Kirtlington CE Primary School

Friday 20th March 2026

Message from the Headteacher

What a wonderful fortnight we have had, with pupils revelling in the springtime sense of renewal, and really showing their best at school. We were so proud of how our children conducted themselves during our SIAMS inspection; we await the report which is due over Easter and will be sent out to parents when received. Thank you again to the parents who participated in this event.

We have thoroughly enjoyed Comic Relief Day – our whole school again showing how they want to contribute to making the world a better place.

As we now approach the excitement of Easter, let us take a moment to reflect on the hope and love at the heart of this season, and how we can share these blessings with one another.

This Term's School Value = Respect

Notices

- It's not too late to make a donation to Comic Relief through our JustGiving page.
- Join us on Wednesday at 2pm at the Church for our Easter Service. We look forward to seeing you all there.
- Read a copy of the termly Primary Health Newsletter from the nurse team.
- MyClothing are offering 15% off uniform purchases from 23–29 March with the code SPRING15.

Attendance

Whole School: 97.12%

Rowan: 97.89%
Willow: 96.96%
Lime: 95.54%
Oak: 98.41%

A reminder of NHS guidance for illness and absence

Comic relief

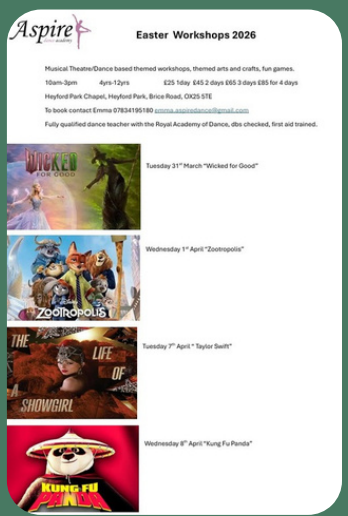
Children across the school enjoyed Comic Relief Day by dressing in bright red and taking part in a range of fun activities. Our School Council confidently led a special assembly, helping everyone understand why Comic Relief matters and how supporting good causes can make a real difference. Throughout the day, classes completed quizzes, puzzles and colouring activities, all while raising awareness and proudly living our our value of service.

"HA HA HA"

So far we have raised £201, and there is still time to donate! Go to our JustGiving page

Why did the banana see the doctor? Because it wasn't peeling very well!

Easter camps and activities



Class pages

Rowan

Rowan Class have had an enjoyable few weeks and have worked hard in demonstrating our Christian value of respect. In Drawing Club we have been loooking at the story of Rosie's Walk, we have written about the fox and the beehives, and invented a way to trap Rosie. In maths we have been working on more than and fewer than, and we are really getting the hang it this now. We have also been identifying numbers to twenty and putting them in order. As part of our topic 'Growing' we have been sequencing the steps of a plant as it grows. We have also planted the seeds for our sweetpea tee-pee and some of us have planted our broad beans.

In our music lessons, we have been singing a song about a recipe where we have to add in our own ingredients and keep in time to the music. In RE, we have been learning about the Easter story and working in groups to make Easter gardens. We have added crosses to them and have noticed some of our grass (cress) is strating to shoot. In PE we have continued working on our gymnastic skills. We learned some new rolls - 'rock back roll' and 'egg roll'.

Lime

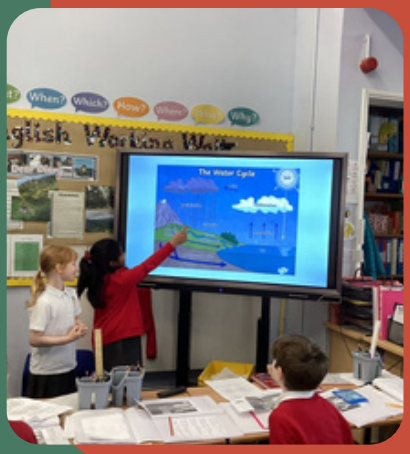
Well done to Lime Class for a very busy and productive two weeks! Last week was assessment week, and the children showed fantastic perseverance throughout. For our Year 1 pupils, this was their very first experience of formal assessments, and we were incredibly proud of how well they approached them. They demonstrated resilience, confidence, and a wonderful attitude to their learning.
In maths this week, we have been exploring equal groups and beginning to learn the two times table. In science, we wrapped up our "Changing Materials" topic by carrying out an investigation to find the most suitable material for a tent cover - there were some great ideas and thoughtful discussions! In DT, we have started an exciting project where the children will be creating their own embroidered bookmarks. We are currently practising our sewing skills, focusing on using a running stitch. This project will continue into next term, and we look forward to sending the finished bookmarks home for you to see.

