

A good start to the day

Children have settled into the new school year and they are engaging well in their learning. One change that the children have adjusted to are the timings of our Monday and Friday assemblies. Assemblies have moved from the morning to the afternoon, to allow for more literacy time at the start of the day and to ensure that concentration levels are at their best. Children being punctual to school is now even more important than before, as children will start their learning very soon after 8.40 a.m. and we do not wish them to miss the key learning points from their teachers. Whilst punctuality has improved this year, we still have some children arriving after 8.40 a.m. Please support us with this.

Stone Age day

On Monday, our Robins and Foxes class had a whole day learning about the Stone Age. Children were given the opportunity to use stone and flint tools, create natural paints and cave art, and learn how to hunt and gather. They also explored different artefacts; teeth and bones from real Stone Age animals such as the cave bear. It was great to see how interested and enthused the children were.

Extra-curricular clubs

Our after school club programme started this week. There are still plenty of places on all our clubs. Please check the table above and book through sQuid if your child is interested in joining.

Harvest

Next Wednesday we have our Harvest Service at St. Mary's church. The service will be attended by our key stage 2 pupils

Club	Year grp	Day
Chess	4-6	Monday
Yoga	1-4	Monday
Craft	2-6	Thursday
Choir	R-6	Thursday
Football	3-6	Thursday

Photo: After school club programme

(Years 3 – 6). We will be walking to church, so please ensure that your child brings a rain jacket to school. We are still collecting donations for the Maidenhead Foodshare, which we will be taking to church on Tuesday evening.

Eco-committee

Mrs Malcom has handed out forms to classes this week detailing our eco-committee elections. The committee is open to all children in Years 1-6. This year, we will be working towards the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. The award involves us participating in a number of initiatives, which include Switch Off Fortnight in November and Walk to School in May. Please encourage your child to put their name forward.

White polo shirts

We have received some concerns from parents/carers about how dirty their child's white polo is becoming. To address this, staff will ensure that children wear the 'art shirts' that we have when they are undertaking any activity that may involve them getting messy. We will also work with the children to ensure that they are careful at break and lunch when using the field and when eating at lunchtimes. Please can we remind parents/carers of the need to name school uniform. It makes it much easier to find the owners of lost uniform if items are named.

Parent governor

We currently have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor. If you are interested in joining our governing body and helping to make our school even better, please contact Maxine Wood, Chair of Governors. Maxine can be contacted on maxinewood@woodlandsparkschool.org.

Mrs Hayward

It was good to see Mrs Hayward in school on Monday. Mrs Hayward joined Owls class for their 'first school photograph' taken by the Maidenhead Advertiser. The children were pleased to see her and it won't be too long before she returns. Families in Owls should have received communication about how they can order the photo. Please keep an eye out for the photo in paper The Advertiser on 20th October.



Photo: Stone Age Day

Open Mornings and Evening

We have our second open morning on Monday (9.15-10.15 a.m.) and our open evening on Wednesday 4th October (6-7.30 pm). Please share the dates with friends and help us spread the word!