



Spring 2 2026



# Oxley Primary School

A celebration of learning at our wonderful school



Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 27th March 2026

As we reach the end of another term, I would like to take a moment to express how proud we are of our children for showcasing our school values throughout the spring term. We celebrated the end of the term with House treats this afternoon, organised by our dedicated House Captains. The children had the opportunity to choose from six films being shown around the school, a great way to end a brilliant term!



I would also like to inform you that after our Easter break, Mrs Robe will be leaving us after 17 years of dedicated service to the children at Oxley. We are immensely grateful for the support she has provided to our school community, and I know many families who have worked closely with her over the years will share this sentiment. While it is certainly a bittersweet moment for us, we are excited for her as she embarks on a new adventure. Her final day with us will be on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

A **HUGE** thank you goes out to all our families who generously donated chocolate for our Easter Bingo. During the Bingo evening, we raised an impressive £630.29! I would like to say a big thank you to all our families who attended the event, as well as to Mrs Woolcock and our PFA for their efforts in organising such a successful night!

Lastly, I believe you will agree that our House Captains did an exceptional job serving refreshments at our parents' evening this week. Their hard work and commitment truly made a positive impact over the two evenings.



We would like to wish you an enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April.



Best wishes *Mr Caldwell*



Be Kind

Be Brilliant

Have an I can Attitude



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## Eco Heroes

The children of Oxley have shown incredible pride, teamwork and care for their environment during the Great Big School Clean 2026. Their enthusiasm, responsibility and determination to make a difference have been inspiring. This recognition is richly deserved and reflects their commitment to keeping our community clean, safe and beautiful.



## JLT



Members of JLT have been busily helping to design our new, improved logo over the past few weeks. They certainly know what they want, we're not quite there yet, but it's been brilliant to see our children share their ideas with senior members of staff. Watch this space....

Big Walk and Wheel Weeks, led by the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust, inspire pupils across the UK to travel actively to school by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling. This exciting challenge promotes healthier lifestyles, reduces traffic and pollution, and encourages children to make a positive difference to their environment and community.



## Science Week



A huge well done to all of our fantastic children who did a super job investigating our Science Week question, 'What is the best design for a paper aeroplane?' Taken from the British Science Week programme, the children loved creating either a traditional aeroplane, helicopter or glider design and then testing to see which travelled the furthest.



A big thank you also to Professor Daval who ended our Science Week with a bang (quite literally!) delivering two fantastic Science assemblies. There was smoke, there was fire, there was... a fabulous time had by all! Shrieks of, 'this is the best day ever!' as the children left the hall rounded off the sessions fantastically.

# Easter Bingo Night: A Wonderful Community Celebration



A huge thank you to our fabulous PFA who worked tirelessly to organise a great event!

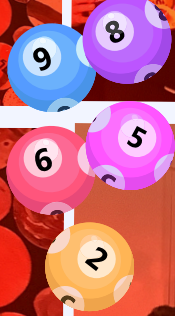
We are thrilled to announce that our very first Easter Bingo Night was a resounding success! With laughter echoing through the hall, it was a night filled with fun, excitement, and lots of fantastic prizes. Thanks to the Easter Bunny's special calls, our guests enjoyed a delightful evening that truly brought our community together.

The event featured silent auctions, cake and refreshment sales, and the ever-popular Tombola, which added to the festive atmosphere. We are so grateful to everyone who attended and contributed to making the night a memorable one. A special thank you goes out to those who generously donated chocolaty treats; we couldn't have done this without your support!

We are excited to announce that this will now be an annual event, so mark your calendars for next year! Let's keep the spirit of community alive!



