

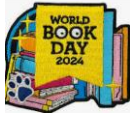


Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024

Head's News



It was so lovely to see the children dressed up yesterday to celebrate World Book Day. The children and adults were very excited and it was great to see such an array of books and characters. The children all took part in various book related activities throughout the day to help promote reading.

Year 5 and 6 have also visited Chipping Norton School today to meet Stewart Foster, an award-winning author, and had the opportunity to purchase his books.



Willows and Oaks class began their ukulele lessons this week. Both classes listened really intently to the teacher and followed the instructions well. They learnt the names for the parts of the ukulele and began some basic skills. A few children also had the taster sessions for ukulele and guitar lessons as well. 🎵🎸

Attendance

- School target 97%
- September - today- 96.58%
- This week- 94.17%

Our attendance is declining at the moment. I am aware we have had quite a few children off ill this week but please do your best to ensure your child is in school each day if they are well enough. Just a reminder that holidays should not be taken in school time and please try to book medical appointments out of school hours as it has such an impact on your child's education. Thank you for your support!

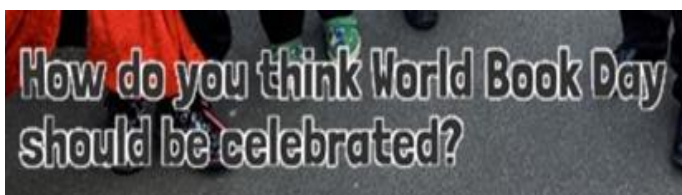
Assembly

In the news this week

Across the UK and Ireland, the charity, World Book Day, will be holding its annual celebration on Thursday 7th March. The day is a chance to celebrate and encourage reading in schools and homes. Children are more likely to enjoy reading when they have greater control over what they read and when there is an emphasis on fun, the charity believes. Many schools choose to recognise the day by encouraging children to dress up as their favourite book characters, bringing in their favourite books and holding other reading activities in school.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Does your school recognise World Book Day? What do you do? Do you enjoy the activities?
- What other ways do you think we can encourage people to read? Do you enjoy reading? Do you think it's important for people to read more?



Dates for the diary

<https://www.middlebartonschool.org/school-calendar-and-term-dates/>

W/C 11.03.24. – Clubs this week:

Monday – Teams sports for Y5,6 (tag rugby)

Tuesday – Choir for Y3,4,5,6

Wednesday – Open the Book for Y1,2,3

Thursday – Eco club for Y4,5,6

Friday – Football Club

Wednesday 13.03.24. – CNPS multi-skills festival for Y2,3

Thursday 14.03.24. – Open afternoon and Maples bake sale

Friday 15.03.24. – Comic Relief non-uniform day

W/C 18.03.24. – Parents' evenings

Tuesday 19.03.24. – heights & weights YR & Y6

Thursday 21.03.24. – Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 28.03.24. – end of term **1.30pm**

Morning Run News

Many congratulations to these intrepid runners who obtained their certificates this week!

Two Marathons – Albie L, Harley

One Marathon – Alfie A

Nearly fifty pupils have again completed laps this week, and the weather has been a little better, if cold. I particularly enjoyed seeing everyone's World Book Day costumes (some of which were not so easy to run laps in!).

Special mentions: Ben, Ramona, Molly, Steil, Orlaith Bo, Axel G, Samuel, Erin, Evie and Billy.

Acorn Stars: Romy and Jack

Maple Stars: Millie and Xander

Willow Stars: Archie M and Eva

Oak Stars: Gabbie and Archie A

Star of the Week: Orlaith Ba

Last week's CNPS Pottery Workshop for Year 4



Today's visit to Chipping Norton School by a visiting author

A report by Archie J:

Today years 5 and 6 went to Chipping Norton school to see an author. He was called Stewart Foster. He has written 11 books and published 8 books. He found out was deaf when he was 4 years old. All of his books are inspired on childhood or how everyone is different.

"It's going to be a real relief this winter, knowing there's heat there when we need it."

Debbie, Banbury



Are you concerned about the cost of energy bills and looking for ways to make your home cheaper to heat and more comfortable to live in? A grant is available from Oxfordshire County Council to improve residents homes.

This government-backed scheme targets inefficient homes not heated by gas. With the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG2), eligible homes can receive tailored energy solutions, from insulation to solar panels, resulting in a warmer home, lower bills and reduced carbon emissions - all delivered by the Welcome the Warmth team.

