

Spring Service – April 2025

Our Spring Service 2025 centred on themes of light, love and being a good neighbour, encouraging pupils to reflect on how kindness and compassion can be shown through small, everyday actions. Pupils from all year groups contributed through poetry, prayers, artwork, songs and performances, creating a rich and inclusive worship experience.

A wide range of hymns and songs, including *This Little Light of Mine* and *When I Needed a Neighbour*, supported reflection on service and care for others. Creative class contributions and choral singing built confidence and reinforced the message that everyone has an important role to play.

The service drew together our school values, helping pupils make meaningful connections between worship, personal conduct and the wider world.



Whole School Topic - Autumn Term: Open the Book

Values: Outreach

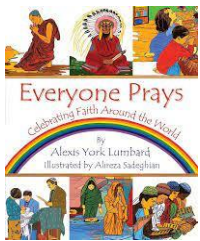
It has been our RE Enrichment Week this week and we have been thinking about 'courageous advocacy' - putting others needs first, even when it might be dangerous or difficult. Many Christians believe that God asks us to offer our skills, talents and abilities in the face of adversity, and that He will use that courageousness to achieve great things. We have sung two songs, during the week and in our Spring Service, which also speak of our commitment to this cause – When I Needed a Neighbour with the line 'whenever you need me I'll be there' and I the Lord of Sea and Sky with the line 'I will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart'. We looked at how we can practically reach out to others.

'What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God' (Micah 6:8)

Climate Warriors' Challenge

Astronauts looking back at our Earth from space have spoken about how it completely changes their view of our planet - blown away by its beauty, and its fragility. Taking a step outside of our everyday lives helps us to see things differently. This Easter holiday you are encouraged to explore our planet with 'different eyes'. To explore a tiny patch of nature close to home that you have walked past a thousand times before, and see it with different eyes. The pioneer astronaut, John Glenn, says the most powerful quality in an astronaut is curiosity, or as we celebrate at Aston Rowant the value of 'Wonder'. So, we encourage you to 'wonder' this Easter. Where will your curiosity take you?

Book Review **Everyone Prays: Celebrating Faith Around the World by Alexis York Lumbard**



This is a great book to look at to highlight what is the same and what is different between faiths. Christians, Jews, and Muslims all pray. So do Hindus and Buddhists. Many others pray too. This book celebrates the diverse ways that people pray. It is a vibrant yet accessible book where young readers are transported on a visual tour across the globe. They will discover the Native American sun dance ceremony, visit the sacred sites in Jerusalem, behold the Shinto shrines in Japan, watch Maasai dances in Kenya, see pilgrimages to the river Ganges in India, and much more. There is also an appendix to help answer questions children might have, Everyone Prays offers children a chance to learn that although people from other places and cultures may seem different, we all share the diverse world of faith and prayer. And what a bright and beautiful world it is!

Happiness Calendar: Active April

Keeping active is a great way to boost our mental wellbeing. So this month, let's find ways to get moving and stay active and healthy. This month we are encouraged to get moving and outdoors as much as possible. You can find this month's happiness calendar [here](#).

Attendance - This term

School target 97%	97% - 100%	90% -97%	Below 90%
Hedgehog Class	46%	23%	31%
Squirrel Class	82%	6%	12%
Fox Class	78%	7%	15%
Owl Class	55%	20%	25%

Housepoints

House	This Week	Total
Bethlehem	65	385
Eden	73	353
Galilee	62	383
Jerusalem	66	380

Congratulations to **Bethlehem** for winning this term's housepoint challenge.

Emails and letters sent this Week

Date	Email/Letter	For	From	Concerning
04.04.25	Email	All	Office	The JR Sports Group – Summer term clubs
04.04.25	Email	Fox Class	Mr Manning	Swimming
01.04.25	Email	EYFS	Office	Parent Consultations - Teams links
31.03.25	Email	KSI/KS2	Office	Parent Consultations - Teams links

April	
31 st – 4 th	RE Enrichment Week – <i>What is Courageous Advocacy?</i>
Tue 1 st / Wed 2 nd	Parents' Evenings
Fri 4 th	Spring Service in Church
Fri 18th	12:00 Deadline to order lunches with the Kids Lunch Company
Thu 24th	09:00 Bags2School donations due in
Fri 25 th	Cycle training up to 20 th June
Mon 28 th	Oxford Brookes students return: Miss Wyness (Fox) and Miss Smith (Squirrel)
Tue 29th	Year 3/4 Swimming lessons start up to 8th July
Wed 30 th	FGB – Business Meeting
May	
Thu 1 st	Mock SIAMS
Wed 7 th	VE Day celebration – street party, parents and carers welcome
w/c 12 th	SATs Mon- SPaG Tue – Reading Wed – Maths 1 & 2 Thur Maths 3
Wed 14 th	Smartphone Free Childhood - parent meeting with local councilors
Sat 17 th	PTA sponsored walk for school library
Mon 19 th – Thu 22 nd	Walk to School Week
Wed 21st	Victorian Day for Fox Class
Fri 23 rd	INSET DAY
June	
Wed 11 th	PC Ben visit KSI
Wed 18 th	Dance Festival @ Lord William's Dance Studio
Mon 23rd	Cycling test for Year 5 – bikes in school
Wed 25 th	Opera First Workshop Owl Class

Academic Year Calendar

Spring 25	
Tue 7 th Jan – Fri 14 th Feb	Spring Term (1)
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 24 th Feb – Fri 4 th Apr	Spring Term (2)
Summer 25	
Tue 22 nd April – Thu 22 nd May	Summer Term (1)
Mon 26 th May – Fri 30 th May	HALF TERM
Mon 2 nd June – Tue 22 nd July	Summer Term (2)
Autumn 25	
Mon 1 st Sept – Thurs 23 rd Oct	Autumn Term (1)
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 3 rd Nov – Fri 19 th Dec	Autumn Term (2)