



# OJS WEEKLY UPDATE

## 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021



## Message from Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Elwill

You'll all be aware Tuesday marked a year since the first UK lockdown and there was a national Day of Reflection that took place across the country. I'd just like to start by reflecting on the last 12 months and taking the opportunity to thank you and your families for all your work keeping the community safe by adhering to Covid guidelines. We will get through this together as we build our school curriculum back better.

It's been a year full of challenges for us all, there have also been heartbreaks and lots of twists and turns. A year that has shown just how much we can do when we work together. Thank you for the many kind comments we have received from you as we endeavoured to remain open to key workers and our vulnerable pupils.

Happily, we are open to all our amazing pupils now and on the road to recovery. Supporting our pupils to laugh and learn is our key priority as we build a happy, challenging learning community. The Jerusalem Dance certainly put a smile on our faces!

Here are some of the ways we marked the Day of Reflection. Thank you for sending your children to school with ribbons.



**Mrs Sheridan & Mrs Elwill**

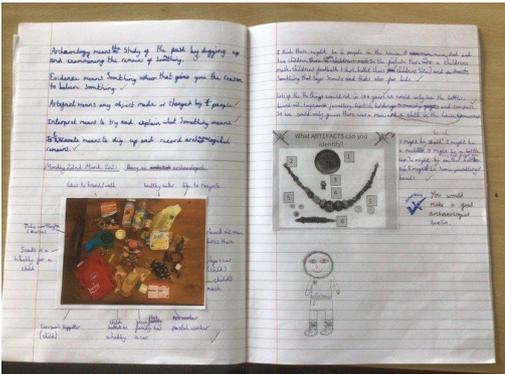
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## Covid-19 Testing for Primary School Children

Current guidance advises that primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they are symptomatic, in which case their families should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and [book a PCR test](#) for the child.

# See What the Children Have Been up to in Class this Week

Year 4 enjoyed Maths Day by creating our own surveys and presenting the data through pictograms and bar charts.



Silver Birch had fun this week, learning how to become archaeologists. They are beginning to understand how to build a picture of the way people live from the evidence we find.

Ash Class had great fun investigating non-contact forces. They created their own magnetic mazes.



Sycamore class working hard to win the prize for the most problems solved! Some are taking the algebra challenge too!



## Star Readers

This week's Star Readers are:

Apple -	<i>Krista</i>	Cherry -	<i>Leo</i>
Ash -	<i>Thomas E</i>	Pine -	<i>Kate</i>
Larch -	<i>Hayden</i>	Silver Birch -	<i>Zach G</i>
Beech -	<i>Bobby</i>	Elm -	<i>Marcy</i>
Hawthorn -	<i>Lillie</i>	Lime -	<i>Olivia</i>
Willow -	<i>Summer</i>	Rowan -	<i>Pixie</i>
		Sycamore -	<i>Jasmine</i>

A big well done to Summer B in Willow, who has read a total of 2,625 minutes and 6,147 pages on Myon since September 2020.

Also, congratulations to Willow who have read a whopping total of 10,963 minutes and 23,140 pages on Myon since September 2020.

Hawthorn Class have now surpassed 3 million words and Ash class have exceeded 2 million words, this is an excellent effort, keep it up!

Congratulations to Lime and Elm who have broken the 7 and 4 million barrier respectively.

In our Myon scheme, we have Anthony (Lime) who is leading Year 6 with 2900 pages read and Cameron (Pine) who is leading Year 5 with 2600 pages read.



## Individual Pupil Photos 19<sup>th</sup> April

The Photographer will be in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to take individual pupil photos.

## Easter Garden



Mrs Doogan has created a lovely Easter Garden with some of our children.





## This Week's Excellence Award Winners

This week's award is for being

Apple -	Zack L	Cherry -	Joseph A
Ash -	Jaana C	Pine -	Abigail M
Larch -	Matthew G	Silver Birch -	Rosa D
Beech -	Lily-Mai J	Elm -	Piper W
Hawthorn -	Phoebe P	Lime -	Adam R
Willow -	Isla S	Rowan -	Laelia D
		Sycamore -	Charlie Mc

Well Done to all of our winners!!



## New PE Timetable – Summer Term 1

Please see below the PE Timetable for our Summer Term 1.

Pupils are to come to school in their school PE kits on their PE days. No football kits.

Ash	Monday, Wednesday
Apple	Monday, Tuesday
Larch	Monday, Thursday
Beech	Wednesday only
Hawthorn	Wednesday only
Willow	Wednesday, Thursday
Cherry	Tuesday, Friday
Pine	Tuesday, Thursday
Silver Birch	Tuesday, Wednesday
Elm	Thursday, Friday
Lime	Thursday, Friday
Rowan	Tuesday, Thursday
Sycamore	Thursday, Friday

# Prescribed Medicines Form

Starting from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April, if your child is required to take prescribed medicine during school hours, you will need to complete a form via the ParentApp.

The "Request for School to Supervise the Taking of Prescribed Medicine" can be found in the "Forms" section of the ParentApp and must be completed and submitted prior to bringing the medication into school.

Medication must be delivered and collected by an adult via the school office.

Please note that school is only authorised to administer medicines that have been prescribed by their GP or other recognised medical officer.



Bikeright are planning some holiday courses including Learn To Ride and Bikeability Level 1 & 2 at half term and in the summer holidays so that year 6 children will not miss out.

The link to book these is: <https://www.bikeright.co.uk/courses/child-group/>



## [Child Group Cycle Training](#)

Our Child Group Cycle Training sessions take place out of school hours (usually in the school holidays). Our Learn To Ride sessions are for age 7 upwards and our Level 2 on-road courses are to children aged 10 and over.

[www.bikeright.co.uk](http://www.bikeright.co.uk)

## **Amazon Smile**

AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice and our **Overchurch Parents & Teachers Association (PTA)** is now registered.

All you need to do is start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). The donation will be made at no extra cost to you and you can choose from nearly one million public charitable organizations.

Though 0.5% is not a large donation and it isn't intended to replace your regular charitable activities, AmazonSmile is still a great way to take advantage of a service you're using anyway.

You shop as you normally would on the site, at no extra cost to you, and you don't need to make a separate account. If all our staff and parents when buying through Amazon used this function, it would soon generate much needed funds for both schools!

You'll be able to tell you're shopping from the correct page if you see the AmazonSmile logo in the corner of the page and "Supporting Overchurch" below the search bar. When you hover over the name of the charity, you can see additional information about it and track the donation amount you've generated through your purchases.

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## Site Rules



- One adult on site only.
  - Keep to the one-way system by keeping to the left and leaving the site through the Infant gate.
  - Remember to wear your face masks to keep our site Covid secure.
    - Remember to practice social distancing
- Children are doing their part, washing hands and their behaviour is excellent.



***Thank you for your continued support.***