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Newsletter – Spring Term 2025

Introduction

The spring term has once again been packed with different activities which I am pleased to report about in this letter. A particular highlight of the term was our fantastic production of 'The Lion King'. Our sports teams have once again been active in a wide range of competitions. It was also wonderful to have our choir performing again at 'Young Voices' in Birmingham. As ever, it has been great to hear fantastic feedback about the quality of the children's behaviour particularly when working with visitors, or on the many school visits that have taken place this term. I hope this letter gives a flavour of school life over the last few months.

Staffing Update

- Mrs Rayment returned from maternity leave in January.
- Mrs Hanna-Williams joined our office team in January.

Clubs

Throughout the term the following clubs have been running:

Basketball – Y3	Mr McDougal and Miss Veitch
Basketball – Y4	Mr McDougal and Miss Brechunec
Choir – KS2 (Young Voices)	Mrs Houghton and Miss Hellin
Computing – Y1	Mrs Palin and Miss Jones
Football – Y1	Mr McDougal and Mrs Angelova
Football – Y4 Boys	Mr McDougal and Miss Brechunec
Hockey – Y3	Miss Cadwallader
Hockey – Y4	Miss Cadwallader
Indoor Athletics – Y5, Y6	Mr McDougal and Miss Lee
My Maths Homework Club	Miss Jewsbury and Mrs Yapp
Netball – Y5	Mrs Roach and Mrs Quan
Netball – Y6	Mrs Roach and Miss Brechunec
Tag Rugby – Y1	Mr McDougal and Miss Preston
Tag Rugby – Y2	Mr McDougal and Mrs Angelova
Tag Rugby – Y5, Y6	Mr McDougal and Miss Lee
Tennis – Y5	Mr Creffield and Mrs Manterfield
Tennis – Y6	Mr Creffield and Mrs Manterfield

Music

The following whole class instrumental lessons have been taking place:

- Year 6 – Ukuleles
- Year 5 – Ukuleles
- Year 4 – Recorders
- Year 3 – Recorders

The following individual/small group music lessons have been taking place in school:

- Violin
- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Clarinet
- Flute

Visits out of school

- Year R have visited the Shrewsbury Museum for an age-appropriate workshop led by museum staff.
- Year 1 have visited Attingham Park and the school locality to support their geography work about houses and homes.
- Year 2 have visited Liverpool to support their '1960s' history work and their geography focus.
- Year 2 have visited the church and worked with Rev Charlotte on an 'Easter adventure' project.
- Year 3 have visited Shrewsbury to work with the museum service as 'rock detectives'.
- Year 4 have visited Cosford RAF museum to support their science work.
- Year 5 have visited the World War II experience at Weston Park to support their study of this area.
- Year 6 have visited Green Acres Farm, near Shifnal, to support their geography study of farming.

Assemblies, Performances and Visitors to School

- **'The Lion King'** – The performance by Years 3, 4 and 5 was a great success, with fantastic singing, dancing and acting. It was of a very high standard and contained some wonderful dramatic and musical moments. Photos on the 'gallery' section of the website capture some of the exceptional quality of this event. Once again, my thanks go to all involved for delivering a production of such quality.
- **'Young Voices'** – The choir, once again, took part in a major national music event called 'Young Voices' which was held at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. This involved them performing as part of a huge, six thousand strong choir, to an audience of thousands!
- **World Book Day** – We celebrated the day with a 'dress as a book character' event. Both children and staff came wonderfully dressed for the event! Thank you for your help in providing such great costumes.
- **Stranger Danger** – An officer from West Mercia Police talked to Year 2 about this issue.
- **Street Pastors** – Two of the Shrewsbury Street Pastors talked to Year 2 about some of their work.
- **Fire Safety** – Year 3 had a visit from a crew from Shrewsbury fire station to learn about fire safety.

- **Brilliant Bodies** – The school nurse visited Year R to talk to children about healthy lifestyles.
- **Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week** – During the week we held assemblies for Key Stage 1 and 2. Supporting activities were then undertaken in classes.
- **Internet Safety Week** – During the week we held assemblies for Key Stage 1 and 2. Supporting activities were then undertaken in classes.
- Rev. Charlotte has visited school regularly to lead worship.
- Imam Sohayb spoke to Year 1 and Year 3 about the Muslim faith.

Sporting Achievements

Miss Cadwallader writes:

It has been a busy spring term for Oxon sports teams and individuals, with a total of 14 sports clubs taking place and six teams sent to various events to represent the school!

