

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Date: Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hoping you are all well.

Message fom Miss Knight

We're excited to set up our new cookery room, and we need your help! To keep our utensils organised, we're looking for some decorated utensil pots. If you're able, please save any empty tin cans you may have and decorate them with paint, tissue paper, or any other materials to make them colorful and fun.

Please send these in over the next two weeks, as soon as you're able. Thank you for helping make our cookery space bright and welcoming!

Late Pick Up

We would like to remind you that the school day finishes at **3:30 PM**. It is important that all children are collected on time to ensure their safety and well-being.

Moving forward, we will be keeping a log of parents who are late in collecting their children. This measure is being introduced to help us monitor and address any recurring issues. This will be completed when collecting from the foyer.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Stay and Play

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a second Stay and Play session on Friday, 29th November. The session will commence at 9:00 AM, and we will be welcoming parents of children who will be joining Reception in 2025.

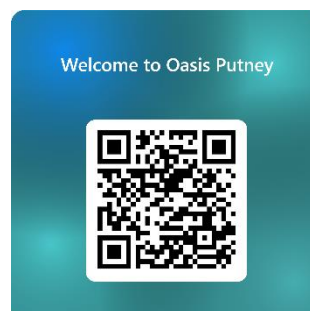
Please spread the word and join us for a fun and engaging morning!

You will also see a QR code for a meet and greet with myself on Tuesday 19th November at 5pm on Teams for Reception 2025 parents.

If you have any questions about the event, please email info@oasisputney.org

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Rebecca Hughes and the OAP team 😊



Certificates of the Week

This week's winners are...

	Writer of the Week	Reader of the Week	9 Habit Certificate	Mathematical Thinking Award
Conker	From spring	From spring	From spring	From spring
Maple	Aisha	Hope	Anton	Aslan
Sycamore	Emilia	Kayson G	Kayson D	Neven
Pine	Aras	Luca	Rex	Oren
Elm	Ethan	Constantine	Mila	Rosie
Chestnut	David	Yasmin	Andrew	Elani



WEEKLY ATTENDANCES

Conker	Maple	Sycamore	Pine	Elm	Chestnut
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Reception

What an exciting and adventurous week we have had in Conker Class!

In phonics, we recapped the sounds "s," "a," "t," and "p." To make learning these sounds even more fun, we discovered a treasure map left by Pirate Pete! The children were thrilled to go on a "word treasure hunt," where they read words on gold coins to uncover hidden clues and treasures. This playful approach is helping build their reading confidence and word recognition skills.

In maths, we focused on counting objects to find out how many there are altogether. We placed special emphasis on understanding the number 5, linking it to the five fingers on one hand. This hands-on approach helps the children see numbers in everyday contexts, making learning both practical and meaningful.

In our "Understanding the World" lessons, we explored a variety of maps and discussed why maps are important. The children examined maps of the United Kingdom and learned about the flags representing England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. To broaden their global awareness, we also looked at France, Spain, and Germany—learning about each country's food, flags, and traditional clothing. The class loved comparing these cultures and seeing how people live in other parts of the world.

Year 1 & Year 2

This week, the children took part in anti-bullying week activities. We used this year's theme 'choose respect' to think about how we show respect to others at school. The children came up with some fantastic ideas including caring, listening and sharing with others. In maths, the children have been busy developing their understanding of two-digit numbers. They have been using part-whole models and base 10 equipment to explore how numbers are made up of tens and ones. They have enjoyed manipulating the materials and finding different ways to represent numbers, which has deepened their mathematical thinking. In writing, we've been revising a letter from Nelly the neighbour. The students have worked hard to rewrite her letter using ambitious vocabulary, thinking carefully about their word choices to make their writing more engaging and expressive. In geography, the children have been learning about the continents. They have started to explore the locations, characteristics, and diverse environments of each continent, gaining a global perspective and a curiosity for the world beyond our own. Ask your child if they can remember the continents song. Many of the children know it by heart and it teaches them the order of the continents according to their size. In other news, we are very fortunate to have Miss Ali, our student teacher, working with us for the next three weeks. She has been a wonderful addition to our classroom, building positive relationships with the children and offering invaluable support in their learning. The children are excited to continue working with her! Finally, nativity preparation will begin next week building up to our nativity performance on Tuesday 10th December. I will be sending home lines and costume suggestions as soon as possible. Well done, Maple class! I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Year 3

It's been another busy and exciting week in Year 3, filled with learning across all our subjects!

