



# Newsletter:

## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March



After a busy week last week with our trip, World Book Day and Mothering Sunday, we are now looking ahead to Easter. Please take a moment to catch up with our news and notices.

### **Nursery Consultation**

We sent out an email a few weeks ago regarding the consultation on the admission age we take Nursery children. It will allow us to admit children into our nursery in the term they turn 3 and allow parents to access the funding now being offered. This would be effective from September 2024.

The consultation ends on 1<sup>st</sup> April, so we would encourage anyone who wishes to comment in support or otherwise to get in touch as soon as possible. More information can be found on our website [here](#)

### **School Opening Hours**

The government has a non-statutory expectation that by September 2024 schools will provide a minimum 32.5 hour core week (half an hour more than at present). As a small school we currently try to accommodate our families who travel a considerable distance to get to us, plus families with siblings at local junior schools. We are however, asking for your views on an increase to school hours, and would be grateful if you could take a few moments to complete the survey below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/wXxiDmcDKh>

### **School Meals Survey**

We have been asked by AiP, our school lunch provider to circulate the survey and message below:

*Leveraging insight-driven feedback from pupil surveys is essential for us as a partner committed to supporting pupils' satisfaction. By understanding pupils' feedback, we can tailor our offer and services to their preferences and enhance the dining experience.*

*We kindly ask that you share the link to the online catering survey for term two with your pupils and/or parents where appropriate.*

*The survey features nine questions and should take no longer than ten minutes to complete. We will then share the results with you and pupils along with our actions. We believe the data from the survey will enable us to drive continuous improvements to our services. Thank you in advance,*

<https://forms.office.com/e/FgVqjSLKNq>

The new school lunch order form will be coming home this week. If you wish your child to have a hot lunch after the Easter Holidays, please return the form by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at the latest.

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## Book Week & World Book Day 4-8 March

The children had a week packed of exciting activities related to Book Week. The children read “Zog and the Flying Doctors” and made their own medicines, Robins created their own monsters after reading “Orion and the Dark” and became builders and chose their own materials to build houses following reading “The Three Little Pigs”. Owls came up with their own destinations for the Snail from “The Snail and The Whale”, and took Nursery on a Gruffalo Trail to find the animals.

On Thursday the children came dressed as their favourite Julia Donaldson characters, Mrs Green read to the whole school, and in the afternoon the children buddied up and read to each other.



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## Science Oxford Trip – 6<sup>th</sup> March

Robins and Owls trip to OSC was split into three sessions; the Exploration Zone, the Planetarium Show and the classroom area. Each area was fantastic! Both the Exploration Zone and classroom were full of different practical activities. The children particularly liked using the hand held microscopes, seeing their body using a heat sensor and using magnetic pipes to make pathways.



The planetarium showed us how our sun and moon appear in the skies. We look at different constellations that fill our skies and how these have been interpreted over the centuries and in different cultures. The children were taken on a journey around our solar system, visiting planets, the international space centre (where we saw an astronaut and witnessed how people move without the impact of gravity in space) and then beyond our galaxy.

It was a fantastic day, the children were all fascinated and were incredibly behaved. The centre is open to families at various points during the year if you fancy a family day out – more information can be found here [Home - Science Oxford](#)

## Busy Kids Visit – 6 March

While Robins and Owls were on their trip, Little Robins had the use of the whole school! They were also lucky enough to have a visit from Busy Kids Bucks, which is run by Emma Mellor, our former Reception and now Supply Teacher. The children loved the experience, and had the chance to participate in a great range of activities, from giant bubble making, to dinosaur egg cracking, to seeing an erupting volcano!



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## Mothers Day Fundraiser

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Mother's Day Fundraiser, **we raised a massive £206!** This money will go towards the repairs to the Adventure Playground which is sadly out of action at the moment.

## Comic Relief – Friday 15 March

Thank you to everyone who donated via our link for Comic Relief, we raised a brilliant £87. The link will be up for a while longer, so if you haven't had a chance to donate yet and wish to, just click below.

The children all looked very cosy in their pjs and onesies!

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14009>



## Wraparound Care Summer Term

Please ensure you make your bookings for Wraparound Care in good time for next term. If you use the childcare vouchers you will need to complete a booking form in advance of the term. These will be sent out this week. If you find that a session you wish to book is full, please email the office. It is absolutely fine to book last minute sessions, but we do ask that you email the office to inform us as we are not automatically notified of bookings

## Governor Vacancies

We currently have two spaces on our Governing Board, one parent governor and one local representative. If you or anyone you know, are interested in one of the positions, or you would like more information about the role, please don't hesitate to contact our Chair of Governors Jane Elkins via the office.

## Franks Coffee Truck

Thank you to everyone who bought a coffee last Thursday, your purchases all help raise funds for the school. Frank's next visit will be **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**.



## Easter Service, bonnets and gardens

Next week we will be celebrating Easter! Our RE theme this half term has been the Christian festival, Easter: We have discussed Palm Sunday and Good Friday and Robin Class were lucky enough to make hot cross buns! Next week we have the PSALMs Easter Day on Tuesday where children are invited to dress up and take part in an Easter Trail. On Thursday we have our Easter Service and parade. This year we are inviting the children to make their own Easter Bonnet / Crown at home – you can be as creative as you like!

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We did ask for donations for our Easter Gardens a few weeks ago, so just a reminder if you have any of the following at home or buy and donate anything to the school, we would be extremely grateful. This is a lovely activity that the children enjoy.

Shallow trays – take away trays / fruit trays ideal  
Small flower pot or similar  
Stones  
Moss  
Plug plants  
compost



## PSALMS Notices



**Easter Cake Sale Friday 22nd March** - we will be holding this after school on the playground. Any donations of Easter baked goods would hugely appreciated.

**Easter Fancy dress and Trail - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Each child will take home an Easter treat. Suggested donation for this will be £5 per child and PSALMS will send around the classlist link to donate.

All funds raised will continue to enrich the children's time at school and purchase some playground equipment.



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## **DIARY DATES**

Please take a moment to make a note of our forthcoming activities and events

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Event</i></b>
<b>Tuesday 19 March</b>	<b>Chef Cooking with Nursery</b>
<b>Wednesday 20 March</b>	<b>Reception STAY &amp; PLAY</b>
<b>Friday 22 March</b>	<b>Early Years &amp; Year 1 Yoga Year 2 Forest School PSALMS Easter Cake Sale</b>
<b>Tuesday 26 March</b>	<b>PSALMS Easter Trail and dress up day</b>
<b>Thursday 28 March</b>	<b>Easter Service at the church 9.15am – Parents welcome School closes for Easter Break 1.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 15 April</b>	<b>School re-opens for the Summer Term</b>
<b>Thursday 18 April</b>	<b>Reception Vision Screening &amp; Heights and Weights Check – School Nursing Team</b>
<b>Friday 10 May</b>	<b>Owl Class Athletics Festival</b>

Warm regards

Mrs Green  
Head Teacher

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