



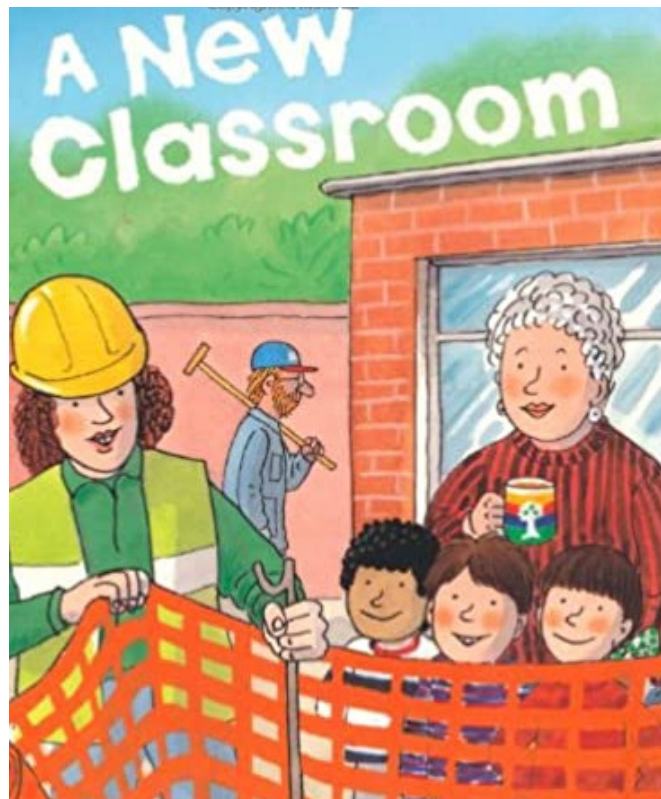
# Speenhamland Primary School

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## Newsletter 5th November 2021



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# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break - it was lovely to welcome all the children back on Monday. Thank you for supporting the school with the additional Covid measures – our positive cases have remained low in the first week back which is encouraging. It has been very strange isolating and working from home this week and I am really looking forward to being back in school on Monday.

This week, saw the much anticipated opening of our new Early Years building. Miss Hipgrave worked incredibly hard over the half term, with the support of other staff, to ensure the new learning environment was ready for the children. Parents had the opportunity to visit the new Reception building on Monday and were impressed with what they saw. The children have settled well and are enjoying the extra indoor and outdoor space. We are organising an 'official opening ceremony' which should take place later this month.

To continue our promotion of reading in school, all of our Reception and Infant children also enjoyed a trip to Newbury library this week. Hopefully the trip inspired them to visit their local library more frequently and borrow a wide range of books to read.

Have a restful weekend.

**Mrs J Lewry**  
**Headteacher**

## BBC Children in Need

**Friday 19th November**

Children can wear a spotty top with their usual school bottoms and school shoes in return for a donation. Donations can be made through the Parent Pay link below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4100>



**BBC**  
**Children**  
**in Need**

## FoSS News



### Pumpkin Colouring Competition Winners:

Reception - Dylan Viasus Arevalos

KS1 - Emily Opanowicz

LKS2 - Felix Wilkes

UKS2 - Kaleb Smith

### Raffle

Raffle tickets are available from the School Office—a chance to win exciting prizes!

The Raffle Ticket Draw will take place after school today and winners will be announced in next week's newsletter.

## House Events

Please see below the chosen charity for each House, together with the themed event day they will hold and when in the year it will happen.

House	Head of House	Chosen Charity	Themed Day Event	Term
Azul	Miss Mason	Brake: The Road Safety Charity	Transportation and Road Safety	Spring 1
Laal	Miss Buckell	Swings and Smiles	Neurodiversity and Physical Disabilities	Spring 2
Zolty	Mr Ricca	Baby Loss Awareness	Mental Wellbeing and Being Active	Summer 1
Verde	Mrs Earl	Dogs Trust	Pets and Animals	Summer 2

## This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

### ACHIEVEMENT

Wisteria	Asher Love Clements
Cherry	Tyler Booth
Oak	Oliver Callow
Ash	Mia Compton
Hawthorn	Millie Parish
Juniper	Jerome Oliver Prakas
Maple	Lilly Prins
Acer	Awstin Lewis
Redwood	Harley Rogers
Cedar	Liam Blake
Sport	Lola Begley

### PSHE

Luci Flower  
Ayansh Ranjan  
Isla Hooper  
Zach Fuell  
Charlie Alston  
Lauren Tipler  
Isaac Silva Robinson  
Levi Begley  
Oliver Bickerton  
Maisie Almond



### Clubs and Forest Schools

Clubs will commence next week.  
Club forms are being handed out to children this week, so that the children know which club they will be attending.

