

## This week...

**Class 2** and **3** had a fantastic time exploring all the different role play opportunities in "Little City" on Monday. We enjoyed being doctors, builders, hairdressers, shopkeepers, vets, emergency service workers and many other professions. The children were so good at sharing and taking turns, and made us feel very proud! The hairdressers and dressing up stations were the most popular. If you have younger siblings who might enjoy this, "Little City" is going to the Dorchester festival in May (see booklet sent home this week). Also at the festival, you may have noticed that Nick Cope is visiting!



On Tuesday we had an exciting visit from PCSO Sue Haynes to **Year 1** and **Year 3**. In Year 1, students delved into "PC Ben's Story," gaining insights into the crucial role of the police in our community. Year 3 explored "PC Ben's Story 2," focusing on celebrating differences. PC Ben skillfully guided them through a narrative that highlighted the uniqueness of individuals, fostering an appreciation for diversity. The interactive session left all of the children inspired and enlightened about potential career paths and the importance of community service.

Mr Francis took a group of **Year 5** children to Cholsey Primary School on Tuesday to take part in an OPEN Yoga event. The event had the theme of "awareness" and included breathing techniques, sun salutations, relaxation and guided meditation. It was a great session enjoyed by all!



**World Book Day Sponsored Read** - Thank you to all those that have brought in your sponsorship forms and money this week. We have been super impressed with all the reading challenges completed and hope the children enjoyed taking part. So far we have counted up over £900! This will be used to purchase more books for school. If you haven't returned yours yet, we have extended the deadline to **Tuesday 19th March**. Please return them to the school office. Thank you!

**Celebrating Success!** Felicity from Class 7 performed with Stagecoach last Friday. It was their demo term so they displayed their learning to a huge group of parents. Felicity's group had been focusing on silent movies, music from Wizard of Oz and dance techniques. She really enjoyed it!




### Assembly

We embarked on **Tolerance** this week. We are taking small steps on this and starting with patience, with the view to building up to understanding that everyone has different behaviours and appearance and to celebrate the differences of race, culture, habits and beliefs.

### Pupil Responsibility Groups

This week the Diversity Ambassadors were choosing neurodiverse role models representing varied successes and achievements, for Neurodiversity Week next week. The Peer Mentors explored and learnt more about the ways to stay safe online and began to create an information handout for children.



**Calm**

### Emotion of the Week

Calm is a green zone feeling, relaxed and often still. In school, we use mindful breathing and visualisation to help children create a calm place in their minds.

*'It is having nothing on your mind and feeling free.'*

*'You can just flow with it, like a wave.'*

*'It feels weightless like balloons are holding me up.'*

*'I feel calm in my tummy and my head. I feel relaxed when I have a bath.'*

*'Reading quietly in my room helps me feel calm and relaxed.'*

*'I feel calm in my heart, it is relaxed and peaceful.'*

Word  
of the  
Week

Please see the end of the newsletter for this week's 'Word of the Week'!

## Dates for Term 4...

**On Friday 19th April, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the school opening, we will be having a special day of celebrations. Please keep an eye out for more details in next week's newsletter!**

### 18th - 24th March, 2024

From the Neurodiversity week celebration website:

#### ***"What is Neurodiversity Celebration Week?"***

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools, universities, and organisations with the opportunity to recognise the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent, while creating more inclusive and equitable cultures that celebrate differences and empower every individual."

We will be using some of the resources with pupils in school. Parents may like to explore resources from the website:

<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/resource-hub>



| 18th - 24th March - Neurodiversity week |   |
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| Tuesday 19th March                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class 11 Swimming - remember swimwear and goggles!</li> <li>Year 5 Open Classroom, 2.30pm</li> <li>Year 2 Drawing Club 3.10 - 4.00pm - <b>rescheduled date</b></li> </ul>                                    |
| Wednesday 20th March                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choir Pupils - DAP Music Festival (<a href="#">letter sent via ParentPay 28/02</a>)</li> <li>Y5 &amp; Y6 Author Visit at All Saints (<a href="#">letter sent via ParentPay 08/03</a>) - see below</li> </ul> |

