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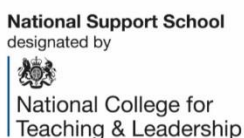
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Newsletter – Summer Term 2024

Introduction

As we reach the end of this term, I am extremely pleased with all we have achieved during the last fourteen weeks. We were delighted with our excellent SIAMS inspection that took place in May and with our fantastic Year 6 SAT results. Arts week, as ever, was a joy to witness. On the sporting front, our Cricket team did superbly to reach the county final and our athletics team had a wonderful night at area sports. Our hall build is progressing. Although the timings will be very tight, we are still expecting to be able to use it from the start of the autumn term. I hope this letter gives you a flavour of school life this term.



SIAMS Inspection

All Church of England schools are inspected approximately every five years by a SIAMS inspector from the Church of England, our inspection took place on 20th May. These reports no longer have an overall grade. Please find below some of the many wonderful comments that are included in the report:

- The deeply embedded Christian vision is embraced by the whole school community at Oxon. Adults and pupils explain the positive impact this has by encouraging them to be 'the best they can be'.
- The rich curriculum enables pupils to develop curiosity and a genuine love of learning. This supports them to live out the vision of 'life in all its fullness'.
- Highly effective and supportive subject leadership of religious education (RE) results in a curriculum which is exciting and challenging. This helps pupils to develop a deep understanding about a range of world religions and non-religious viewpoints.
- Underpinned by exceptionally strong relationships, there is a relentless focus on meeting the needs of individuals. This results in impressive support for mental health and wellbeing within a safe and nurturing environment.
- Strong relationships with the church and local clergy enrich and enhance the life of this Church school. Consequently, staff and pupils develop a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus, the Christian vision and associated values.

Year 6 Results

We were delighted with the performance of our Year 6 children in the national assessments this summer.

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: Oxon 2024	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally 2024	Difference
Reading, writing and maths	78%	61%	+17%
English reading	88%	74%	+14%
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	87%	72%	+15%
Mathematics	85%	73%	+12%
English writing	82%	72%	+10%
Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the higher standard: Oxon 2024	Percentage of pupils achieving the higher standard: nationally 2024	Difference
Reading, writing and maths	25%	8%	+17%
English reading	60%	28%	+32%
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	62%	32%	+30%
Mathematics	45%	24%	+21%
English writing	30%	13%	+17%

We are absolutely delighted with this incredible set of results. As you can see, the difference between the school and national results is very significant. The provisional figures we are

seeing, indicate that we are in the top 3% of schools nationally for the combined reading, writing and maths higher level figure.

Staff Changes

- Mrs Aston, our Business Manager, will be leaving at the end of this term. Mrs Aston started work in the school office in 2010 and became our Business Manager in 2017. During that time, she has worked incredibly hard to keep our school running smoothly and efficiently. Part of this time included the Covid years, these years were challenging for all staff, but were particularly demanding for her. I would like to thank Mrs Aston for her massive contribution to our school during that time and over the last 14 years.
- Mrs Ffiona Ferneyhough will be starting work as our new Business Manager in September.
- Miss Hollis will be leaving to start work in another school. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment during her nine years at Oxon.
- Two of our teaching assistants will be leaving in the summer. The staff leaving are Miss Kelsall Pugh and Mr Beal (who left earlier in the term). I would like to thank these staff for all their hard work and commitment.

Clubs

Athletics Club – Y1	Crossbar Coaching and Miss Angelova
Athletics Club – Y2	Crossbar Coaching and Miss Angelova
Athletics Club – Y3	Crossbar Coaching and Mrs Parkes
Athletics Club – Y4	Crossbar Coaching and Miss Brechunec
Computing Club – Y1	Mrs Palin and Miss Jones
Cricket Club – Y3	Crossbar Coaching and Mrs Quan
Cricket Club – Y5,6	Crossbar Coaching and Mrs Roach
First Aid – Y6	Mr Reynolds and Miss Lee
Mindfulness Club – Y5	Miss Eaton
My Maths Homework Club	Miss Jewsbury and Mrs Yapp
Rounders Club – Y6	Mrs Wright and Miss Preston
Rounders Club – Y5	Mrs Wright and Miss Preston
Science Club – Y1	Miss Barber-Jones and Mrs Angelova
Story Telling Club – YR	Mrs Smith and Miss Beard
Tennis Club – Y1	Mr Creffield and Miss Parry
Tennis Club – Y2	Mr Creffield and Miss Parry
Tri Golf Club – Y4	Crossbar Coaching and Mrs Wright
Tri Golf Club – Y5,6	Crossbar Coaching and Mrs Wright

