



**Reading**

Reading confidently is a vital tool for all children to develop. Many studies have shown that children who have more access to books, and who read more, achieve better in all areas of their schooling. In fact, the National Library state:

*Aside from the sheer joy of exercising the imagination, research shows reading for pleasure improves literacy, social skills, health and learning outcomes. It gives people access to culture and heritage and empowers them to become active citizens, who can contribute to economic and social development.*

At Andoversford, we recognise the enormous benefits of developing a love of reading for pupils so in September we revamped our reading system to improve how reading is taught. We have seen great success already in class and the children have responded incredibly well to the choice of texts that we have used. The next step in promoting Reading for Pleasure is through our home-reading books. Some of you have noted that we need a wider selection of books, which we are in the process of organising - however it is a work in progress! We are also investing in online reading materials so watch this space for more details coming soon!

In the meantime, don't forget that there are many free e-books available on Oxford Owl. They have an online library of books, which you can search by Book Band and by Age to find the most suitable materials for your child. Visit: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/library-page>.

All classes are currently developing their reading areas to include a greater selection of books for children to read at home. Our reading books are now organised by Book Band - a colour grade to show the level of difficulty. We have used a nationally recognised scheme: see the colour chart below. We have also reviewed which Book Band your child is currently working at so that s/he has access to the most suitable material to develop a love of learning. All pupils will now have access to banded books, right up to year 6!

Reading at least 4 times across the week is an expectation as part of our homework policy, but we want to create life-long readers and promote the enjoyment that reading can bring. Please encourage your child to read their banded book from school as it will provide the correct level of challenge - both in reading the words and developing their understanding. However if they also want to read personal books from home, the library, e-books etc. don't discourage them from doing so! These can also be added to the reading record. However, be warned, sometimes the choices made may not always offer as much challenge - we all need an easy read sometimes!

Book Band Colour	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lilac	Phase 1						
Pink	Phase 2						
Red	Phase 3						
Yellow	Phase 4						
Blue		Phase 5					
Green		Phase 5					
Orange		Phase 5					
Turquoise			Phase 6				
Purple			Phase 6				
Gold			Phase 6				
White							
Lime							
Brown							
Grey							
Dark Blue							
Marsala							

**The School Office**

Over the next few weeks, there will be some changes in which hours the office is staffed. There will not always be someone available at the beginning or end of the day. Please can you send non-urgent messages for the office via email or in book bags so that they can be dealt with in a timely manner. Thank you for your support.



**Morning Routines**

To make sure that our morning routines are as smooth as possible we will be making a few alterations. We also want to reinforce the expectations that children take care of their belongings, which they are not currently doing. When children come on to the playground they can go into the cloakroom and hang up anything that they do not need for the T.E.A.M challenge. Children are responsible for their own belongings, so please do not accompany your child into the school building. As part of our safeguarding procedures adults must only enter the school building through the office, or hall door, in the case of assemblies/events.

Once the music finishes at the end of the activity, children will go straight into their classroom to begin their learning. They will no longer be lining up.

Remember that the T.E.A.M activity starts at 8:40 when we open the gates. Parents are welcome to stay and join in or watch but must leave the playground promptly at 8:50 so that we can secure the site for the day. We have had a few children who are regularly arriving after 8:50, which has a big impact on their learning. Anyone who arrives after the bell has gone is marked as late in the register and must come into school through the school office.



**STEM**

On Thursday Willow Class took part in a STEM workshop to inspire children to get involved with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. They worked in teams to make a Lego Robot, which they then controlled by writing computer programmes. The first challenge was to get the robot to move forward and then stop exactly on a black line - lots of accuracy was required! Children also learnt how to turn and park the robot!



It was fantastic to watch and the children had a great time!

**School Photographs**

The photographer has been busy snapping pictures all morning and the order forms have come home today with your child/ren. Please return any orders via book bags before Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November please.

**Thank you from the Foodbank**

Our amazing donation totalled a massive 79.88kg for which the North Cotswold Foodbank was very grateful. Thank you to everybody that donated. Further information on ways to help can be found at [www.northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk)

**Remembrance Day Poppies**

Poppies and other various items to support the British Legion will be on sale in school from Friday 2 November.





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#### Change 4 Life

The team from Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust will be in school on the morning of 27 November for children in **Reception** and **Year 6**. Please click [here](#) for more information. Please note if you **DO NOT** wish for your child to participate you will need to inform the trust 2 weeks before this date.



#### Pumpkin Recycling

Our pumpkin recycling bin has now been delivered and is ready for your pumpkins to be recycled. It is located just inside the main gates, identified by a pumpkin poster on the top!

#### Message from the School Council

Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need! We will be holding a cake sale on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November and all children can come to school in their pyjamas for the day. If your child would like to come in their pyjamas please make sure they are going to be warm enough and bring in a £1 donation to raise money. We would welcome donations of cakes for our sale please. Cakes can be brought into school on the morning.

#### REMINDERS:

##### Parking

A reminder that if you need to drive your children to school please park at the village hall and walk to the back gate along the pedestrian walkway. The main road can become very busy and since the parking restrictions have been altered, vehicles have been causing a hazard at the front. Visibility on the road is significantly reduced if cars park close to the entrance or outside of the lay-by area. The back gate is open at the beginning and end of the day and will be opened at the end of clubs.



##### Working Party - volunteers please!

Weather permitting, we will be having a Working Party morning on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November between 10am-1pm to give the site a tidy up before winter sets in. Sweeping leaves, trimming hedges and general gardening duties will be tackled. Please come along and help if you can. Coffee and cake will be provided!



**\*NO CLUBS WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER\***

#### Upcoming Dates for the Diary

Working Party:	4th November
ASPIRE Day:	9th November
Oak Class - We the Curious	14 <sup>th</sup> November
Children in Need:	16th November
Willow Class - Wilson Art Museum	21 <sup>st</sup> November
Head teacher Coffee Morning	23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Flu Immunisations	29 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Lunch	18 <sup>th</sup> December
Nativity & Community Carols	18 <sup>th</sup> December





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**THIS WEEK'S ASPIRE AWARD WINNERS:**



**ASPIRE POINT TOTALS:**

Bluebell	Buttercup
275	224
Rose	Thistle
279	271
Whole School Total	
1049	