**BINGO!**



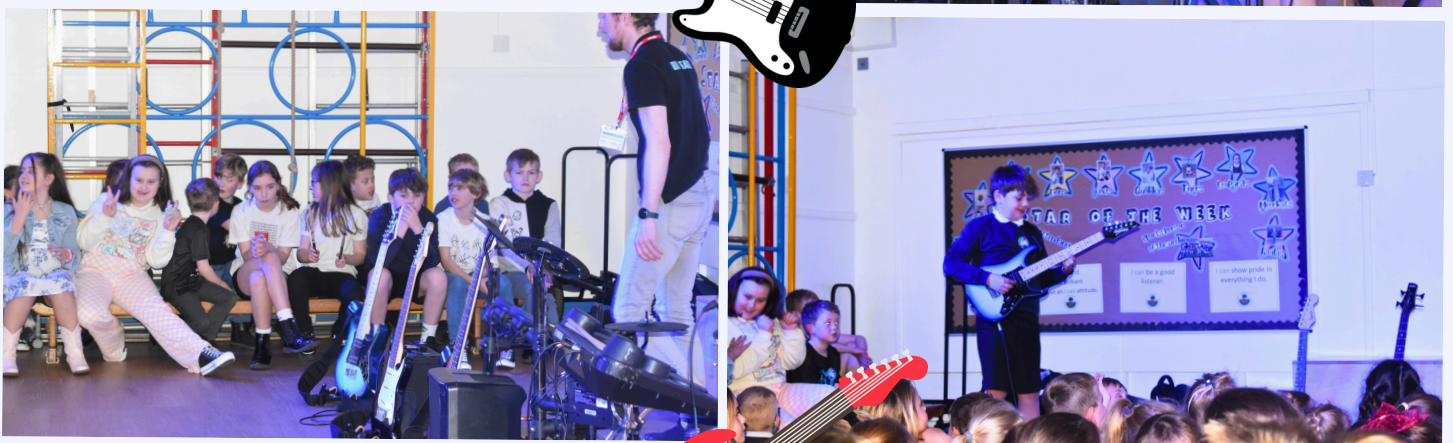
# Ready...Steady...Let's Rock 'n' Roll!



The bands from Rocksteady Music School were absolutely fantastic—full of energy, confidence and real musical talent. It was brilliant to see how much progress they've made and how much they enjoyed performing.

A huge thank you to Charles for being such an inspiring and dedicated instructor—your enthusiasm really shines through in the children.

The audience loved every minute of the gig and gave a well-deserved round of applause!



# World Book Day



World Book Day at our school was a joyful celebration of words and stories. Children took part in a whole-school costume catwalk, proudly showcasing ambitious vocabulary. Each class created its own dictionary, exploring the meaning and power of words. Exciting scavenger hunts and book-themed quizzes filled the day with fun and curiosity. One of the highlights was sharing our favourite stories with another class during reading buddy time, building confidence and a love of reading. It was a wonderful reminder of how words can inspire imagination, connection and creativity across our whole school community.



SO MANY  
BOOKS,  
SO LITTLE  
TIME

# Bikeability



We were thrilled to welcome Mark and Patch to lead our Bikeability programme at the beginning of March, offering Levels 1 and 2 to our children! These courses were designed to equip children with essential cycling skills, ensuring they can ride safely and confidently on the road. Level 1 focused on basic bike-handling skills in a safe, off-road environment, and Level 2 took things a step further, introducing on-road cycling, gaining experience in navigating traffic, understanding road signs, and developing safe cycling habits.



## Deadline extended!



You may remember that back in 2021, Mrs Reeves applied for funding through the Tesco Community Grant to help turn an unused area of our playground into a wonderfully creative and fun-filled nature area for us all to enjoy. Thanks to our wonderful Oxley Community, who placed their blue counters into our section in stores, we were awarded £500!

We need your help again! We have been selected to try and raise £1500 to further develop our outdoor area, but only if we all place our blue counters in the small box near the door of our Tesco Local! **We have until 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**, to collect as many as possible, so please reach for those counters every time you visit!

# Sports Galore!



Thank you to Mrs Rees,  
Mrs Coe, Mrs  
Woolcock, and Mr Vasey  
for volunteering their time

Our boys played 2 football matches and left Mrs Coe and our fabulous parents absolutely bursting with pride! They won the first match 5-0, showcasing their skills and the strong team they have become.

The second match was against tough opposition, who sat 2nd in the league. They were very physical, but our boys brought their I Can attitude. We didn't get the win, unfortunately, but a 0-0 draw alongside the 5-0 win earlier should sit us gleefully in 2nd place as we go into finals night on April 20th!



A huge cheer and applause for this brilliant bunch who took part in the cross-country races at Charnwood College, and represented our school wonderfully! We are so proud of their determination, grit and enthusiasm as they ran the course. A massive thank you to all our parents and carers for transporting our athletes and cheering them on! Your support means the world!



GIRLS  
RULE

OH MY WORD! What a brilliant competition. Our Hockey team were amazing! And kept getting better and better throughout the matches! It was an absolute privilege to be with them and see their true sportpersonship!



