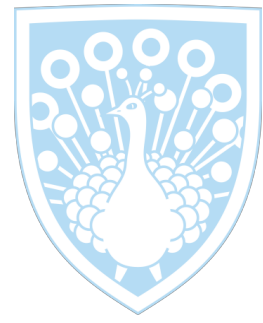




# Great Tew School Newsletter

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Dear parents,

What a difference the sun has made this week! We have all really enjoyed being outside in the sunshine and soaking up a bit of warmth. The children are delighted with their recently extended grass area and plenty of the older children are now happily playing in the sand-pit again. Thanks to Mrs Burns, we also have an ever-increasing group of children who have taken up “knitting and nattering” on the playground in the sunshine!

## Classroom News

### Reception:

In Reception Class this week we have been using information books and the computer to find out about the life-cycle of our resident tadpoles. We have looked closely at them and started to record our observations in our 'Tadpole Diaries'. We have also been learning to read and write the associated topic key words, eg, frogspawn, frog, tadpole, water, egg, jelly, and we have added labels and captions to life-cycle diagrams. We even continued this learning in our final gym session at the Tew Centre by finding ways to travel and balance on the apparatus in the form of frogs, tadpoles and eggs!

In maths the children have explored problems involving halving and have tried hard to learn some halving facts such as 'half of 6 is 3' and 'half of 20 is 10'. They have been learning one more and one less, and writing number sentences using numbers up to 20.

Interest Table next week: Continues to be 'Gardening'.

Show and Tell next week: Things that are smooth.

A plea...! To support our growing topic this term, Reception class would be extremely grateful for any donations of unwanted large planting containers or pots, compost and spare plants: veg or flowers. We would also welcome any outgrown children's gardening tools, gloves or equipment. Many thanks.

### Years 1 and 2

In maths the children have been learning more about tens and units, and some of the children have been using their knowledge of number bonds to help them with addition. They have been looking at what happens when we add a prefix to a word and have been learning how to use the correct punctuation when they write speech. As part of their topic the children went exploring on Tuesday, learning much more about the village of Great Tew.

### Years 3 and 4:

The Year 3 and 4 children have been learning more about their bodies and how they work. They have learnt how to find their pulse and carried out a simple experiment to find out what happened when they exercised. They have also planned and carried out an experiment to find the answer to the question “Can people with bigger feet jump further than people with smaller feet?” In maths they have been developing their positional language, learning about angles and compass directions.

## Years 5 and 6:

As part of their "All About Me" topic, the Year 5 and 6 children have been learning more about their heart and lungs and how they work. They used balloons, water and plastic tubing to design and carry out a range of different experiments to test their lung capacity. They also designed their own experiments to find out how quickly their pulse rate returns to normal after doing moderate and light exercise and recorded their results in graphical format.

## Stars of the Week

Well done to all of the following children, who have impressed their teachers with their hard work and positive attitudes.

Reception – Florence

Years 1 & 2 - Loic

Years 3 & 4 - Freddie

Years 5 & 6 – William

## Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners Champion was Archie Grant in Year 2. Archie hasn't been in our school for very long but he is someone who always has a smile on his face and something friendly and cheerful to say. Archie's friends told us: he is good fun to play with; he likes playing with girls as well as boys; he is a really good friend; we are glad he came to our school; he always listens carefully; he doesn't say nasty things to people. Well done Archie – we are ALL glad you came to our school! Keep up those lovely manners.

## New Building Update!!

We are very pleased to tell you that, all being well, the Year 1 and 2 children and staff will be moving into the new classroom on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. The building should be ready for occupation on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April and we are therefore hoping to move the furniture after school on Tuesday. If you are able to lend us your muscles for a couple of hours to help with this please let Angela know. We hope to move the Year 3 and 4 children into their new classroom on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, and again, would be very grateful for any help with moving furniture on Wednesday after school.

We will be waving goodbye to the portakabin on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May! It will be lifted by crane across the green on Friday morning, so there may be some traffic / parking congestion during Friday morning drop off.

## Save the date! Cornbury- 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July

Lots has been going on behind the scenes and we are really pleased to tell you that NBAT's "Tea for Tew" tent will be featuring at the Cornbury Festival again this year! We will be looking for plenty of volunteers to help out with serving and preparing teas in four hour shifts, so please put aside a little time in your diaries. Watch out for further details in coming weeks.

## Bag2School

A reminder that our Bag2School collection will be on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 9am. If you haven't yet done so, please look out any unwanted, **good quality** children's or adults' clothes, shoes, bedding, curtains, soft toys, belts and handbags to help us raise a little money for the school. All items collected are for **RE-USE**. Duvets and pillows are not accepted. **Bags should be brought into school by 9am on Tuesday and left next to the main school gate. If you have run out of blue bags, please use a bin-liner instead.**

Please avoid bringing in bags before Tuesday, as we have nowhere to store them in school!

## **Fencing Club – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY**

Parents of children doing fencing Club should all have received a letter, saying that the club has unfortunately had to be moved from Wednesdays to Thursdays. Please let Angela know if your child will no longer be able to attend and your money will of course be refunded. Apologies for any inconvenience (and disappointment) caused.

## **Family Focus**

Chipping Norton are running a fantastic range of events this term as part of their Family Focus programme. A flyer has been sent home this week but another one is attached. Please do have a look at this; there are lots of really exciting events for all the family to enjoy and they become booked up very quickly.

## **Summer Fete – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

The Supporters Club will be holding their annual Summer Fete on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Signing up sheets for running the various stalls will be going up on the notice board very shortly. Further information will follow shortly, but please put the date in your diaries and keep your fingers crossed for sunny weather!

## **Cycle Training Volunteer**

We will be running cycle training with the Year 6 children during June and July. If you would be interested in being trained as a cycle trainer, so that you are able to support us with this in future years, please talk to Angela and she will give you further information.

## **Swimming**

A reminder that swimming will begin for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Friday morning.

Wishing you all a happy weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Mrs Lucy Miles

## **Dates Coming Up**

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Bag2School Collection at 9am
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Athletics Festival at Chipping Norton School
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Swimming for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday – no school
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs tests for Year 6 children
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	School Summer Fete
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Tag Rugby Festival
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 and 2 trip to Hill End, Oxford
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	U11 cricket tournament at Great Tew
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sponsored Walk
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Tri Golf Festival for Years 3 and 4
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 and 6 trip to Cornbury Estate
Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 transition day at Chipping Norton School
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Key Stage Two production – 6pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Key Stage Two production – 6pm
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Cornbury Festival
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents' Evening – 5.00pm -7.00pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service
	Term Ends