In RE, the children thought about one of the main messages of Easter and salvation and looked at forgiveness. They were very thoughtful and had some lovely ideas. In Topic, they have been looking at staying safe by the coast and the great work of the RNLI. We also finished the week with Comic Relief and the children enjoyed many Comic Relief activities in class.

Class pages

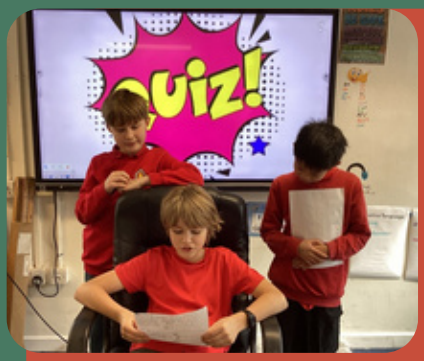
Willow

Well done Willow class on yet another busy fortnight of learning! The pupils demonstrated our school value of perseverance by the bucket load last week as we held our termly assessment week. It is rewarding for all to see the progress they are making, not just in their learning, but in their focus and resilience answering the questions. This week, the children have applied themselves equally as well as we have tackled formal methods of multiplication and explored the features of explanation texts. In order to support our writing, some of us had a go at being the teacher and explaining the water cycle to the class!



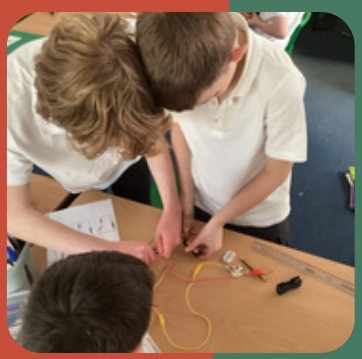
Last Tuesday, we had a visit from a languages teacher from Marlborough to observe how we teach French at KS2. She was impressed with the children's French knowledge and enthusiasm, and in the range of engaging activities we do in a lesson to support pupils learning a second language.
We have started preparing for the Easter service, making our art work to show and rehearsing our readings. Year 3 experienced 'indoor forest school' last week due to the high winds, but returned at 3pm with 12 new stick people to join our class. Keep up the great work everyone!

Oak



Oak Class have had a fantastic two weeks, continuing to show the very best of themselves. The children tackled their assessments with real determination and even a smile on their faces, supporting one another and showcasing all of their fantastic learning. They should be incredibly proud of their achievements. Our Year 6 pupils in particular have demonstrated that they are ready and raring to go for their SATs in May. In Science, we introduced our new topic on electricity. The children enjoyed making their own circuits and learning how to establish why a circuit might not work, troubleshooting and solving problems together. We will be continuing to build on this learning in the Summer term.

In RE, we have spent lots of time exploring the Resurrection and its connection to Salvation, as well as considering how Christians might put these beliefs into practice and how this could influence their behaviour in different situations. We also rounded off our Frozen Kingdoms topic by looking at key events and figures in the history of Arctic exploration. Working in teams, the children became experts on a particular expedition before becoming quiz masters themselves, creating questions and challenging the rest of the class—perhaps we have some future Mastermind hosts among us! In English, our writing has taken a spooky twist as we began work inspired by the short film Alma. The children have been making predictions, drawing links and are working towards writing a dual narrative from the perspective of the main character, while exploring how setting and imagery influence different genres. In Maths, we have focused on converting units of measure and continuing to refine our arithmetic skills.



High Flyers

We have been enjoying the sunshine this week with lots of fresh air for everyone. The children have loved some bubble play, blowing as many as they can and it has been wonderful to hear their laughter.

This week we've been designing Easter Eggs for the Cool Milk competition - there are definitely some budding artists amongst us.

Bookings are now open for our July holiday clubs and we still have a few spaces left for Easter. We'd love to see you there.

Dates for your diary

24th Mar – iRock Concert – 9:30am in the school hall
25th Mar – Easter Service – 2pm at St Mary's Church
27th Mar – Term Ends – 1pm
27th Mar – KSF Easter Bazaar – 1:15–4pm
13th Apr – Term Begins – 8:40am
15th Apr – Rowan Class Trip to Cogges Farm
22nd Apr – Oak Class swimming begins
24th Apr – Oak Class Bake for Brushes
4th May – Bank holiday – school closed
6th May – Y4 Multi Skills Festival at The Marlborough
w/c 11th May – Year 6 SATs week
20th May – Oak Class trip to Didcot Railway Center
22nd May – May Day Dancing – 2pm at school
22nd May – Term ends at 3:10pm
31th May – Lamb Ale – from 12pm at school
1st June – Term begins at 8:40am
Major dates for this year

Links to letters emailed out and local events and information:

Term dates 2026-2027
Hockey After School Club for Summer Term