



Hornton Primary School

END OF TERM NEWSLETTER

Term Five - at Hornton Primary School

What an action-packed term it has been! As you will see from the photographs and updates from each class, the children have enjoyed a wide range of exciting learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. The Summer Term is always such a special time in school, as the warmer weather allows us to make the most of our wonderful outdoor spaces. We are incredibly fortunate to have such beautiful environments in which the children can learn, explore and play. Our love of outdoor learning begins right from the **Early Years**, where the children are making the most of their new puddle suits and heading outside whenever possible, whatever the weather!

Oak Class have been making excellent use of their Maths Garden, which now includes lots of fantastic new resources to support practical learning through play. **Willow Class** thoroughly enjoyed their time at the Pavilion, taking part in a range of Forest School activities while Year 6 completed their SATs. **Rowan Class** are also looking forward to spending plenty of time outdoors over the coming weeks as they prepare for the Cricket Tournament in two weeks time, as well as getting ready for their exciting residential visit to Herefordshire.

We are proud to provide opportunities for our school to thrive outdoors throughout their time at school and we are keeping our fingers crossed that this beautiful spell of weather continues so that we can enjoy all of the exciting events of the next 7 weeks.

Mrs Whitehouse

Monday 1st June – Bikeability for Year 6 (Monday–Thursday)

Monday 1st June– PTA meeting at 7.30 pm– Staffroom

Friday 5th June – Music Workshop in school led by Tudor Hall School
(In school)

Thursday 11th June – Year 3 and 4 Art Workshop at Tudor Hall School

Thursday 11th June – Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip to Longtown
(Returning on Sunday.)

Tuesday 16th June– Black and White Individual photos and Class photos

Thursday 18th June – Cricket Festival for Rowan Class at The Warriner

Friday 19th June – Whole School Sports Day, 9.30 am

Monday 22nd June – Last week of clubs

Monday 22nd June – Reserve Sports Day, 9.30 am

Thursday 25th June – Year 3 and 4 Tennis Day at Adderbury Tennis Club

Monday 29th June – Science Week

Monday 29th June– Transition Day for the whole school

Thursday 9th July – School Production of Peter Pan and Wendy
11.00 am performance (KS1 and KS2)

6.30 pm performance (KS2)

Friday 17th July – End of the Summer Term (12.00 pm finish)

It is with great sadness that we share the news that **Mark Bowes**, husband of our much-valued Mrs Bowes, passed away on 8th May. I am sure the whole school community will join us in sending our heartfelt condolences and support to Jenny and her family. Many of you will have known Mark and will remember the enormous contribution he made to both village and school life over many years.

He will be greatly missed by so many people within our community. Mark's funeral service and burial will take place at St John the Baptist Church, Hornton, on Friday 5th June at 12pm. This will undoubtedly be a very sad day for the village. We respectfully ask parents not to park at the Pavilion on Friday and to be aware that parking within the village may be more limited than usual.

School will remain open as normal; however, with several members of staff attending the funeral, Friday afternoon may look a little different across school. Thank you, as always, for your kindness, understanding and support.

Orchard Class

Term 5- Travel and Exploring

Over the past few weeks, the children have been exploring how things grow. We released our Butterflies. We have also explored what plants need to survive. This has included learning about essential conditions for growth such as light, water, warmth, and soil, encouraging children to explore the natural world and begin to understand life processes



We have also extended this learning by looking at how people grow food in different parts of the world. The children have been particularly interested in how this works in very cold places like the Arctic. We discussed how the extremely low temperatures, frozen ground, and long periods without sunlight make it very difficult to grow crops there. As a result, people living in Arctic regions often rely on other methods for obtaining food, such as fishing and hunting, rather than traditional farming. We loved tasting food from Spain!



In EYFS, the children have loved exploring homes and shelters both indoors and outdoors. They have been busy building dens, creating imaginative spaces and learning about what makes a house a home. Our new designated 'house' role-play area in the classroom has quickly become a favourite place for storytelling, teamwork and imaginative play.



Oak Class

Fun with fruit!

As part of our healthy eating lessons in PSHE, Oak Class learned about the different food groups and how they help our bodies. We created actions for each group, designed our own healthy pack lunches, and made real fruit kebabs!



Yummy!



Musical marching band!

During Design and Technology lessons with Mrs Cockle, Oak Class have made their own musical instruments! Using old boxes, containers, and lots of other junk, the children have made some amazing creations. Parading them around the playground was such a fun way to show them to our friends and adults in other classes!

We ♥ drama

When writing a character description, getting into the role of the character is a great technique to understand the person you are describing. Oak Class loved watching Miss Goddard pretend to be Goldilocks, and had a brilliant time taking on the challenge of answering questions about her in the 'hot seat'.

Cheeky Goldilocks!



Willow class

Term 5 - Anglo Saxons

This term, Willow Class have been learning all about the Anglo Saxons! We have investigated where the Jutes, Angles and Saxons came from, where they settled and what their new life in Britain was like.

We have listened to the legends of Beowulf and The Sword in the Stone and studied important Anglo Saxon finds at Sutton Hoo. We have also written our names in Runes!



We are dancers...



Scientists...

