



OJS WEEKLY UPDATE

12th November 2021

Message from Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Elwill

We hope you all had a good week and are managing to navigate the darker evenings.

There have been many exciting lessons in school this week including Geography in Year 6. They have been discussing different industries and the economy in the UK. Tourism is a huge industry in the UK. Did you know 29 million people visit each year? This will have been affected by Covid-19.



'Digimaps' has been a great addition to the Geography curriculum as children used it to locate national parks. Keep up with the latest Year 6 learning on their twitter feed, also available on the school website.

Our year 5 classes have had a special visitor as part of helping them understand Islam and further enhance their learning.

We are thankful to have had our visitor share her personal experiences and taking time out from being a busy mum and working as a lecturer too! The children were able to ask many questions and were fantastic listeners.



Last week Year 5 had an Anglo-Saxon Day. This was an opportunity for the children to immerse themselves in all things Anglo-Saxon. Some of us dressed up, we all studied place names, looked at gruesome crime and punishment, at runes whilst breaking a mathematical code as well as making shields and trying some weaving.

A one-minute silence was held at 11 o'clock on Thursday to remember Armistice Day. We remembered those who lost their lives during the First World War and sold poppies in school.



Thank you for your support with flu vaccinations which ran smoothly in school. A big thank you to the wonderful NHS who came to school to give vaccinations that help us and our community in Upton safe. Your children were incredible and respectful, as they always are.

This Week's Class Attendance Figures

Apple	100%	Cherry	95.6%
Ash	87%	Pine	92.3%
Larch	92.3%	Silver Birch	93.9%
Beech	93.4%	Lime	93.9%
Hawthorn	94.3%	Rowan	90.1%
Willow	95.6%	Sycamore	94.2%

As a school we must achieve at least 96% attendance. Congratulations to Apple class for achieving 100% attendance this week!!



Star Readers

This week's Star Readers are:

Apple -	<i>Amelia</i>	Cherry -	<i>Ellis</i>
Ash -	<i>Emily</i>	Pine -	<i>Alice</i>
Larch -	<i>Toby</i>	Silver Birch -	<i>Faith</i>
Beech -	<i>Zachary R</i>	Lime -	<i>Lilly-Mae B</i>
Hawthorn -	<i>Archie</i>	Rowan -	<i>Thomas</i>
Willow -	<i>Emme</i>	Sycamore -	<i>Joe and Daisy</i>

Congratulations to all our Star Readers this week.

As you can see, another fantastic week of reading from all of lower school! Willow are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way to a million words, keep up the great work!

What a fantastic week for Year 6. They have read and passed tests on over 4 million words! A fabulous achievement. Sycamore have just inched into the lead of the whole school, with 4,541,316 words read.

We also have our first millionaire reader. Well done to Luca in Lime class for an amazing start to the year.



Excellence Award Winners

Apple -	<i>Seb S</i>	Cherry -	<i>Saffron T</i>
Ash -	<i>Cora A</i>	Pine -	<i>Tommy J</i>
Larch -	<i>Olivia V</i>	Silver Birch -	<i>Bella L</i>
Beech -	<i>Robby B</i>	Lime -	<i>Travis D</i>
Hawthorn -	<i>Travis B</i>	Rowan -	<i>Harvey R</i>
Willow -	<i>Hettie B</i>	Sycamore -	<i>Sophia W</i>

Well done to all!



Individual Pupil Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 17th November 2021 to take individual pupil photos.

If this is a day when your child usually wears their PE Kit, they can come to school in their uniform and bring their PE Kit to change into afterwards.

Upcoming Events

Year 5

RE Trip

The year group will be visiting the Al-Rahma Mosque and the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool on Tuesday 16th November.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £7.00 towards the cost of the trip. This can be paid via ParentPay. If you would prefer a Paypoint letter, please contact the School Office.

Swimming

Our Year 5 Pupils will undertake a programme of swimming lessons from Monday 13th December, for 1 week, as part of the PE curriculum.

Swimming will take place every afternoon for 1 week. A message has been sent out separately via the ParentApp.

Whole School

Odd Sock Day in Support of Anti-Bullying Week.

On Monday 15th November, we are asking all children to wear odd socks to celebrate everything that makes us all unique!



No Sweets in School

We do not allow children to eat sweets in school. Please do not send them in for snacks or in packed lunches.



OJS School Sports Kits

If you have any of our school sports kits at home, please wash and return them as soon as possible

Weekly Subject Focus

Each week we focus on a different subject which includes taking part in projects and conducting experiments. This helps to give the children a more in-depth knowledge of the subject as well as a greater interest.

For your information, please see below the schedule of our weekly subject focus for the remainder of this term.

Week Beginning 15/11/21	Science Week
Week Beginning 22/11/21	Computing Week
Week Beginning 29/11/21	RSE Week
Week Beginning 06/12/21	D.T Week
Week Beginning 13/12/21	Music Week

Music for Life

Learning a musical instrument has been shown to have positive effects on a child's all-round development as well as being the route to what, for many, is a life-changing, life-long skill and interest.

Music for Life is a not-for-profit music education service rated "Outstanding" by two national reports which provides music tuition to almost 4,000 young people a week across Cheshire, Wirral and North Staffordshire.

With an array of instruments on offer throughout the school, we are delighted to have Penny Tomlinson as the violin tutor, offering instrument lessons. If your child would like to take advantage of this and try a course of lessons with her, bookings are now open for courses of lessons to start after October half term

Costs:

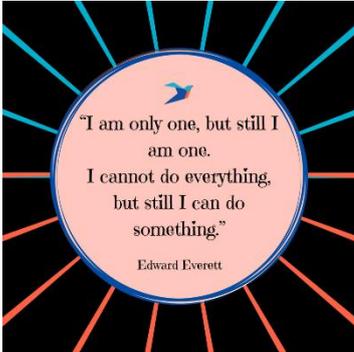
- Lessons are paid for with almost any credit, debit or pre-paid card
- Cost can be spread by paying monthly.
- Payments are around £27 a month for a shared lesson and £39.75 a month for one-to-one 20-minute lesson.
- Support with fees may be available in cases of hardship.
- Courses can be cancelled or changed after the initial "taster" period of a term (12 weeks)

Further Information and Booking Full details can be found here - www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now and you can then book online if you wish to. You may also want to check out our facebook

page where you will get some idea of what parents think of what we do and also get an idea of how much is going on!

A course of lessons may be a really good idea to start off the new year! If you don't want to do violin lessons, remember we offer other instruments throughout the school too, usually suitable for children in Y4 or older. You never know - this course could be the gateway to all sorts of possibilities for the future and could develop an interest and a skill your child will have for life

Overchurch PTA Drop in Session



We are holding a drop-in session to chat with our PTA helpers on Wednesday 17th November @ 9am in the Infant Multi-Function room.

Do you want to get involved in fundraising for the school?

Help organise events such as the summer fairs and school discos? Have some fresh and new exciting ideas 💡...we want to meet you!!

We are also looking for new people who just want to help every now and then.

Join us for a cuppa and a bacon buttie, we promise you won't sign your life away!

Hope to see you there,
Overchurch PTA