On Monday, our incredible Girls Football team shone in their league matches at Charnwood College! They played two thrilling matches, narrowly losing 1-0 in the first game but showing immense spirit by equalising in the second. We are so proud of their teamwork and resilience on the pitch, representing Oxley in the best possible way!



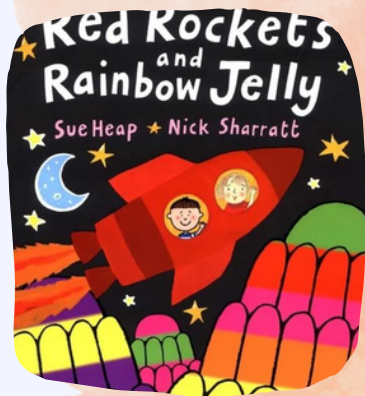
# everyone's welcome



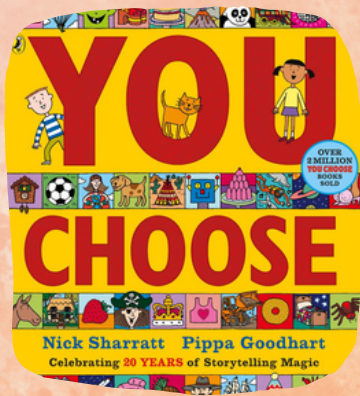
Leicestershire's Everyone's Welcome initiative to prepare our pupils for life in modern Britain by teaching them to celebrate difference and diversity in line with the Equality Act (2010) and British Values.

In the Spring term, we explored:

## EYES/YEAR 1



To know it is okay to like different things



To say what I think



Understanding self-acceptance



Understanding acceptance

## YEAR 3 & 4



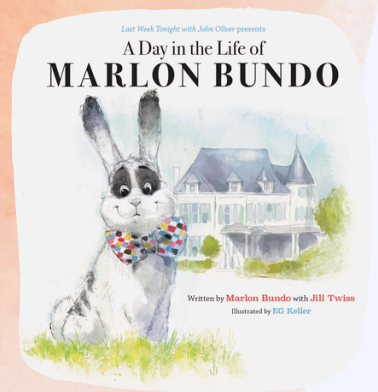
To be who you want to be



Accepting differences and being inclusive



The importance of not judging others



The importance of voting and to celebrate differences

# Oxley Primary Needs



**YOU!**

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Becoming a school governor at Oxley Primary lets you apply your skills to help shape the school and serve its pupils while gaining insight into education, developing your leadership and communication abilities, and making a very significant contribution to our local community.

## Who can apply?

- Anyone 18+ who cares about children's education, wants to give back locally, enjoys working with people, can commit time to meetings, reading reports, and occasional school visits, and is comfortable asking questions and learning new ideas.

## What you bring:

- Core personal values (honesty, reliability) and commitment to the school's vision.
- A mix of skills, experiences, qualities, and knowledge that adds balance to the governing board.

## Key responsibilities of governors:

- Shape the school's vision, ethos, and strategic direction.
- Provide support and constructive challenge to school leaders, for all our children and especially for those who face any kind of disadvantage.
- Hold the headteacher and the other senior leaders accountable for educational performance.
- Approve budgets and monitor finances.

## Commitment required:

- Attend several evening meetings each term, read related documents, and occasionally visit the school during the day.

We currently have a couple of vacancies for governors.

If you would like to find out more please contact me via the office or at:

[gbrown@oxleyprimary.org](mailto:gbrown@oxleyprimary.org)

Kind Regards,  
Gavin Brown  
Chair of Governors

# A celebration of our learning



## Penguins



The Penguins have had a wonderful and busy few weeks full of stories, creativity, and learning! We explored the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk, engaging in storytelling, role-play, and imaginative tasks. In maths, we practised numbers to 10, focusing on odds, evens, and doubles.

Linked to our stories, we learned about castles and designed our own with moving doors! We also celebrated World Book Day, sharing our favourite stories with the Flamingo class. We are so proud of the children and look forward to more exciting adventures ahead!

We have had a fantastic half term in the Koalas class, packed with exciting learning! We loved exploring the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, retelling it and discovering its characters. Our castle theme continued as we created our own designs in DT, complete with moving doors! In science, we explored microhabitats around the playground.