Visits out of school

- Year R have visited Park Hall Farm.
- Year 1 have visited the Severn Valley Railway as part of their history work.
- Year 1 have visited the parish church to explore the church as a place of worship.
- Year 3 have visited Telford as part of their geography work.
- Year 3 have visited Llangollen as part of their geography work.
- Year 5 have visited Carding Mill Valley to carry out a river study. This work was led by staff from the Preston Montford Field Studies Centre.
- Year 6 will be visiting the Walsall Art Gallery this week to support their art work.
- Year 6 have taken part in 'Crucial Crew' at the Shrewsbury Flaxmill.

Assemblies and Visitors to school

- Rev Charlotte has visited regularly to lead worship.
- Year 6 have undertaken cycle training courses.
- Year 2 enjoyed a day finding out about Florence Nightingale with a member of staff from the Shropshire Museum Service.
- Year 6 had an online session delivered by staff from Kooth (mental health).
- The Shrewsbury Youth for Christ team have visited to lead a workshop for Year 6 about transition to secondary school.

Sporting Achievements

Mrs Luther writes:

Year 5/6 Kwik Crick County Finals

On Thursday 23rd May the Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket team participated in the county finals at Shrewsbury Sports village. They played five intense matches but improved as each game went on. Everyone loved the experience of being in a county final and worked together as a team well.

Year 5/6 Rounders

Oxon 7 v 3½ Harlescott
Oxon 13 v 8 Meole Brace
Oxon 6 v 4½ Mereside
FINAL - Oxon 4½ v 6½ Trinity

A huge well done to the rounders team that finished in a fantastic second place at the Year 5/6 rounders tournament.

Area Athletics Competition

A fantastic afternoon of athletics events from the Year3-6 Oxon team, demonstrating great teamwork and achievements that they should all be very proud of. Space precludes me from mentioning all the results from the heats and what follows is a summary of the finals - the scores from which contributed to our final total.

Team Events

Y3/4 Girls Shuttle Relay Final – Congratulations to Grace Cliffe, Bella Poganis, Emilia Naylor and Olivia Oni for finishing in 1st place.
Y5/6 Boys 4x100m Relay Final – Congratulations to Kayden Acheampong, Alfie Barnsley, Thor Philpott and Kevin Ilesanmi for finishing in 4th place.

Individual Events

Boys – High Jump – Congratulations to Alfie Barnsley for coming in 3rd place.
Boys – Long Jump - Congratulations to Ryan Tijo for coming in 3rd place.
Girls – Long Jump - Congratulations to Heidi Keyworth for coming in 2nd place.
Boys – Turbo Jav - Congratulations to Sam Birch for coming in 2nd place.
Girls U12 – 150m – Congratulations to Phoibe Spittlehouse for finishing in 5th place.
Boys U12 – 150m – Congratulations to Kayden Acheampong for finishing in 2nd place.
Girls U10 – 80m – Congratulations to Grace Cliffe for finishing in 1st place.



Well done to Gianna Filippi in Year 5, who has continued to play for the Shropshire Under 12 cricket team.