In English, we had lots of fun exploring Roald Dahl's *George's Marvellous Medicine*. The children enjoyed discussing the imaginative ingredients George might have used, creating some very unusual mixtures of their own!

In Maths, we've been hard at work with our 4 times tables, mastering both multiplication and division. The class has shown fantastic progress, and they're becoming quicker and more confident in their calculations.

For RE, we focused on the life of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The children created comic strips depicting key moments in his life, helping them understand his impact and influence.

Our Science lessons took us deep into the Earth's crust as we studied metamorphic rocks. We discussed how heat and pressure create different rock types and looked at examples of these fascinating rocks.

In Geography, we learned about different types of towns, including coastal, port, and market towns. The children explored what makes each type of town special, discussing how they're shaped by their location and purpose.

This week was also Anti-Bullying Week in PSHE, and we discussed scenarios to understand kindness, empathy, and respect. The class shared thoughtful ideas on how to support one another and prevent bullying.

Thank you for your continued support – we're looking forward to more adventures in learning next week!

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have dived into a range of exciting new topics and activities!

In English, we began exploring *Moon Man*, a captivating narrative that introduces students to split speech. The children are learning to identify and use dialogue creatively, making their stories more dynamic by practicing how characters interact.

Our geography lessons took us on an adventure into the world of volcanoes! We learned about how volcanoes form, why they erupt, and what happens during an eruption. This hands-on topic has sparked curiosity about the natural world and the power of Earth's processes.

In science, we investigated states of matter, focusing on the unique differences between solids, liquids, and gases. The children explored how particles behave in each state, laying the groundwork for understanding physical changes in the world around us.

We've also started drama rehearsals for our upcoming Christmas production! The students are working hard on their lines and songs, and we encourage everyone to keep practising at home.

Finally, in maths, we've launched into a multiplication unit. Regular practice of times tables will be invaluable, helping students to build their confidence and fluency, so please keep practising daily!

Year 5

Year 5 have been diving into exciting topics across all subjects this week. In English, we have been exploring traditional fairytales, focusing on what makes them unique. This knowledge will guide the children as they craft dramatic climaxes in their own stories, inspired by Carol Ann Duffy's *The Lost Happy Endings*. It's been wonderful to see their creativity take shape! In maths, we have been working

on fractions—finding and recognising equivalents, as well as converting improper fractions to mixed numbers – using fraction walls and bar models to support their learning. The children have been developing their confidence in these concepts, and it's fantastic to see their growing understanding.

Science has taken us out of this world as we investigated the planets of our solar system. We compared the rocky and gas planets, and the class had a blast testing each other's knowledge with a Top Trumps-style game! Finally, in history, we have been learning about the rich contributions of ancient Islamic philosophers and inventors. The children are discovering how ideas from the past have shaped many aspects of modern society, sparking insightful conversations about the importance of knowledge and innovation across cultures.

Year 6

This week, the children completed their practised SATs. It was fantastic to see them approach the assessments with a much calmer and more comfortable mindset compared to previous sessions. Their hard work and dedication are paying off, and we are proud of their progress. We will share the results with you as soon as they have been fully marked.

In maths, we have started our new topic on fractions. The children have been working hard to compare fractions by simplifying them and finding equivalent fractions. This foundational work will be key as we continue to build their understanding of more complex fraction concepts in the coming weeks.

In science, we've been learning about Carl Linnaeus and his incredible contributions to classifying animals. The children were able to use his taxonomy system to classifying animals and find their binomial name. This learning linked beautifully to our recent school trip to Kew Gardens, where the focus was on classifying plants. The children had a wonderful time applying their new skills in such a stunning and inspiring environment.

This week was Anti-bullying week, the theme this year is respect. The children engaged in thoughtful discussions about what respect looks like in various scenarios, both in and out of school. They also wrote heartfelt pledges to always choose respect, which we will display proudly as a reminder of their commitment.

The excitement is building as auditions for the KS2 Winter Show are underway! Year 6 are embracing the opportunity to showcase their talents, and we can't wait to see them shine in the upcoming performance.

A quick reminder that our **Year 6 assembly will take place next Wednesday at 9:15 AM**. We are looking forward to seeing you there.