We also enjoyed World Book Day, celebrating our love of stories. We can't wait to welcome you back for the summer term to learn all about spring! Have a wonderful Easter break!

## Koalas



# Meerkats and Owls

Wow! What a busy half-term we have had in Meerkats and Owls! In English, we have read the book 'The Watcher,' which told us all about the life of Jane Goodall. We have then gone on to research chimpanzees and have written our own reports about them.

In Maths, we have learnt about measures and have enjoyed our practical lessons using rulers and weighing scales to compare length and weight. Our Geography lessons have taken us to Antarctica, where we have been finding out about penguins and how they survive such extreme conditions. Our Art unit explored music this term. We listened to different genres of music and created mark-making. We also explored the work of Kandinsky and digital project mapping, before creating our own abstract animals inspired by a musical instrument!

In RE this term, we have been exploring the religion of Islam and how Muslims demonstrate their faith. Our PSHE lessons have focused on keeping safe around medicines and substances, and what we can do if we are feeling pressured to do something that makes us feel uncomfortable. On the music theme, Year 2s have continued their sessions learning how to play the boom whackers, whilst Year 1s have been learning how to play the handbells. We are all incredibly proud of how hard you have all worked!



# Leopards, Flamingos, and Tigers

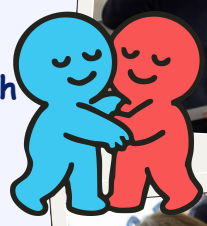
What a fantastic and busy spring half-term we have had! In English, we have been exploring the wonderful book *Escape from Pompeii*, which details the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 CE. The children have thoroughly enjoyed using it as a stimulus to learn about information texts, impressing us with their own writing as they created detailed explanations about how volcanoes erupt.

In Maths, Leopards and Flamingos have been working really hard on mass and capacity, engaging in lots of practical work and tackling some tricky fractions. They have been adding, subtracting, and even using fractions to solve word problems. Meanwhile, the Tigers have revisited fractions and decimals, reinforcing their understanding of place value to support their knowledge of what each part of a number represents.

In Science, the children are thoroughly enjoying their unit on The Digestive System. They have been learning about the differences in teeth between carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores, as well as exploring the various types of human teeth and their functions. To further their understanding, the children participated in a practical activity using disclosing tablets to highlight plaque on their teeth. Each child received their own toothbrush to practise effective brushing techniques, emphasising the importance of good oral health.

This term, we've stepped back in time to explore the world of the Anglo-Saxons. The children discovered who they were and why they chose to build their own settlements rather than live in the ruins left by the Romans. We explored how life changed when King Ethelbert met Augustine, leading to the spread of Christianity and new ways of living and believing. We also learnt about the amazing discovery of Sutton Hoo, where the children uncovered clues from the past that help us understand what Anglo-Saxon life was really like.

In PSHE, the children continue to enjoy engaging with our partnership school, Evington Valley Primary School, in Leicester. In addition to exchanging items through the post and interacting via online video calls, the children had the opportunity to travel to Leicester this term. They spent time with their Evington friends, playing games, sharing lunch, and celebrating their similarities and differences. The children very much enjoyed their time together, and we look forward to welcoming Evington Valley students to Oxley when they visit us in the summer term.



# Quokkas, Foxes and Lions.



This term, the Quokkas, Lions, and Foxes have been busy exploring a wide range of topics! In Art, we dove into identity, creating self-portraits and experimenting with colour to express our emotions. Our English lessons featured A Series of Unfortunate Events, sparking lively discussions about characters and author style, before we crafted our own narratives, retelling fairy tales in Lemony Snicket's unique voice.

In French, we described our homes and school life, learning to express our opinions on different subjects. Our Geography unit on climate change wrapped up with a look at global impacts and ways to live sustainably, culminating in designing logos for our own sustainable companies.

In PE, we practised gymnastics skills, while PSHE lessons focused on managing risks and making safe choices, including basic first aid. Finally, in Science, we had hands-on opportunities to investigate light, exploring how it travels and creates shadows. What a fantastic term of learning!

A big shout-out to our amazing Year 6s for their incredible hard work on SATs revision! They have taken their mock exams in their stride, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, perseverance, and determination. We are so proud of each and every one of you!

We'd also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Year 5 for their flexibility and support, allowing Year 6 to concentrate on their recent tests. What a great team we have! Keep up the fantastic work, everyone!

