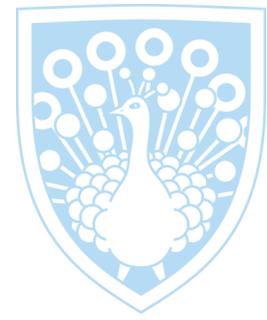




**Great Tew School Newsletter**  
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A delay to publication this week, due to a busy weekend in the Tea for Tew tent at the Cornbury Festival! More of that will follow in Friday's newsletter, but suffice it to say that it was a fantastically successful event, a magnificent effort on a huge scale, one which brought so many members of the school community together to raise what we hope will be a lot of money for the school. I would like to say a **very big thank you to everyone who was involved**, in so many different ways: donating ingredients, baking, loaning equipment, ferrying equipment, setting up, decorating, prep-ing, serving, taking money, clearing, washing up and dismantling today. But most of all, I would like to say a huge (and very inadequate) thank you to the team of people who masterminded the event and gave up hours and hours of their time both in the run up to the event and over the weekend. They know who they are and without them "Tea for Tew" could not possibly have taken place.

### **Industrial Action – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – IMPORTANT LETTER ATTACHED**

You should have received a letter to inform you that due to country-wide industrial action the Office will be closed on Thursday and the Year One and Two class will be closed to children all day. A copy of the letter with further information is attached to the newsletter.

### **Reception – Assembly on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

In our assembly this Friday, the Reception children will be dancing for us, performing the Cowboy Dance they have been learning with Miss Read and Mrs Stewart. Please do come and watch if you are able.

### **Years 1 & 2**

**English** – Hurrah, all year 2's have finished their non-fiction dinosaur texts and the final printed version is at this very moment being made into a Year 2 information book. The Year 1's just have to finish their own covers and then we are all done! I expect you will be as glad to hear that as I am!

**Science** – We have embarked on a physics topic of 'forces' to end the year with a 'bang'! Using pushes, pulls, twists, squeezes, stretches and smoothing we have sculpted some rather lovely dinosaur statues from clay. Using the pushing force of a 'blow' we investigated which size of straw or pipe can exert the best force to sail a boat across a set distance of water in the quickest time!

**Swimming** – We are fantastic swimmers. All of us achieved a certificate this week which will be presented before the end of term. Some of us practised in pyjamas this week which was hilarious for spectators and great fun for the children.

### **Wind in the Willows**

We were blessed with the most glorious weather for our outdoor performances of Wind in the Willows last week. The show received rave reviews from the packed audiences and I have heard so many positive comments from parents, grandparents, families and friends who came to watch. I was so proud of every single one of the children, who had worked so hard in the run up to the production. The children sung their hearts out and we were entertained with some magnificent performances. It was lovely to see children of all classes find their confidence and their voice on the stage and grow and blossom as their characters emerged in role. A huge well done to all of the children and a very big thank you to all of the staff who worked so hard with them to make this production the triumph that it was: Mrs Catling, Mr Wadham, Mrs Tibbetts, Mrs Sam, Ms Furnivall and Ms Burns too. I know how much work a production like this takes and I know, too, the pleasure that comes from seeing the children shine like this.

## Year 3 & 4

There I was, sitting at the back of the audience with tears streaming down my face, watching our children take their bow. I am so proud of them all. They played their parts to the full. Late changes to the script were taken in their strides. The comic timing of some of the children made me roar with laughter and it was I who wrote the joke! Well done to all, does not begin to congratulate them enough. *Mr Wadham*

What do we do to follow on such intensive rehearsals? Well, years 3 & 4 have written Summer Poems. This follows a similar poetic idea held in the Spring. We all sat in the grounds where we were comfortable and listened, touched, smelled and watched. The results are outstanding; "The silver birch tree wiggles its way up to summer." The wonderfully repetitive; "The grass tickles my feet," and ..."the birds dance in the sky." Just wonderful examples of the marvellous minds of our children.