Check your eligibility and apply through the website at welcomethewarmth.org.uk.

Get your home winter-ready today!

Mothering Sunday Services

Sunday 10 March 2024

9.30am Family Eucharist
Steeple Barton Church

11.00am Family Eucharist
Duns Tew Church

Posies at the service and refreshments after



The speaker at both services will be Catherine Spring from local charity The Branch Trust. thebranchtrust.org

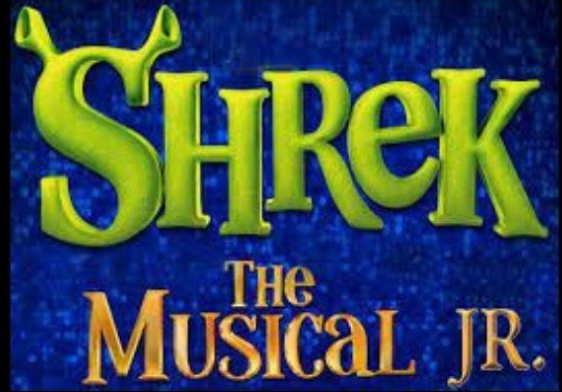
The Branch Trust was set up to address hidden poverty in the local area. It provides support through advocacy, debt help, drop-in centres, and courses in life skills, plus youth activities for families in need in Chipping Norton.

Everyone welcome





is back!



Middle Barton's very
own Youth Drama
presents
Shrek Jr.

***Ages 7
to 17***

A Musical in a week

Directed by Lynda Webb

Dates: Sundays, 24.03, 28.04, 02.06 & 30.06
10am-4pm

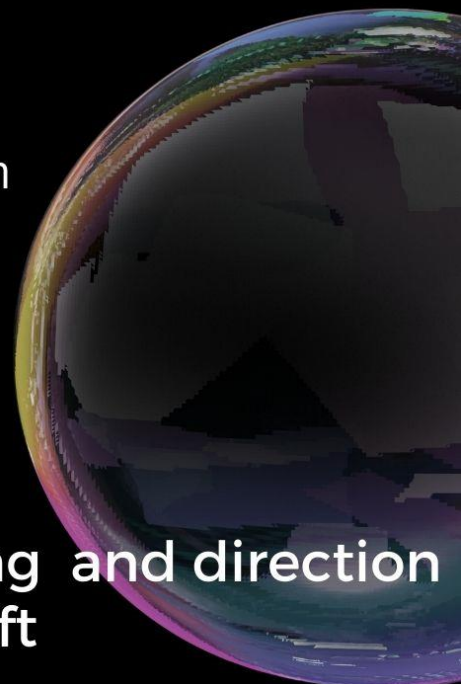
Show week: 28.07- 02.08 - 10am - 6pm

Performances August 1st & 2nd

Contact:

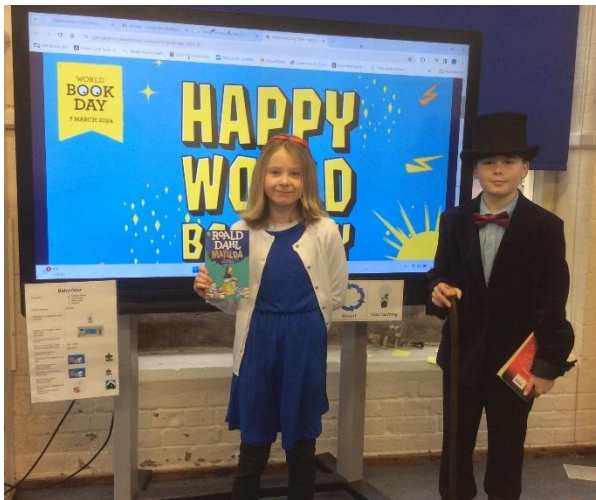
lynda_webb@btinternet.com

**Cost: £100 for 8 days of Coaching and direction
in singing, acting and stage craft**



World Book Day







Dojo points

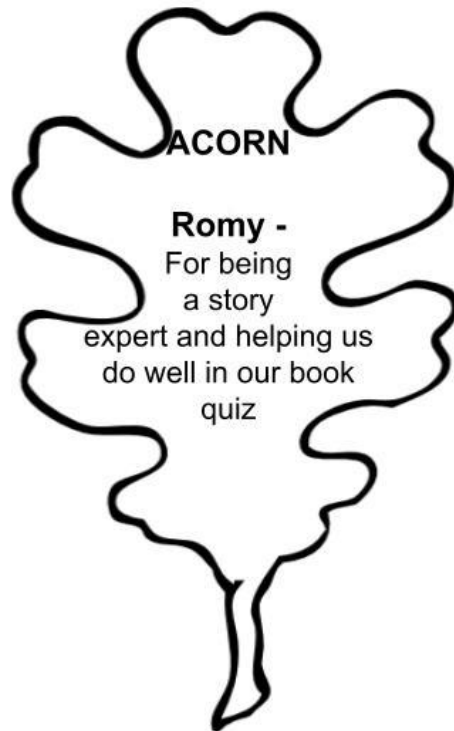
Acorn - Fred

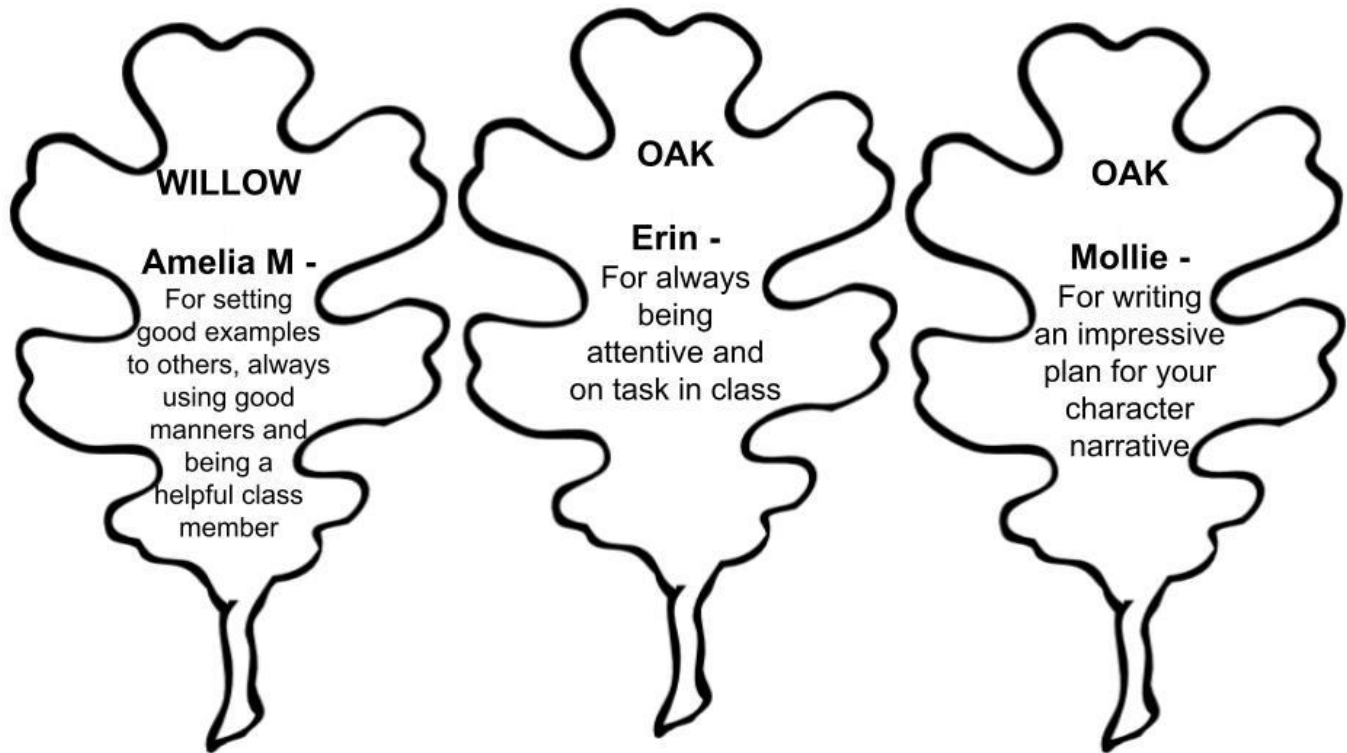
Maple - Oliver

Willow - Archie M & Archie J

Oak - Erin & Amelia

Values Leaves





Safeguarding Children - what to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect:

Immediate danger - if you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999.

Immediate concern - if you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.