Marvellous Muscles and Bones

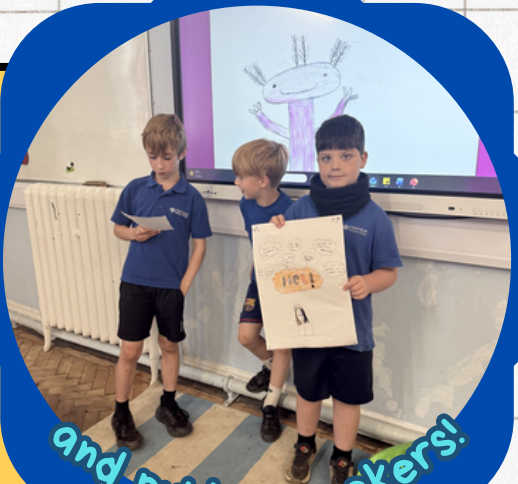
In Science, we have been investigating the different parts of the human skeleton and how our muscles, tendons and ligaments help us move.

We made working models of an elbow joint using lolly sticks and elastic bands, which was quite tricky, but we persevered and succeeded!

Willow Words at Work

In English, we build oracy into our lessons each week, helping us develop our speaking and listening skills alongside our writing.

We share ideas, ask questions, and grow in confidence - allowing us to become stronger, more thoughtful writers.



and public speakers!

Rowan Class



Term 5 - The Victorians

This term, Rowan Class have been discovering what life was like in the Victorian Era. We have investigated the difficult and challenging circumstances that many children grew up in, as well as studying how the landscape transformed and filled-up with factories, canals and railways in our geography lessons.



Our new golf set has been enjoyed by Rowan

Amazing authors

Even whilst preparing for SATS, the class have been working hard on their writing skills.

Firstly, they had the challenge of writing a flashback story from the Victorian Era, detailing an action-packed and tense chase through Victorian cobbled streets. Secondly, the children excelled at writing a detailed article called 'How to be a pickpocket'. A handy skill indeed! Finally, they wrote an emotive and empathetic piece relating to our new class text, *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, with the students stepping into the shoes of Ahmet (a refugee from Syria).

Hornton Primary FC

This term saw our Year 5/6 girls and boys teams play in the Banbury schools u11s league. This provides an amazing opportunity for our keen footballers to play competitively against other schools.

The girls finished up their season with a very strong performance against table-topping Orchard Fields. Whilst the boys rounded off their season with a spirited 5-4 comeback against William Morris.



Congratulations Year 6



Sports



Multi skills



Football



Fencing



Music Opportunities at Hornton Primary School

What's on offer?

Concerts and Performances

Performing encourages goal setting, increases confidence, and teaches communication skills that translate into effective public speaking, negotiation, and problem-solving. It is also a fantastic way to consolidate the skills that students learn in music lessons and represent the school within the wider community. We are already looking forward to welcoming you to share our work next year!

Young Voices 2027

We are thrilled to announce that we have signed up for Young Voices 2027 and are opening this to all of Key Stage 2 (years 3-6).

Young voices organises a national tour of primary school concerts in huge arenas around the UK. Each concert is a fantastic spectacle, which combines an 8,000 strong children's choir with professional artists, musicians and dancers, along with many thousand more people in the audience, including parents and families of the singers of course. It truly is a rare opportunity to take part in something of this scale and we hope will make lifelong magical memories!

The experience last time we attended was absolutely incredible. I would strongly encourage all children in KS2 to come along, it really is a once in a lifetime experience to do something of this scale.

For more information you can visit the Young Voices parent webpage at the link below

<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/parents-and-carers>

The concert is **Friday 8th January 2027 at Resorts World Arena in Birmingham 7:00-8:45pm.**

More information will follow in due course, but sign up is likely to be soon, so watch this space!



Some of the musical performances in 2026-2027



Christmas Concert
December 2026



Early Years and KS1 Nativity.
December 2026



Young Voices
8th January 2027



Singing at Hornton Church Sunday Service.
Christingle and Easter.



End of year instrumental recitals and music concert.
May 2027



Summer play-title TBC.
July 2027

Music Opportunities at Hornton Primary School

What's on offer?

Instrument lessons

At Hornton we are fortunate enough to welcome specialist instrumental music teachers into the school each week to provide 1:1 lessons with students in the music room. These are available at an additional cost, but are often much cheaper than booking private lessons outside of school.

tuition@gregprosser.co.uk

r.sanders@hornton.oxon.sch.uk

Please contact teachers below if you would like to discuss booking lessons.

Claire Rogers- Piano

Claire has been teaching piano for many years at Hornton Primary. Pupils learn how to play music from classical and jazz to pop and musical theatre. Students can work towards ABRSM exams or just for fun.
clairerogers.piano@gmail.com

Greg Prosser- Guitar and Drums

Greg brings creativity and flare to his lessons at Hornton School. He teaches contemporary music on drums and guitar.

Anna Fisher LAMDA

Mrs Fisher is offering LAMDA lesson in speech and drama. The lessons are designed to build confidence in a safe and secure setting, helping the children with everything from acting to public speaking skills.

anna.fisher@fisherfamily.co

Rheanne Sanders- Singing and Flute

Mrs Sanders can provide 1:1 singing lessons, or flute lessons. Children can work towards performances, set their own goals, like growing in confidence, or simply enjoying singing each week. r.sanders@hornton.oxon.sch.uk



Benefits of studying music



Increased development of neural activity and cognitive skills.



Improves hand eye co-ordination.



Teaches patience and commitment.



Improves memory

and IQ

Boosts self

esteem and confidence.



Provides a tool for self expression.



For job or for joy:

A musical



instrument can bring a lifetime of

joy, whether you head down the music career path or simply play for the love of it.



Mayday

Please join us for the next meeting. See our Instagram/Facebook page for details.