Forest School for all Key Stage 2 children is continuing this term and the children need to have suitable outdoor clothing as they will be going outside in all weathers.  
A waterproof coat will be necessary.

### Battle of the Bands Tournament

Well done to the children that beat the teachers in the battle of the bands competition over half term.  
The teachers will be practising and refining their skills ready for the next battle



### Christmas Lunch 8th December 2021

You can now start booking for our delicious Christmas Lunch via Parent Pay.  
Deadline for ordering is **12th November**.

**Glazed Roast Turkey, Sticky Pigs, Stuffing and Gravy**  
(Served with Ultimate Roasties and Christmas Trimmings Traybake)

**Roote en Crouete (V)**  
(Served with Ultimate Roasties and Christmas Trimmings Traybake)

**Christmas Pudding with Custard or Melting Snowman Cookies**



## HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are Azul:

1st Azul 175  
2nd Verde 118  
3rd Zolty 114  
4th Laal 114





# CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK and NEW RECEPTION CLASS

## Wisteria, Cherry, Oak and Ash visited Newbury Library this week

This week, we went to Newbury Library. We had a tour around the library and saw the computers, the help desk and machines where you can loan and return books.

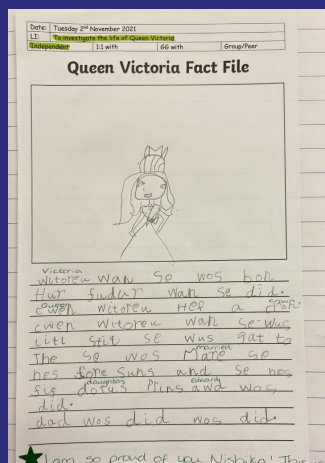
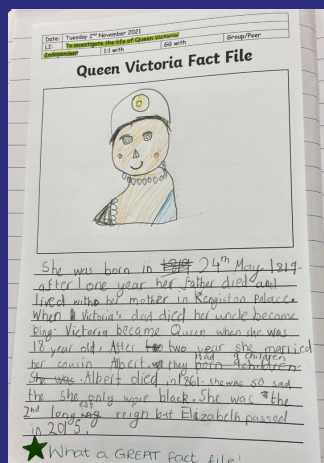
We spent some time looking at the books in the children's library and got to choose between the picture books, non-fiction and chapter books.

We learnt that the library has some really old books about our local area.

We also found out that the library has over 100,000 books! We really enjoyed our trip to the library.

Here is what Chenoa Leaver from the Library said:

*"We really enjoyed having the children in to visit, and we're very grateful for the level of organisation this took on your part. I was so impressed by all the classes and their behaviour, as well as how much they remembered from my assembly and their love of looking at the books. I hope the children had fun, and I'll look forward to seeing them visit us again."*



Reyansh and Nishika from Ash Class have produced some brilliant fact files on Queen Victoria.



Flora, Caleb, Vraj and Alfie from Acre Class made lovely Mayan masks.



Acer Class made apple pies as part of their latest Design and Technology Project.

## Reception Exploring their Wonderful New Classroom

Reception have now moved to their brand new classroom. Below are comments from the children and staff:

Marilou - "I like seeing the birds in the bushes!"

Coco - "I like the pegs because they are taller"

Noah - "I love the toys and playing with the numicon"

Esmee - "I like the classroom because it is cool"

Matthew - "I love all of the new toys!"

Miss Rexha - "I think it is a great space for the children, it is really nice to be able to have the larger outdoor space to continue our learning! The children have taken so well to the new area and we are very lucky!"

In art, the children have been exploring cameras and what it means to be a photographer. They photographed their favourite things in their new classroom using a very special camera.





# FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE



## Forest School with LKS2

This week at Forest School, Juniper, Maple and Hawthorn have been planting crocus bulbs in preparation for the Spring as well as using their hand made paint brushes to paint amazing pictures with mud paint!



## Forest School with UKS2

This week in Forest School, Cedar, Redwood and Acer have also been planting Spring bulbs as well as practising making sparks with fire strikers in preparation for lighting fires next week.



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