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| Thursday 21st March                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 SATS Q&amp;A 3.30pm - more details to follow</li> <li>Year 5 Open Classroom, 2.30pm</li> <li>Year 4 Production, 6pm - see below</li> </ul>  |
| Friday 22nd March                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Didcot Fire Station for Year 2 Great Fire of London topic (in school)</li> <li>Year 4 Production, 1.30pm - see below</li> <li>Girls Football Match LPPS vs All Saints, 3.30pm. Selected children.</li> </ul> |
| Sunday 24th March                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PALS Easter Egg Hunt - see below</li> </ul>  |
| Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March - Aspirations Week |   |
| Tuesday 26th March                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class 11 Swimming - remember swimwear and goggles!</li> </ul>  |
| Wednesday 27th March                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 2 Didcot library visit (Class 7: am, Class 6: pm)</li> </ul>  |
| Thursday 28th March                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3 Hill End Trip (<a href="#">letter sent via ParentPay on 18/01</a>)</li> <li><b>Last Day of Term - normal finish time</b></li> </ul>   |

## Notices



**School Meals Update:** School Meals Update: Unfortunately, the new oven part and installation will not take place until Thursday 21st March. Therefore, school meals will only be available to children entitled to FSMs and UFSMs (FS, Yr1 and Yr2) up to and including Thursday 21st March. We hope to resume meals from Friday 22nd March. Children in KS2 will need to bring a packed lunch until Friday 22nd March.



We will update you should anything change and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

### ***Can you help during the Easter holidays?***

We are looking for some extra pairs of hands to help our site supervisor, Kevin, with some jobs over the Easter holidays. Jobs include: building a large pergola for Foundation Stage and Year 1, painting picnic tables, painting a picket fence in the sensory garden, general weeding and tidying up. If you could spare a few hours, a morning, a day, we would be most grateful! Please complete this Google Form indicating which days you would be available and we can get in touch with some further details: <https://forms.gle/4A1SYpxXrXFemBs19>



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| <b>Sickness and Absence</b>   | <p>Please notify the school office <b>every day</b> of your child's absence. Please either email <a href="mailto:office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk">office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk</a> or call to leave a message on 01235 519235 by 9am. Clearly state your child's full name, class and the specific reason for absence (including the symptoms of the illness).</p> <p>Please refer to this useful <a href="#">NHS guide - Is my child too ill for school?</a></p> <p><b>If your child is ill for 3 days or more, ensure to consult your GP and to inform the school of the outcome.</b></p> |
| <b>Year 4 Production</b><br><b>Thursday 21st March at 6pm</b><br><b>Friday 22nd March at 1.30pm</b> | <p>A reminder of the upcoming Year 4 Production: The Wind in the Willows. We are asking for a minimum donation of £2 per adult to pay upon arrival. This covers our licensing costs. For each performance we ask for a maximum of 2 adults per child. If you have to bring younger children along, if they do get unsettled, we ask that you leave the hall to ensure the children are not distracted. Thank you for your support.</p>   |

