



# Hornton Primary School

## WEEKEND NEWSLETTER

# 2026

### This week at Hornton

We are delighted to share our curriculum maps with you in this newsletter, as they are such a valuable way to see what your child will be learning this term. They may even inspire you to plan a family visit or day out linked to your child's exciting new topics. After having a look, if you have any books to share, a special interest, or would like to come in and talk to the classes, we would absolutely love to hear from you.



From, Mrs Whitehouse

## Events for w/c 26th January



### Monday

8.00 - 8.40 am - Breakfast Club  
3.15 - 4.30 pm - Hang Out After School Club  
3.15 - 5.30 pm - Extended After School/Hang Out  
7.00 pm - PTA Meeting - All welcome - Staff Room

### Tuesday

8.00 - 8.40 am - Breakfast Club  
3.15 - 4.30 pm - Hang Out After School Club  
3.15 - 5.30 pm - Extended After School/Hang Out

### Wednesday

8.00 - 8.40 am - Breakfast Club  
Mr Cantlay to talk to Rowan Class about Forces and Flight  
3.15 - 4.30 pm - Hang Out After School Club  
3.15 - 4.15 pm - Lego Club  
3.15 - 5.30 pm - Extended After School/Hang Out

### Thursday

8.00 - 8.40 am - Breakfast Club  
3.15 - 4.30 pm - Hang Out After School Club  
3.15 - 4.15 pm - Little Kickers Football Club and Remote Control Car Club  
3.15 - 5.30 pm - Extended After School/Hang Out

### Friday

8.00 - 8.40 am - Breakfast Club  
3.15 - 4.30 pm - Hang Out After School Club  
3.15 - 5.30 pm - Extended After School/Hang Out



**COMING  
SOON!**



# Dates For The Diary

Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	PTA Meeting - All welcome - Staff Room - 7.00 pm
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mr Cantlay to talk to Rowan Class about Forces and Flight
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SEND Parent/Carer meetings
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> /Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent/Carer Teacher Evenings
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Look - 8am, PTA Valentine Bake Sale 3.00 pm and last day of term



## Bringing toys to school

**IMPORTANT**

Please can we remind parents that children should not bring toys into school, as they can cause distractions and may get lost or damaged.

If a child needs something to help with focus or regulation, we have class fidget toy boxes available and staff will ensure these are used appropriately to support learning. Thank you for your continued support.

**Free Half Term Fun!**

**OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY**



FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!  
MOST SUITABLE FOR 5-16 YRS

# SCIENCE BAZAAR

Saturday 21 February 2026

9:30am - 11:30am Relaxed autism-friendly early opening  
11:30am-4pm Open to all


Fun activities, hands-on workshops, experiments, talks, show, competitions and cafe




**BOOK TICKETS**



[www.brookes.ac.uk/sciencebazaar](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/sciencebazaar)  
[sciencebazaar@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:sciencebazaar@brookes.ac.uk)

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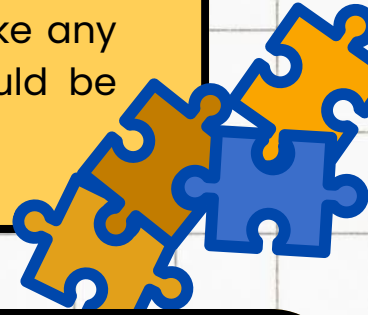
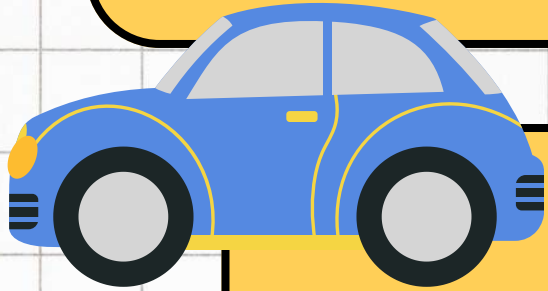
 [@oburesearchpublicengagement](https://www.instagram.com/oburesearchpublicengagement)

**Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, OX3 0BP**

**NO PARKING ON SITE EXCEPT FOR ACCESS NEEDS**

## Games needed please

Mrs Hart would love any donations of any **Orchard Games**. If you have any please do let us know. We would also like any donations of simple puzzles, particularly if these would be suitable for two year olds.



## Parking

We have a very good relationship with our village neighbours. Please be respectful in the way you park. One neighbour has said that she was worried about a child running in the road and that there could have been an accident, as the sight lines were blocked to the entrance of her property. Please do not park within 5 meters of the start of the driveway (Eastgate Farm House).