Other Achievements

- **Arts Week** – We took the theme of ‘Reduce, Reuse, Recycle’ this year. Class teachers planned a wide variety of activities to develop this theme and we invited professional artists to further enhance the week. My thanks go to Mrs Smith for her work in organising the week. Once again it was extremely successful and the feedback from children and adults was excellent.
- Year 6 enjoyed reading the Shropshire Bookfest books and working with visiting Bookfest staff. They also entered a Bookfest letter writing competition and a Bookfest art competition with Nathan Ling winning the school level art award and Amelie Bassett being awarded the overall winner for the letter writing competition in Shropshire.
- **Year 6 Leavers Presentation** – The Year 6 leavers delivered a great final presentation that took place at Barnes Theatre, Shrewsbury School. It was fascinating to look at the many photos included in the presentations showing the huge amount of different activities they have been involved in during the last twelve months. We will certainly miss them when they move to secondary school. My thanks go to Shrewsbury School for their help and support in hosting this event.

Fundraising

- **Summer Fayre** – We enjoyed a fantastic, well supported, summer fayre that raised an incredible £3,548! My thanks go to Mrs Gill, her team and all those who worked so hard to make the event such a success.

Facebook

This term has seen the launch of our Facebook and Instagram accounts. We would be very grateful if you could follow us, share posts and like posts.

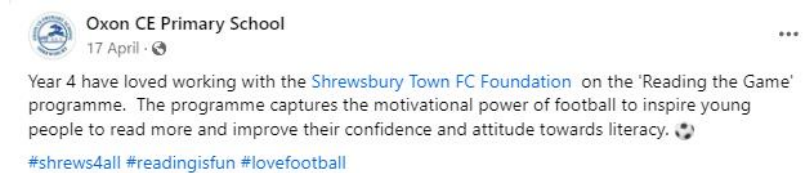
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<https://www.facebook.com/OxonCEPrimarySchool>

Link for Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/oxonceprimaryschool?igsh=YW03eHF6eHl0YjNi>

Many thanks to Mrs Smith (Year 6) for all her hard work and creativity on this new development. Please see following some of the posts for this term.





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19 April · 🌐



A fantastic first session at [Quarry Swimming & Fitness Centre](#) for our year 6 children today 🌊



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23 April · 🌐



Year 6 got fully involved in First Aid Club today. 🚑



The sun is eventually shining and cricket club is in full swing 🏏🌞



"To Infinity and Beyond"

We have a dark den in our classroom. Great for imaginative play while learning all about space, light and dark.

Next step is making space suits! 🚀👽



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26 April · 🌐

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Wimbledon here we come. ❤️

Our year 2 tennis club had fun this week developing their skills. 🎾



Oxon CE Primary School

30 April · 🌐

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Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed reading the Shropshire Bookfest books this term. They also entered the art and letter writing competitions achieving a school winner in the art competition and an overall winner in the letter writing. [Shropshire Bookfest](#)





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1 May · 🌐



Chemical creations in Year 1 science club. 🧪💧



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2 May · 🌐



Den building fun at forest school 🌳





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2 May · 🌐



Beautiful tunes were coming from the year 3 classrooms today 🎵 🎹



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6 May · 🌐



We are so lucky to have the beautiful Carding Mill Valley on our doorstep. 🌞

On Wednesday, Year 5 explored the site using a range of fieldwork skills. 💙





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7 May · 🌐



Year 2 had a taste of India this afternoon when they tasted various Indian foods as part of their Geography work. 🍛



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8 May · 🌐



A big thank you to [Cricket Shropshire](#) for working with years 2, 3 and 6 today. 💙





Oxon CE Primary School

9 May · 🌐



Year 2 were lucky enough to have the wonderful Reverend Charlotte in to visit and talk about how Oxon Parish Church, Shrewsbury supports our community. 💙

#oxonchurch #community #shrewsbury



Oxon CE Primary School

14 May · 🌐



Year 3 enjoyed a visit from the skeletons today as they began to look at the functions and parts of the human skeleton. 💙





Oxon CE Primary School

15 May · 🌐

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Reception have had a lovely time listening to Owl Babies at Story Telling Club today. They acted out the story and painted pictures of the characters.

#owlbabies #martinwaddel #patrickbenson



Oxon CE Primary School

20 May · 🌐

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Year 1 started Arts Week with a bang this morning and took part in a dance session!