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| <p><b>Year 5 Sunflower Competition</b></p>    | <p>This week we announced a Year 5 sunflower competition. Your child has come home with 2 sunflower seeds. We would really like every child to plant their sunflower seeds and watch them grow! If you can keep a record on how high your sunflower grows that would be fantastic. We will ask for an update soon.</p> <p>The winner will be the child with the tallest sunflower. (It might be best to plant them inside first and not to place them outside until the spring frosts have finished! )</p> <p>Have fun! I'll be joining in too! Mrs Fernandez</p> |
| <p><b>Year 5 &amp; 6 - Author visit to All Saints School</b><br/><b>Wednesday 20th March</b></p>   | <p>Just a reminder to ensure that you have purchased your Christopher Edge (author) book through the link in the letter prior to the visit to All Saints next Wednesday 20th March. Signed books will be handed out at the visit. Cash will <b>NOT</b> be accepted on the day.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here for details on how to pre-order a book.</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Dorchester Festival</b><br/><b>Friday 3rd May to Sunday 12th May</b></p>   | <p>This week we sent home a brochure for the Dorchester Festival taking place from Friday 3rd May to Sunday 12th May. There are a number of things that teachers have highlighted that children would enjoy, such as the Nick Cope performance and the Legomaster and Science Show.</p> <p>Here is a link to the programme of events and you can book online via the links - <a href="https://dorchesterfestival.com/day-by-day/">https://dorchesterfestival.com/day-by-day/</a>. Be quick before they sell out!</p>  |
| <p><b>Inclusion</b></p> <p>Parents of pupils with SEND can join the SEND team and their partners at one of the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) Oxfordshire Conversations events on:</p> <p>Tuesday 19 March 2024, 12 noon - 1.30 pm<br/>Tuesday 19 March 2024, 7.30 pm - 9 pm</p> <p>Link to more details and to register is below :</p> <p><a href="#">SEND Oxfordshire Conversations for parents and carers (March 2024)</a></p> <p>These are online events, bringing together parents and carers of children and young people with SEND across Oxfordshire and representatives from the SEND local area partnership, including the county council, NHS Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board and the Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Friday, 15 March SEN Wellbeing Coffee Morning &amp; Meditation</b></p> <p>Join Oxford Creators Education for a FREE Meditation &amp; Wellbeing in-person session aimed at promoting self-care for Parent &amp; Carers of SEN Children.</p> <p>We have 6 special wellbeing sessions designed with you in mind. You are always helping others, but who's supporting you?</p> <p>Pop along to the Oxford Creators coffee mornings which include a free yoga session, meditation, sound healing or other holistic group wellbeing treat</p> <p>Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to prioritise your wellbeing. Mark your calendar and join us at the Fitness &amp; Wellbeing Hub for the SEN Wellbeing Treat on Friday March 15th at 10.30am We can't wait to see you there.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to book your free ticket</a></p> |   |
| <p><b>PALS: Easter Hunt</b><br/><b>Sunday 24th March 11am - 1pm</b></p>   | <p>Come along to our Easter Egg hunt on Sunday 24th March. Entrance on the day will be £4 per child - but why not take advantage of our early bird discount! Pre-book your tickets for only £3 per child. Entry gives your child 2 puzzles to complete and a prize. There are no time slots for this event, just turn up! Sunday 24th March, 11am - 1pm. Pre-booked tickets will be available to buy up to Tuesday 19th March, using link <a href="https://forms.gle/FzhqfYX7CywyAeog9">https://forms.gle/FzhqfYX7CywyAeog9</a></p>                               |

### **Learn Mandarin Chinese at St Birinus from September!**

Do you want to learn to speak and write the most spoken language in the world? When you join St Birinus, you can opt on to our Mandarin Excellence Programme.

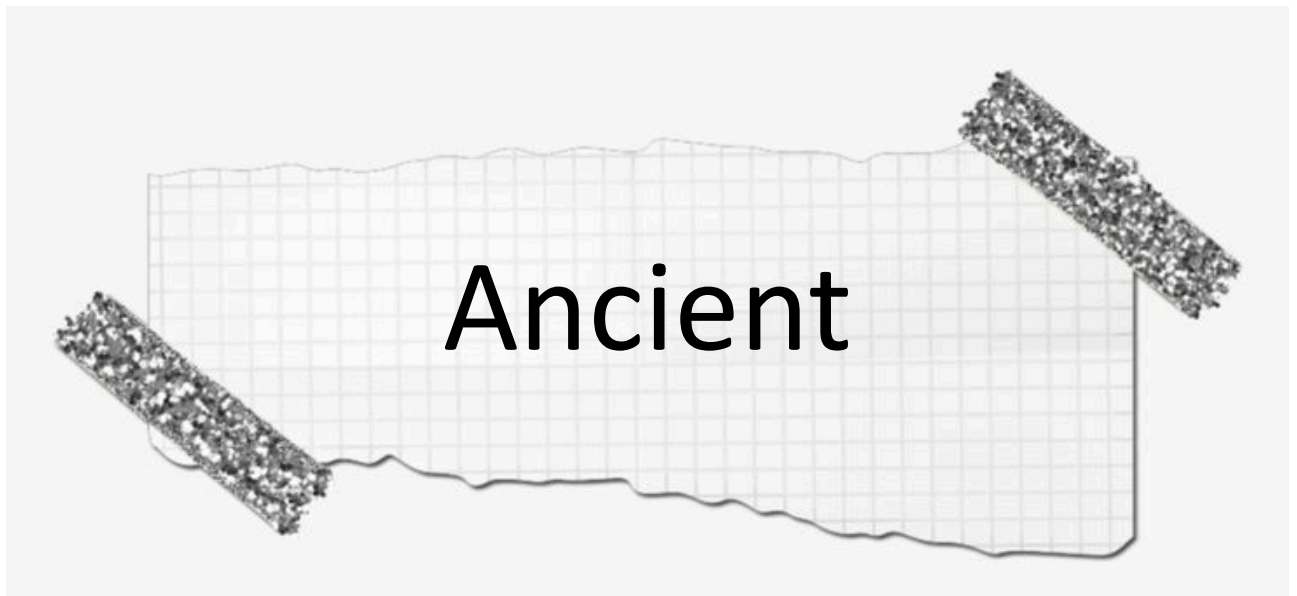
There is no 'typical' student who studies Mandarin at St Birinus, and students who learn Mandarin come from a diverse range of backgrounds, all with differing past language learning experiences. Most important is that they have an open mind and willingness to try something new.



