from Monday. All completed forms must be emailed by **10th May** to the email address on the form, and the results will be drawn and shared by **20th May**. Families and friends are welcome to participate, so be sure to spread the word! If you have any questions, feel free to send an email to [oxtrail.wsp@gmail.com](mailto:oxtrail.wsp@gmail.com) or speak to Amy (Imelda's Mum) or Laura (Phillip and Florence's Mum) in the playground.

Good luck bidding!