## Banbury Operatic Concert

Are you free over half term? Come and support Banbury Operatic's concert at Wykham Theatre. Step into a world where history and musical theatre collide! You may even spot a mum from the school performing too!

A poster for a concert. The background is dark with a golden, intricate clockwork or mechanical design. The text is white and gold. At the top left, it says 'BANBURY OPERATIC SOCIETY PROUDLY PRESENTS'. At the top right, the 'BOS' logo is shown with 'Banbury Operatic Society' underneath. The main title 'THE Show THAT TIME WROTE' is in large, bold letters, with 'Show' in gold and 'THE' and 'WROTE' in white. Below the title, it lists the venue 'WYKHAM THEATRE, WYKHAM PARK ACADEMY, BANBURY, OX16 9HY', ticket prices 'TICKETS £16 / £14 CONCESSIONS', and dates '19TH, 20TH, 21ST FEBRUARY 2026 (7.30PM) AND 2.30PM MATINEE ON 21ST'. It also includes the website 'WWW.BANBURYOPERATICSOCIETY.CO.UK' and social media handles for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. At the bottom, there is a small line of text: 'Banbury Operatic Society (BOS) and Youth of Banbury Operatic Society (YOBOS) is a Registered Charity (Registration No. 1181189)'.

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**BOS**  
Banbury Operatic Society

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# Outdoor at Hornton

We love spending time learning and playing outside, whatever the weather even in the rain! Please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat with a hood each day so they can stay warm and dry. We also have donated spare coats available in school, so please let us know if your child needs one. Here are some pictures of Oak and Apple Class enjoying our new playground equipment.



# Curriculum Newsletters

**OAK CLASS**

Maths

Money - understanding values, comparing amounts, finding change.  
 Multiplication and division within the 1, 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables.  
 Length and height.  
 Mass, capacity and temperature.

English

Letter writing using the book Dear Earth  
 Adventure story using the video Whistleless  
 Recount writing using the video Caterpillar Shoes  
 Informative text about the life cycle of a butterfly

Science

Oak Class' science objectives this term are:  
 Understanding that humans are animals  
 Inside and outside parts of the human body  
 Five senses  
 Life cycles of humans and other animals

Geography

Oak Class are learning about Europe and North America through the lives of our World Changers. They will be locating on maps and discovering information about continents, countries, capital cities and other places relevant to the influential nurses and scientists.

**World Changers Throughout History**  
 Spring Term



History

Oak Class are focusing on people who have made important contributions to our world:  
 -Florence Nightingale  
 -Mary Seacole  
 -Rosalind Franklin (also F. Crick and J. W. Watson)  
 -Sarah Gilbert

Art/DI


Oak Class are exploring Van Gogh's artwork. They are studying his use of colour, his brushstrokes, and where he drew his inspiration from. They are also studying Marela Zacarias and Charlie French and how they use colour to represent emotions in their work.


PE

This term, Oak Class will be working with their coaches from Little Kickers. They will be honing their skills in football and dodgeball.

PSHE

Super sleep  
 Who can help?  
 Talk PANTS  
 Being safe when sharing online  
 Medicine safety  
 Losing things

<p><b>History</b></p> <p>In history we will be exploring the following questions:</p> <p>How did the Romans influence the culture of people already living in Britain? How did the Romans invade Britain and how successful were they?</p>	<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>In PE, Mr Runcorn will be focusing on hockey, developing the children's understanding of the attacking and defending principles of invasion games.</p> <p>In our tennis lessons we will be focusing on racket control, hitting a ball with accuracy and how to score points.</p>	<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>In PSHE this half term, we will be covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Valuing Difference</b></li> </ul> <p>Children will learn to recognise and respect similarities and differences between people, including different types of families and communities. We will explore what it means to be respectful, practise using kind and inclusive language, and develop empathy for others.</p>
<p><b>Geography</b></p> <p>We will be finding the answers to the following:</p> <p>Where did the Romans land? What territory did the Romans claim? Are there any clues to which towns the Romans claimed? Why did they choose to settle where they did?</p>	<p><b>The Roman Invasion of Britain</b></p> <p>Spring Term 3 Willow Class Year 3 &amp; 4</p> 	<p><b>English</b></p> <p>This term in English, the children will be:</p> <p><b>Writing to persuade:</b> an advert persuading people to join Boudicca's army <b>Write to entertain:</b> poetry inspired by the Romans <b>Writing to entertain:</b> retelling the story of Boudicca using speech</p> <p>Our core text this term is: Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman</p>
<p><b>Art &amp; Design</b></p> <p>In art this term the children will be studying the work of artists who use thread, cloth and paint and how these materials can be combined in different ways to build an image. They will be developing their own painting and stitching techniques to create a mixed media piece of work exploring energy and texture.</p>	<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>We will be learning how to multiply and divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number, measuring in kilometres, metres, centimetres and millimetres, calculating perimeters of 2D shapes and understanding improper fractions, mixed numbers and equivalent fractions.</p>	<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>Our Science focus this term is states of matter. We will:</p> <p>Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C). Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.</p>

