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Newsletter 1st December 2023

FOSS WINTER FAIR

Friday 8th December
3.15 pm to 5.00 pm

We are looking forward to seeing
you all next Friday.

Lots of exciting stalls,
hot food and games to enjoy,
and of course a visit from our
special guest, Father Christmas, who will be
holding story time sessions with the children.
No ticket needed for Father Christmas visit.

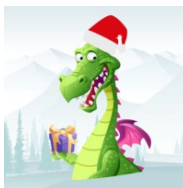
NEW THIS YEAR

Parents can have their own stall for £20 per table.
Email speenhamlandpta@gmail.com in advance
to arrange and reserve.

Exciting raffle draw at 4.45 pm!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*If you can help on the day, please contact
the school office.*



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The cold weather has not dampened the spirits of our pupils this week who have immersed themselves in lots of Christmas traditions. On Tuesday, the whole school enjoyed a special trip to the Corn Exchange to watch the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast.' It was a huge hit with both the children and staff, and certainly got everyone in the festive spirit. **Kiaan:** *Great audience participation and very funny.*

Isla: *Fun and enjoyable, especially the songs we could all sing along to.*

Alice: *The characters were great, and the costumes were amazing.*

Morgan: *I really enjoyed this year, as the story was funny and I knew all the songs.*

A special thank you to Mrs Osmond and Mrs Monger for organising the event.

Our youngest pupils have also been busy practising their lines and songs for their forthcoming Christmas performances. Both Reception and infants have been seen rehearsing on the new stage which arrived just this week. Letters have been sent to parents already about tickets so if you have not yet requested yours, please hurry! Both performances promise to be full of festive fun!

Within each class, our children have also been planning their stalls for the upcoming Christmas Fair. We hope that lots of you will support the school and visit the Christmas Fair next Friday from 3.15 – 5.00pm. Raffle tickets have been sent home this week – stubs and money can be returned to the school office in the envelope provided. A huge thank you to everyone who donated something for our tombola prizes today with our non-uniform day.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCY

Would you like to join our wonderful staff at Speenhamland?

We are looking to appoint a special needs teaching assistant to work in our Keevill unit. Start date, as soon as possible.

£14,568 to £14,832 pro rata

Please email

jburgess@speenhamland.newburyacademytrust.org
for an application pack.



Daisy's Dream Christmas Jumper Day Friday 8th December

On Friday 8th December, children can wear their Christmas jumpers with their usual uniform bottom half for a donation of £1.

All donations will be sent to Daisy's Dream.

The children will then be dressed ready to attend our exciting Christmas Fair afterwards!



Forthcoming Events

06-12-23 1.30 pm	EYFS Nativity
06-12-23	Y6 to St Nicolas' Church
	COINS
06-12-23	Fire Brigade visit —Y5
08-12-23	Christmas Jumper Day
	FoSS Christmas Fair
	3.15 pm to 5.00 pm
11-12-23 9.15 am	Infant Nativity
	(dress rehearsal)
12-12-23 9.30 am	Infant Nativity
13-12-23 5 pm	Infant Nativity
13-12-23	Christmas Lunch
20-12-23 1 pm	End of term
09-01-24	Pupils return

HEADLICE

It's not always possible to prevent lice, but below are some tips for spotting them early!



- Once a week take a peek. Check your child's head regularly with a fine-toothed detection comb.
- If you spot lice, check the rest of the family and treat all infected heads at the same time.
- Avoid head-to-head contact and sharing brushes/combs with infected people.

AWARDS, READING AND ATTENDANCE

AND THE
WINNERS
ARE...



Achievement and PSHE Awards

	SCHOOL	PSHE
Wisteria	Daisy Marsh	Adam Seymour
Willow	Vinnie Bowley	Jana Irshad
Cherry	Aliyana Hussain	Maryam Kamran
Oak	Anshumann Dixit	Atharv Tripathi
Ash	Sinmi Oyedele	Angelina Alimova
Hawthorn	Lily Scott	Clementine Raven
Juniper	Reyansh Mehta	Sham Alharbat
Maple	Selina Sadler	Aradhya Yeleti
Acer	Avnish Chandramohan	Alice Jones
Redwood	Hollie Fairclough	Emilia Stosak
Cedar	Isla Silva Robinson	Henry West
Maths/English Group	King Maguraushe	



HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Laal 266

2nd Azul 265

3rd Verde 225

4th Zolty 218

Congratulations to Laal!

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 93.64%.

Unfortunately, there was also 785 learning minutes lost this week through late arrivals.

With the change in weather and traffic, please allow more time for your journey to ensure your child is in class for 8.30 am.

EVERY DAY REALLY DOES MATTER!

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



Keep reading!

Reading logged in school and at home (3+ reads).
WELL DONE to all classes for some fantastic results this week! Congratulations to Acer for achieving 100%!
Who will achieve 100% next week?

READING LOGGED 13-11-23 to 19-11-23

Class	Number of children	Percentage
Acer	31	100%
Ash	18	72%
Cedar	26	86%
Cherry	22	88%
Hawthorn	25	96%
Juniper	23	85%
Maple	21	75%
Oak	19	76%
Redwood	27	90%
Willow	17	85%
Wisteria	18	85%

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PUPILS' AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK

In Reception this week we have been reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children have been experiencing the different adventures that take place in the story.

The feel of long wispy grass, the thought of drenched clothes and water logged wellies and the feeling of glorious mud on their skin. The children have drawn pictures each day of the different experiences and labelled them, creating their own story map.

Also, this week the children have been practising for their Christmas performance and have taken to the stage for the first time! The children can't wait to show their grown ups next week.

Drawings by Addy and Joey from Willow class



Dear Diary,
Thursday 15th May -
I had a dreadful headache all night; tossing and turning from one side to the other, with insects buzzing everywhere. The pilot was blameful for all of this - if he hadn't had a heart attack we wouldn't be in this disastrous situation. We ~~traced~~ ^{traced} the river bank, hoping to find a civilisation.

As we strolled through the forest, birds were chirping all around us. We decided to take a rest as Max was screaming with ~~annoyingness~~ ^{hunger} like mice playing inside it. Moments later, we came across a humongous ~~mango~~ ^{mango} tree which had delicious mangoes ~~to~~ ^{hung} on it. I couldn't reach high so Lila took Con on her back and they plucked for us.

Diary entry based on The Explorer by Swadha in Cedar class.

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TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Term 6 30-10-23 to 20-12-23 1 pm

Spring Term 2024

Term 3 09-01-24 to 08-02-24

Half Term 12-02-24 to 16-02-24

Term 4 19-02-24 to 27-03-24 1 pm

Summer Term 2024

Term 5 15-04-24 to 24-05-24

Half Term 27-05-24 to 31-05-24

Term 6 03-06-24 to 25-07-24 1 pm

Staff Training:

20-10-23

21-12-23

08-01-24

09-02-24

28-03-24

21-06-24



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