To submit an expression of interest for learning Mandarin, please click the link in the email sent to you earlier in March from SBS. For more information about learning Mandarin at St Birinus, please watch our introductory video (1 min) <https://youtu.be/Lp9-kKtpfLU>



# Word of the Week

## for Key Stage 1



|  Meaning |  Challenge |
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| Really old.   | If a building was <b>ancient</b> , what would it look like?                                   |

# Word of the Week

## for Key Stage 2



Cantankerous



Meaning

Someone who is always finding things to argue and complain about.



Challenge

Look **cantankerous** up in a thesaurus. Find a synonym that you know well and ask someone from your family about how the two words are the same and different.

# MEASLES

## Don't let your child catch it

– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

**Measles symptoms include:** high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

**The number of young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.**

It's time to make measles a disease of the past.

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. **STAY AWAY** from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.



Autumn/ Winter  
2023/ 2024

## WEEK ONE

13/11/23  
04/12/23  
08/01/24  
29/01/24  
26/02/24  
18/03/24

Option one



Cheese and Tomato  
Pizza

Option two

**NEW** Chef Mariam's  
Vegetable Couscous



Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

Dessert

Lemon Drizzle

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY



A choice of Burger  
(Beef & Bean or  
Vegan ) with Potato  
Wedges

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Jelly  
with Mandarins

## WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day, Roast  
Potatoes & Gravy

Quorn Roast, Roast  
Potatoes & Gravy

Vegetables of the Day

Freshly Chopped Fruit  
Medley

## THURSDAY

Spaghetti Bolognaise with  
Garlic Bread

Veggie Bolognaise with  
Garlic Bread

Vegetables of the Day

**NEW** Jam and Coconut  
Sponge

## FRIDAY

Fishfingers with Chips

Cheesy Bean Pasty with  
Chips

Vegetables of the Day

Oaty Cookie

## WEEK TWO

20/11/23  
11/12/23  
15/01/24  
05/02/24  
04/03/24  
25/03/24

Option one

Cheesy Swirl with New  
Potatoes

Option two

Tomato Pasta

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

Dessert

**NEW** Carrot Cake

Sausage Roll with Potato  
Wedges

Mexican Bean Rol with  
potato wedges

Vegetables of the Day

Apple Crumble with  
Custard



A choice of BBQ or  
Chicken or Vegan  
Quorn, with Seasoned  
Potatoes and Salads

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Medley

Chef Shilpa's Chicken  
Korma with Rice

**Vegetable Curry  
served with rice**

Vegetables of the Day

Chocolate Drizzle Cake with  
Chocolate Sauce

Fishfingers with Chips

Cheese Omelette with  
Chips

Vegetables of the Day

Vanilla Shortbread

## WEEK THREE

27/11/23  
18/12/23  
22/01/24  
19/02/24  
11/03/24

Option one

**NEW**  
Macaroni  
Cheese or  
Tomato Pasta



Option two

Vegetables of the Day

Vegetables

Dessert

Iced Sponge

Mexican Beef  
with Rice

Vegetable chili  
with Rice

Vegetables of the Day

**NEW** Chocolate  
Orange Cookie

Sausages, Onions and  
Gravy with Roast Potatoes

Veggie Sausages, and  
Gravy with Roast  
Potatoes

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Platter

Chicken Pie with  
Mashed Potatoes

Vegetable Pie mashed  
potato

Vegetables of the Day

Peach Cake  
with Custard

Fishfingers or Salmon  
Fishcakes with Chips

Vegan Burger

Vegetables of the Day

**NEW** Melting Moment  
Biscuit

## MENU KEY



Added Plant Power



Wholemeal



Vegan



Chef's Special

### ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.



# THE | OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Singing School was established in 2013 to provide children with the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

