



Wantage CE Primary School

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Nurturing Growth - Inspiring Minds

Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have been enjoying the lovely sunny weather over the last couple of weeks – I have my fingers crossed for nice weather over half term for us all.

Year 6 Litter Pick – A Big Success!

A huge well done to our fantastic Year 6 children for their amazing efforts in the Sponsored Litter Pick on Bank Holiday Monday! Our brilliant Year 6 children brought bags of energy and enthusiasm and with brilliant teamwork, they collected 24 bags of litter from around Wantage and the routes to and from school, what a difference they made.



We received wonderful feedback from the local community, and even a shoutout on Facebook that led to £88 in anonymous donations from locals who were impressed with the children's efforts – a lovely surprise.

Thank you to everyone who supported, attended, or donated drinks and treats for the event. It was a real team effort and a great example of our school values in action. Special thanks go to Maisie, Will, Noah, Harvey, Tommy P, Tarun, Owen, Flynn, Caden, Jessica O, Lydia, Oliver, Joey, Tèa, Alice, Megan, and Henry (Year 3).

Thank you to the Scouts and Waste Team from Vale of White Horse DC for providing all the equipment for free. We are keeping everything crossed that this event has helped us reach our total to fund both the Leavers Memory Handbook and the Year 6 Leavers Party.

Prayer Space

We have had the privilege of our friends from Open the Book and the Parish running our prayer space this week – special thanks go to James, parish assistant for children and families at Wantage Parish Church, for planning the activities and organising all the wonderful helpers.

Please talk to your children about the prayer space, it is something that we used to run every year, and we would like to continue that tradition from now on.



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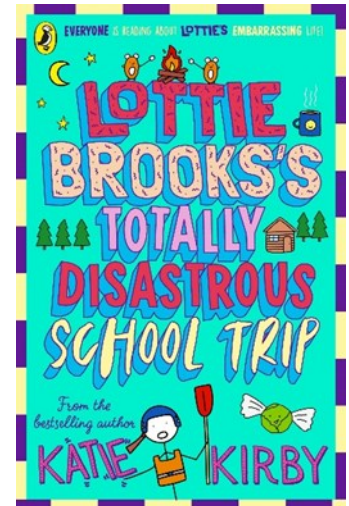


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Millie's Book Review – Lottie Brooks's Totally Disastrous School Trip by Katie Kirby

This is the fourth book in the Lottie Brooks series and I love it because Lottie and her class go on a school trip to Camp Firefly and she is feeling super nervous before she gets on the bus. As soon as she steps on the bus, she finds out that all her BFFs (Molly, Jess, Amber and Poppy) are already on the bus and sat down next to each other, so Lottie has to sit next to 'Burger Tom'. The minute they set off, Tom is sick on Lottie! When they arrive, they get put in groups for their rooms. The next few days, they go on different activities (that always end badly). After one activity, she finds out that a mean girl from another school is reading Lottie's diary to Daniel AND all of her class...

I would give this book ten out of ten stars. This book is for 9 years and over.



King Alfred's Academic Enrichment Programme presents:

Dinosaurs Uncovered Secrets from the Prehistoric World

With **Steph Lechki**

Department of Earth Sciences, University of Oxford


Wednesday 11th June, 2025
18:00 – 19:30
Sixth Form Auditorium

Steph Lechki is passionate about her work on Dinosaurs. Her talk will introduce the science of palaeontology and how our understanding of dinosaurs has changed over time (it has changed a lot!). We'll explore how palaeontologists uncover new ideas through fieldwork, fossils, and a mix of traditional techniques and modern technology. Come and find out more!

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You can also book here



Dinosaur Talk at KAs for Year 5/6 pupils

On Wednesday 11th June, KAs have organised a talk from a dinosaur expert. The talk is mainly for older students, however, there are places for Year 5/6 pupils who are particularly interested in the prehistoric world. Please book a place using the QR code.

