

Newsletter



Friday 6th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy and productive week in school, with lots of exciting activities taking place across all year groups.

This week, our Year Group of the week is Year 5. I really enjoyed taking the children to Wyvern College on Wednesday afternoon to watch the college production of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. The pupils were excellent ambassadors for our school; their behaviour was exemplary throughout the visit, and the smiles on their faces suggested they thoroughly enjoyed the performance. It was a pleasure to see them so engaged and enthusiastic.

Year 5 have also had a great time making pasta this week, which proved to be a fun and memorable learning experience. I hope you all enjoyed sampling their efforts at home! Next week, Year 5 are heading off on their residential trip to Stubbington, which I know they are very much looking forward to. I will be sure to share more about this in next week's newsletter – let's hope the rain holds off!

Today, I welcomed a visitor from our Local Education Authority. I very much enjoyed showing him around the school and sharing the many aspects of our work that I am proud of. It was a good opportunity to talk about our strengths and the progress we continue to make as a school. I will provide further feedback from his visit in next week's newsletter.

Finally, it was lovely to see so many Year 6 parents at Parents' Evening this week. I value these opportunities to meet with families and say hello to many of you. I do intend to be present at all Parents' Evenings, and I look forward to getting to know you all better over time.

After half-term, we are delighted to be launching the annual Fair Oak Junior School Read Aloud Competition, now in its fourth year, which celebrates children's reading, confidence and oracy skills through an enjoyable whole-school challenge. Pupils will select a short passage from a published fiction book and take part in a series of class, year-group and school finals, with all children encouraged to participate at a level that feels right for them. Over the coming weeks, staff will introduce the competition in assemblies and support children in school, and we kindly ask parents and carers to read the attached letter carefully and support their child at home by helping them choose an appropriate text and practise reading aloud with confidence and expression.



Have a good weekend.
Jim Hartley
Interim Headteacher