U10s Girls Football: County Shield Tournament (13.01.24)

Oxon 1 – 1 Coleham
 Oxon 0 – 0 Meole Brace
 Oxon 3 – 1 Belvidere
 Oxon 0 – 1 Prestfelde
 Oxon 2 – 1 Oakmeadow
 Semi Final: Oxon 1 – 0 Greenfields
 Final: Oxon 0 – 2 Prestfelde

The Under 10s girls football team represented Oxon fantastically at the County Shield Tournament. They won two, drew two and narrowly lost one game in the group stages to take them through to the semi-finals, where they won 1-0. The girls lost in the final to Prestfelde (the only team to beat them in the whole tournament). They finished in second place – we are very proud of their achievements!

U10s Boys Football: County Shield Tournament (03.02.25)

Oxon 2 – 0 St Winifred’s
 Oxon 0 – 1 Long Mountain
 Oxon 1 – 0 Belvidere
 Oxon 0 – 2 Oakmeadow
 Oxon 0 – 1 Radbrook
 Oxon 0 – 2 Mereside

Our U10 boys football team represented Oxon at the County Shield Tournament, winning two games, but losing four in the group stages. The boys showed great teamwork and determination, keeping positive despite the results!

Indoor Athletics - 13.02.25

Boys – 6th out of 13
 Girls – 10th out of 13

We sent boys and girls KS2 teams at the Sports Hall Athletics competition. Individual children competed in a variety of track and field events. There were some notable performances by individuals – Kevin Ilesanmi, Grace Cliffe, Heidi Keyworth and Daisy Branford all came first in their heats. We were very proud to report back that spectators had commended the support children showed for each other and the fantastic team spirit the children showed.

Tag Rugby - 06.03.25

Oxon 0 – 4 Meole Brace

Oxon 0 - 6 Long Mountain

Oxon 0 - 5 St. Winifred's

Oxon 0 – 8 Trinity

Awarded School Games Value Certificate: Respect

Our Year 5/6 tag rugby team finally got to represent us at Shrewsbury Rugby Club in a tournament which had been cancelled all the way back in October last year due to the floods! Unfortunately, the results of our games were four losses. However, our enthusiastic team was awarded a certificate for showing the School Games Value of Respect, which we are very proud of!

Netball 03.04.25

Oxon 5 – 4 Coleham

Oxon 5 – 0 Harlescott B

QF: Oxon 5 – 0 Harlescott A

SF Oxon 1 – 4 Trinity

3rd place – lost in Semi-Final

Awarded School Games Value Certificate: Passion

Our Year 6 netballers represented us in a tournament at Shrewsbury High School. They won both of their group stage games and claimed a convincing win in the quarter finals. They unfortunately couldn't carry this winning streak on to the semi-finals, where the team experienced their first loss. We achieved a third place final position in the tournament

Quarry Run 07.04.25

U9 Boys: 2nd

Toby Wands - 4th

Ben Cartwright - 5th

U9 Girls: 1st

Emmie Fenwick – 1st

Hallie Ruff – 4th

U11 Boys: 2nd

Ollie McMahon – 5th

Harrison Onions – 7th

Kevin Ilesanmi – 8th

U11 Girls: 3rd

Poppy Scarle – 6th

Matilda Bishop – 9th

Last, but not least, our cross-country team represented us at Shrewsbury High School's Annual Quarry Run. Children in Years 5 and 6 had to run 2km and children in Year 3 and 4 had to run 1.5km. Despite the warm conditions, the children all completed the race in fantastic times and fantastic spirits, and we saw some of our best success levels so far at this event!

We would like to extend our congratulations to all of the children who continue to impress in their sporting endeavours outside of school – we are very proud of them all! It is fantastic to see so many children bringing in awards each week to show during our

celebration worship. Particular congratulations go to Gianna Filippi, who continues to represent Shropshire Cricket, Max Griffiths, who was selected to train with the Shropshire U11s cricket team and Grace Cliffe, who represented Shropshire's relay team – what fabulous achievements from you all! We now look forward to a summer term packed full of further clubs, events, swimming for Years 5 and 6, and Sport Days!

Facebook

Our Facebook and Instagram accounts have continued to provide updates on school life during this term. We would be very grateful if you could follow us, share posts and like posts.