<p><b>History &amp; Geography</b></p> <p>In geography, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use satellite images to build our understanding of the world. Including biomes, countries and continents.</li> </ul> <p>In history, we will answer the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How has humans' view of the earth in space changed over time?</li> <li>• Have we discovered everything there is to know about the solar system?</li> </ul>	<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>In PE this term, Rowan class will be practicing Hockey on a Monday and Tennis on a Thursday.</p> <p>We will build up our knowledge of the rules and key skills needed, before beginning some whole class games.</p>	<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>In PSHE this half term, we will be covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Qualities of friendship</b></li> <li>• <b>Kind conversations</b></li> <li>• <b>Happy being me</b></li> <li>• <b>Stopping stereotypes</b></li> <li>• <b>Self-esteem and caring for each other</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Art &amp; DT</b></p> <p>We will be creating the following through a range of creative techniques:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Space landscapes</li> <li>• Rocket designs</li> <li>• Lunar phases</li> </ul>	<p><b>Earth &amp; Space</b></p> <p>Spring Term 1</p> 	<p><b>English</b></p> <p>This term in English, the children will be:</p> <p><b>Writing to entertain:</b> An adventure narrative that delves into the moon of Pandora. <b>Write to inform:</b> A detailed information text about space. <b>Write to inform:</b> A biography about one of NASA's hidden figures: Katherine Johnson.</p>
<p><b>R.E.</b></p> <p>In Years 5 and 6, we will learn about the life and teachings of the Buddha, including the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path. We will explore how Buddhists try to live good and peaceful lives through mindfulness and compassion, and discover how Buddhist beliefs are shown in daily life and places of worship.</p>	<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>We will be covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6: Ratio, Algebra and Decimals.</li> <li>• Year 5: Long multiplication, short division, multiplying fractions and finding fractions of an amount.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>In term 3 we will be answering the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are days and years created?</li> <li>• How does the moon orbit the earth?</li> <li>• Why do the seasons occur?</li> </ul>

# Nicole's Wild Quiz Night



£10 a ticket & £1 raffle tickets on the night



Trivia, prizes, and a charity raffle  
**RAISING FUNDS FOR WWF**

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Doors open at 6.30pm  
Hornton Pavillion

Support Nicole's London Marathon journey and WWF by joining us for a night of entertainment, a quiz, prizes and fundraising fun! Bring your team, test your knowledge, and help protect the natural world.

Email Nicole to reserve your spot or are able to support in any way:  
[nicolescarsbrook@gmail.com](mailto:nicolescarsbrook@gmail.com)

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## Nicole's Wild Quiz Night!

I'm excited to share that I've secured a place in the 2026 London Marathon and will be running in support of WWF, a cause close to my heart. With my children's love for animals, protecting the natural world for future generations means everything.

I'm fundraising through donations and a charity raffle on 31 January. You can donate via the QR code or by contributing a prize for the raffle.

Thank you so much for your support.  
Nicole

**Nicole's Wild Quiz Night - Donations please**

Thank you so much for the amazing donations so far! If you have any bottles of wine, chocolates, or unwanted gifts that you'd be happy to donate for the raffle, we'd be incredibly grateful.

If you're able to bring them into school, I can collect them over the next couple of weeks.

Thanks again for all your support,  
Nicole



**Dogs on the Playground** - We know that many of our families enjoy bringing their four-legged friends with them at drop-off and pick-up, and they are allowed on our playground. We do ask, however, that dogs are kept on a short lead at all times. Please also be mindful that some children may feel nervous around dogs, so a little extra care helps everyone feel safe and comfortable.

**Hornton Primary School Admissions Policy Consultation** - Our school has a new Admissions Policy, and the consultation is open. The policy can be found on our school website in the News section. If you would like to comment or share your views, please send your feedback by email. We welcome and value your input.

**Parking** - As we all know, we have limited parking available in the immediate vicinity of the school. Even so, it is imperative that we continue to park with respect to the residents of Hornton and their right of way to their homes. There is ample parking available at the Pavilion, from where it is a short and pleasant walk to the school. A few minutes extra walking time will make such a difference to the congestion around the school and the combined safety of children, parents and residents.