The children are really extending themselves. I passed them some scripts from various plays by Shakespeare. Witches, Kings and star crossed lovers were tackled with such enthusiasm. Next week we look at a different genre; advertising. What will they make of Jonny Vegas and Monkey? Watch this space.

## Years 5 & 6

### Memories of Wind in the Willows performances from the children:

Emily – "Jemima & Jennifer's parts were really funny!"

Omer – "I loved having to stay on top of the music – 'SO PAINFUL!'"

Alonso – "I loved the stoats but the bit I remember most was all the practising!!"

Isabella & Kitty – "We loved having to sing completely on our own!"

Polly – "I loved all the practising – it was lots of fun!"

Esme – "There was too much practice!! But I enjoyed the performances!"

Charlotte – "I loved the policeman's dance!"

Isabella – "I loved the way people all laughed when Clara and I first came on stage at the start!"

Eva – "I liked listening to everyone singing. There were lots of good songs in the play."

Phoebe – "I loved EVERYTHING!"

Rhianna – "I remember the Tuesday night 'TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES!'"

Gus – "POOP, POOP!"

## Blue Peter Badge Winner

Our congratulations to Kitty in Year 6 and Emily & Polly in Year 5. They have all been awarded a Blue Peter badge for contributing beautiful artwork, poetry and stories to the show. I am reliably informed only the best are given badges. The girls have worn their badges for Assembly this week.

## Stars of the Week

Well done to all of our Stars of the Week. They have been working as hard as they can, showing positive attitudes towards their learning.

**Reception:** Zac

**Years 1 & 2:** Isabelle

**Years 3 & 4:** The whole class – for their magnificent performance in Wind in the Willows!

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## Good Manners' Champion

This week our Good Manners' Champion is Martha in Year One. Martha is smiley and enthusiastic and she is someone who always keeps an eye out for others. The children told us: *If anyone's hurt Martha always tells an adult or tries her best to sort it out herself – that makes her a really good friend; she is really unique in a special way – she's an individual with her own style; she is really nice to the older children as well as the younger children; she always makes children happy; she can be really funny and it makes people laugh.* Whilst Martha can be great fun she understands how important it is to work hard when she is in the classroom, showing good manners to all the children working around her. Well done Martha – you do have lovely manners.

## **Sports' Day**

A reminder that Sports' Day takes place on Tuesday 15th July at 1pm at the Tew Centre. Parents, of course, are warmly encouraged to come along to watch and support their children.

## **Mr Butler is Cycling to Spain**

Attached is a flyer telling you more about David Butler's mammoth cycle ride to Barcelona. He is raising money for two very worthy local charities, Lawrence Home Nursing Team and Katharine House Hospice. The staff are all very pleased that David has chosen to raise money for Katharine House, where Mrs Platt's father is currently being so well cared for and supported. If you would like to support David, please visit his fundraising site: [www.justgiving.com/Tourdebarca](http://www.justgiving.com/Tourdebarca) .

## **Sainsbury's Vouchers**

A massive thank you to all who have donated vouchers. Amongst the items we have managed to save enough vouchers for are, hydro catchers, Frisbees and footballs.

Mrs Lucy Miles

## Dates Coming Up

| Date  | Event  | Notes                               |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July | Cornbury Festival  |                                     |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July  | Drama Workshop for Y5/6 children run by Chipping Norton School               |                                     |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July  | Parents Evening - late   | Please check your appointment time. |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July  | Parents Evening - early  | Please check your appointment time. |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July  | Reception children performing their short dance in our Celebration Assembly. |                                     |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July – pm  | Sports' Day  |                                     |
| Wednesday 16th July - pm  | Alternative Sports' Day  | If weather bad on Tuesday           |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July  | End of term service<br>Term finishes at midday                               | St Michael's Church                 |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September   | Inset Day  | Children not in school              |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September   | School re-opens for Autumn term  |                                     |