Link for Facebook page:

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

Link for Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/oxonceprimaryschool?igsh=YW03eHF6eH10YjNi>

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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14 January · 🌐



A huge congratulations to our Year 5 Girls Football Team, who represented us in the County Shield Tournament last night. The girls worked together as a team, had a lot ... [See more](#)



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15 January · 🌐



Today, community nurse Stacey came back to visit with her colleague Leah. They talked to Reception about how to keep healthy, fill up our kindness buckets and be movement superheroes!





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17 January · 🌐

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Year 5 enjoyed a great day at [Weston Park](#) on Wednesday 15th January. The children learnt about aspects of World War Two and they took part in various activities which i... [See more](#)



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30 January · 🌐

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Reception have been learning about fire safety in the forest school this week. We heated our hot water in a special kettle on the campfire. They have enjoyed some hot ... [See more](#)





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2 February · 🌐

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Last week, Year 1 enjoyed a walk around our local area to spot the different types of houses. 🏠



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5 February · 🌐

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Our U10 Boys' Football Team represented Oxon at the County Shield Tournament. Unfortunately, they didn't place but had a great time, showed super team work and a fantas... [See more](#)





Oxon CE Primary School
11 February · 🌐



Wow! Wow! Wow!... See more



Oxon CE Primary School
13 February · 🌐



What a fantastic morning for year 5 and 6 at the indoor athletics competition at Shrewsbury Sport Village. 🏆 The positive attitudes and teamwork displayed by our pupils... See more



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13 February · 🌐



And that's a wrap 🎉 ... See more



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28 February · 🌐



🎵🌟 What an incredible night at Young Voices! 🌟🎵

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5 March · 🌐

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Year 2 were on their best behaviour today for PC Whitmore, who came to talk to them about strangers and road safety. All of the children really enjoyed learning more ab... [See more](#)



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5 March · 🌐

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What lovely weather Year 1 have had for their visits to Attingham Park where they have learned all about houses in the past. 💙



4 likes

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6 March · 🌐

Our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team enjoyed a morning out in the sunshine at a School Games tournament at Shrewsbury Rugby Club today. They played well as a team and showed gre... See more



Oxon CE Primary School
7 March · 🌐

What an amazing World Book day we have had in school today 🎉
I am sure you will agree - the costumes were out of this world.... See more



4 comments · 2 shares



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13 March at 07:53 · 🌐



Year 3 and year 1 both enjoyed a visit from Imam Sohayb to learn more about the Islamic faith.



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13 March at 07:53 · 🌐



Year 2 were visited by the Shrewsbury Street Pastors today. They were interested to hear about the brilliant work that they do in Shrewsbury on a Saturday night. They w... [See more](#)





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14 March at 16:05 · 🌐



We have been awarded accreditation for our efforts in school to increase walking, cycling, and other forms of sustainable travel! ... [See more](#)



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19 March at 14:28 · 🌐



Fantastic fieldwork at Green Acres Farm where Mrs Thurston's class learnt about organic farming and the importance of biodiversity. We ground our own flour which we are... [See more](#)



Mrs Smith's class visited Green Acres Farm this morning where they learnt about organic farming in the glorious sunshine. 🍀



The sun shone on Year 2 in Liverpool yesterday. They behaved brilliantly as they toured Liverpool via foot, bus and ferry as part of their Geography topic. A long but memorable day. 🍀





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20 March at 20:37 · 🌐



Year 3 had a fantastic visit to Shrewsbury Museum where they became rock detectives for the day. They made super geologists and used their knowledge of rocks, as they w... [See more](#)



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1 April at 17:26 · 🌐



Reception have had a fabulous time exploring artefacts, portraits and fossils at [Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery](#). ❤️... [See more](#)





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3 April at 18:12 · 🌐



Year 4's visit to the RAF Museum at Cosford was a runway success this week. Two workshops making and firing rockets and rocket cars in the morning were followed by a pi... [See more](#)



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3 April at 18:13 · 🌐



Our amazing netball team did a super job of representing us at Shrewsbury High School in their tournament today. They narrowly lost out in the semi-finals, achieving a ... [See more](#)





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Yesterday at 15:03 · 🌐



A big well done to our cross country team today. ... See more



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Mrs Houghton's class went on an Easter adventure at Oxon Church this morning. Reverend Charlotte and her amazing team taught them all about the Easter story, through th... See more

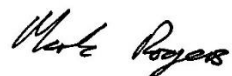


Summary

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all those who have helped to support and encourage the school in so many different ways throughout the term. I will write to you early next term with information about the events that are planned for the summer term which starts on Monday 28th April.

I trust that you will have a good Easter break.

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' and 'R'.

Mark Rogers