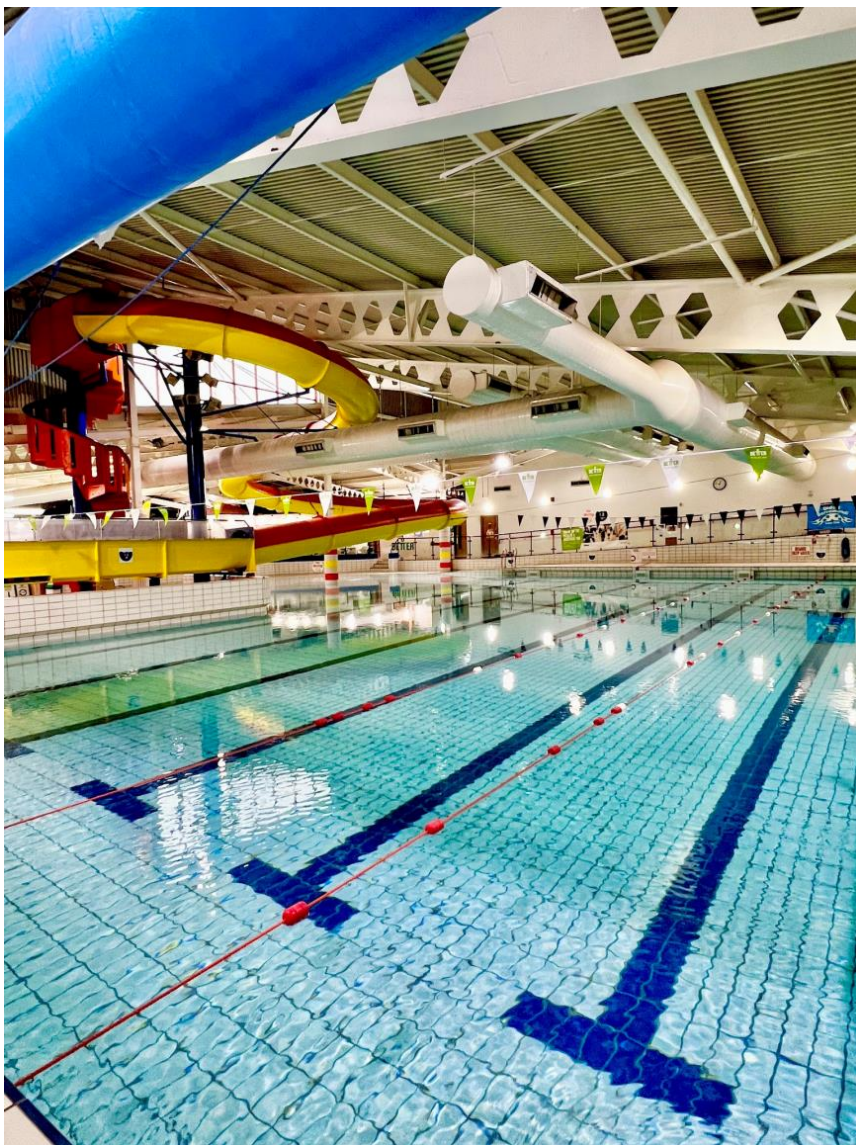
Pupils will learn some beautiful seasonal music and at the same time gain a background in vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history. Singing lessons are also provided in small groups. Families are most welcome to come and listen to an informal concert at the end of each day.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see [www.oxbridgesingingschool.com](http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.com) or email [oxbridgess@gmail.com](mailto:oxbridgess@gmail.com)  
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WORCESTER COLLEGE  
OXFORD**

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

# Inclusive Family Swim



Didcot Wave are hosting an inclusive family swim on Sunday 17th March 2024

5:30-6:30pm.

For any families with a child with SEND needs.

Pay on entry or book on the BETTER App £3.50 per person

For more information please email [didcot@gll.org](mailto:didcot@gll.org)

The logo for BETTER, featuring a green circle above the letter 'O' in the word 'BETTER'.



# Holiday Workshops



## NW Inventors:

### Clowning

8 - 10 April

9am - 12pm

Come and clown around this Easter... join us to develop your skills in the art of play! We will have fun finding out how we can create comedic characters and learning how we can bring our funny bones to life together on stage.

For ages 8-11

Tickets: £50

Bursary places available - email Abie on [waltona@thenorthwall.com](mailto:waltona@thenorthwall.com) to apply



## NW Inventors: Illustration Workshop

12 April

9am - 12pm

This workshop is for anyone who loves to sketch! Learn new drawing skills, gain confidence and have fun!

For ages 8-11

Tickets: £20

Bursary places available - email Abie on [waltona@thenorthwall.com](mailto:waltona@thenorthwall.com) to apply



# Half Term

**Book online**

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