Year 5 Sleepover on the field

If some of my words don't flow quite as smoothly as usual, it is because last night was the annual Year 5 Sleepover on the school field. We had an amazing time, with games on the field, campfire songs and toasted marshmallows for everyone. Year 5 impressed us with their excitement and enthusiasm for camping, and we know that they will have an incredible time at Woodlands in September. Perhaps they might want to practise sleeping beforehand, as some of us have a fair amount to catch up on tonight!!!



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Word Millionaires

Massive congratulations to Emily in Year 4 and Owen in Year 6 for achieving their Millionaire Reader certificates and badges in assembly this week. Together they have read a combined total of over 4 million words this year, which is an incredible achievement.

Book Club Survey

If you haven't already done so, please complete the survey we sent out recently on the following link

[Book Club Survey - Google Forms](#)

Goodbyes

It is with much sadness and appreciation that we are saying 'goodbye' to two members of staff this week.

Mrs Bennett is leaving us to move to beautiful South Wales. She has been the most wonderful TA who has a real gift for supporting the children at Wantage CE Primary School who need the most help, kindness and nurture. Mrs Bennett has looked after so many children over the two years that she has been with us – always with positivity, care and an impressive 'can do' attitude. We will miss you Mrs Bennett and thank you for everything you have given to us and our children and families.

Miss Watson is leaving us to continue her travels before starting university in the Autumn. Miss Watson has proved herself to be incredibly adaptable and someone who can be relied on to step in to any class or to help any pupil what ever age, stage or need they might have. Miss Watson is a model of composure and calmness which makes such a difference to the children that she works with.

Hellos

I am delighted to introduce to you Mrs Tappin and Miss Webster who have started with us as teaching assistants. Both Mrs Tappin and Miss Webster have experience of working in schools and nurseries supporting children and families, and we are very pleased to welcome them to Wantage CE Primary School.

Art Competition

Everyone is invited to take part in our half term Art Competition. The Theme is 'Night Time' and we are really excited to see what you create.

I hope that you have a lovely half term. I am off to Ireland – near Waterford – to enjoy some time with my wife's family.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Browne
Headteacher



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Calendar

Monday 2 June		School re-opens for Term 6
Monday 2 June		Class photos and Y6 leavers photos
Wednesday 4 June		Tennis Roadshow
Wednesday 4 June		Friends' Meeting TBC
Friday 6 June		F1 Cake sale
Tuesday 10 June	3.45—6.30 pm	KS2 Quad kids at Millbrook
Monday 16– Tuesday 17 June		4DG to Court Hill overnight
Tuesday 17—Wednesday 18 June		4PS to Court Hill overnight
Wednesday 18 June	8.40—9.40 am	Coffee Morning with LCSS
Thursday 19 June		Trust Olympics for Y5
Friday 20 June		1JB to Gladiators at Fitzwaryn
Saturday 21 June	5.00—7.00 pm	Family Disco
Monday 23 June		Dance Competition
Tuesday 24 June		Y5/6 Cricket at Challow Cricket Club
Wednesday 25 June	8.45 am	Friends' AGM
Wednesday 25 June	Am and lunchtime	Sports Day 1
Thursday 26 June	Am only	Sports Day 2
Thursday 26 June	Pm	Police Online Safety talk for Y3 and Y4
Thursday 26 June	6—7 pm	Welcome meeting for new F1 parents
Tuesday 1 July	9.30—11.30 am	KS1 Quad kids at Stanford-in-the-Vale
Wednesday 2 July		Y2 to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Thursday 3 July	4.30—5.30 pm	New F1 parents tea party
Friday 4 July		Y5 to Ashmolean
Monday 7 July	pm	New F1 children visit
Monday 7 July	1.45 pm	Y6 Production
Tuesday 8 July	5.15 pm	Y6 Production
Friday 11 July		1SO to Gladiators at Fitzwaryn
Monday 14 July	1—3.15 pm	Y6 Leavers Party
Tuesday 15 July		Y6 Prayer Space in Church
Wednesday 16 July	8.40—9.40am	Coffee Morning
Thursday 17 July	9.30 am	Leavers Service in Church
Friday 18 July	9.15 am	Leavers assembly in the Hall
Friday 18 July	12.15 pm	End of Term 6