They focused on keeping a beat, working in rounds and singing an unforgettable rhyme, but most importantly had LOTS of fun!



More arts week fun today. Reception have been exploring a gyotaku, a practice which dates back to the mid-1800 and is a traditional Japanese method of printing fish. Very smelly but great fun!



Year 4 keeping a beady eye on Arts Week!





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22 May · 🌐



Collage, colour and recycling in Year 3 this afternoon. 💙



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23 May · 🌐



Year 2 have been working extremely hard today, turning old magazines into collages, in the style of artist Lyn Evans. Can you spot some Liverpool Landmarks?





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23 May · 🌐

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What will the wool scraps become in Year 6?
Come and find out tomorrow!



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23 May · 🌐

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Everything is coming together for the final exhibition tomorrow. A final snippet for today....





Oxon CE Primary School

24 May · 🌐



Wow what a week. All the children worked so hard to produce some amazing finished pieces. Outstanding job Oxon 🥰

HAVE A HAPPY HALF TERM!



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6 June at 15:22 · 🌐



In DT, Year 2 have been busy designing and making their own hand puppets, based on the animals in Kes Gray's Oi! books. Don't they look fantastic?!





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6 June at 15:24 · 🌐



Aeronautical engineers in the making - using test results to create further investigations into keeping paper planes up in the air for longer.



Oxon CE Primary School

12 June at 19:42 · 🌐



A brilliant visit to Park Hall farm for Reception. As part of 'Understanding the World' work we fed sheep, milked cows, groomed a pony, watched a pig race and had lots of play experiences. ❤️ 🐷





Oxon CE Primary School

13 June at 14:31 · 🌐



Year 3 had a super visit to Telford this morning. We were looking at the exciting shop fronts and tallying coffee shops and fast food chains. We are really looking forward to our visit to Llangollen next week so that we can compare the two towns.



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17 June at 21:11 · 🌐



Year 4 made Lego model goal kickers and used WeDo computer program to make the models kick a paper ball. Watch out Euros here we come!





Oxon CE Primary School

18 June at 15:52 · 🌐

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Year 2 had a fantastic visit from Florence Nightingale this afternoon where they got to bandage each other up, make their own medicines and try on nurses outfits. Well done passing your Nurses Training Year 2!

Thank you [Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery](#) for making the afternoon so special.



Oxon CE Primary School

20 June at 19:48 · 🌐

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Year 3 had a fantastic field trip to Llangollen. We compared the features of Llangollen with Telford, had a super trip on the horse-drawn boat and learnt all about the earliest settlements in Llangollen at the museum. Great work Year 3! 💙





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27 June at 12:42 · 🌐



Year 5 were doing some myth-busting this morning by taking accurate measurements and comparing them. We found out that your foot is the same length as the space between your elbow and wrist!



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27 June at 17:42 · 🌐



Year 3 have been looking at animal teeth to identify herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. They looked at the skull of a rabbit, a dog and a horse. 💙





Oxon CE Primary School

28 June at 17:18 · 🌐



A huge well done to the rounders team that finished in a fantastic second place at the Year 5/6 rounders tournament yesterday. 💙



Oxon CE Primary School

a day ago · 🌐



Year 1 enjoyed taking a step back in time to travel on a steam train! We travelled through tunnels, over bridges and listened out for the whistle. We then stopped off at the Severn Valley museum and explored the importance of trains over time.





Oxon CE Primary School

a day ago · 🌐



Year 5 explored the school garden to find examples of pollination and seed dispersal in action! 🌱



Oxon CE Primary School

3 hours ago · 🌐



It was medals galore last night at the Area Athletics competition! A huge well done to the fantastic Athletics Team with pupils from Year 3-6 taking part in field and track events.

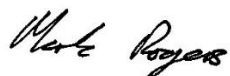


Summary

The autumn term starts on Tuesday 3rd September.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the support the school has received, in so many different ways, throughout the year. I trust that you and your children will have a great summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mark Rogers
Headteacher