

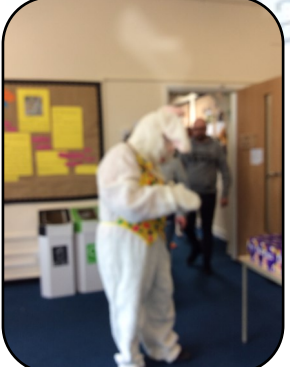
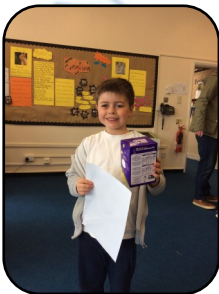
WHADDON NEWS

Spring Term 2022

Easter Fun!

What a lovely end to the spring term! The first Easter service and egg hunt since 2019 were both really lovely occasions. The children did a fantastic job of leading the service in church, with singing, poetry and a dramatic retelling of the Easter story by Years 3 and 4. Thank you to FOWS for providing the snacks. It was so good to have you all in and the children had a wonderful afternoon.

Have a lovely Easter and we look forward to seeing you for a wonderful summer term!



Forest School



Hedgehog Class

We have done some maths outdoors, measuring using hands, feet and metres...



...we went for a walk in Howe Park Woods...



... and learnt about materials, grouping them and deciding which were natural and which were man-made.



Squirrels & Badgers

During the Spring term the children in Squirrels and Badgers have had opportunities to complement their learning with experiences outside the classroom. This has included creating artwork for our Mantles using spray paint to create images showing the landscapes that could be seen from the Wadi Rum and the disappearing island.

During the Disappearing Island mantle there have been other chances to learn outside. We explored the different habitats that animals live in. A Science experiment to investigate how far sound will travel also took place.



Squirrel class have enjoyed looking after the new member of their class, Mr Edward Whiskers, the guinea pig who joined them in March. Our World Poetry Day also took place in March, when the children were given the opportunity to plan and write poems based on elements of the outside areas of the school.

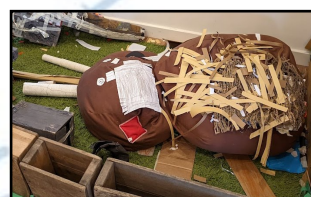
Finally, the children from Squirrels and Badgers enjoyed a return trip to Waddesdon Manor, where one of the activities was an orienteering course. This helped to teach the children the skill of reading a map accurately and allowed them to explore the grounds of the Manor in spring sunshine.



Mantle of the Expert

The Last Mammoth: Hedgehog Class

Hedgehog Class have been on a long journey since January. They started off by becoming a team of expert elephant keepers; they found out all about how to care for elephants, created an enclosure to meet their needs and took care of them. Then they were approached by an archaeologist who had discovered a cave painting (around 10,000 years old) which she thought was of an elephant - hence contacting our team. However, the team did some research and discovered the painting was actually of a woolly mammoth. Upon hearing this, the archaeologist tasked them with travelling to the Ice Age and saving the last mammoth from extinction. A few weeks later, and the children succeeded in their mission, learning a lot about the Ice Age as they went. When we discussed our story afterwards, the children had lot of good memories, such as creating Ice Age Animal spotting guides, finding the best natural material to cure Ewan's leg (bitten by a sabre toothed cat), or learning all about the diets of hunter-gatherers.



Who was Beatrix Potter? Year 2

Beginning with an old photograph of a cheerful lady and man and a dog, we discovered that this was Beatrix Potter and her brother. She grew up with a love of nature and a talent for drawing. As a female, she wasn't allowed to be a scientist and men would read her papers instead of her.

She loved the Lake District and some investigative work was carried out to find out what life was like there and how it has changed since the Victorian times.

As scientists, we have carried out our own experiments with plants, and even planned and planted a garden for Mr McGregor! We created our own Beatrix Potter style books as well. We will miss Beatrix. She is a very inspirational person!

Disappearing Island: Years 3 and 4

This term the team of Scientists from Badger Class have been exploring the reasons why an island has disappeared from satellite imagery. To be able to discover the reasons we have had to conduct experiments involving several different areas of science—Electricity, Magnetism and Sound. This has helped us to uncover, along with the support of Scientists from Year 3 the reasons behind the mystery, along with uncovering new species of animals, and meeting secret agents from different countries!

World Book Day and Waterstones

World Book Day was, as always, a lot of fun. The theme was '25 Years of World Book Day' so the teachers gathered a box of 25 wonderful children's books to read throughout the day. The children took part in three workshops: a book-making workshop, a T-shirt making workshop (by far the most popular!) and a challenge to design a new front cover for a book. As part of the celebrations, the children were invited to visit Waterstones in Milton Keynes. Our host was Nikki Bloomer, a long-time friend and previous teacher at the school. She hosted four groups from school to experience a tour of the store and an inside look at how a book shop runs. The children all had a lovely time and we hope to go again for other book-related events. Thank you Mrs Bloomer!



Poetry Day

During one of our Wednesday meetings, the children in Squirrel class put forward the idea of holding a poetry day. We all thought this was a good idea and, as it happened, World Poetry Day was just a couple of weeks later; which is how, on Tuesday 22nd March (a day after the actual date) the whole school ended up having a very poetry-filled day.

Each class was set the challenge of learning a poem by heart to perform. That afternoon the whole school gathered on the sunny hill to watch the performances. Hedgehog Class performed 'The Lion Roars with a Fearful Sound' by Mabel Segun, complete with actions. Next up was Year 2 with a rendition of 'On the Ning Nang Nong' by Spike Milligan. Finally Years 3 and 4 performed Down to Earth by Benjamin Zephaniah.

Each class also learnt how to write their own poetry using various techniques depending on their age group. Finally (a special request from the children) the whole school worked together on some outdoor poetry. Each group of children (mixes of all the age groups) were given an outdoor object to spend time with. They gathered adjectives, verbs and similes relating to their object, before having a go at writing a poem in whatever style they wished.

It was a lovely day - helped by the sun - and the children decided they'd like another poetry day again sometime.



Trip to Waddesdon

Towards the end of March Squirrel and Badger classes returned to Waddesdon to see how their hard work had paid off from the bulb planting that they took part in in October. The children went in two trips on our new minibus and had a great day. The first activity they took part in was Orienteering. This took them around the grounds of Waddesdon and taught them how to use a map. After that we went to look at Daffodil Valley where our 1400 bulbs had been planted. Next we went to look at the Aviary which had a wide range of exotic and rare birds, including the Rothchild Mynah. After lunch we took part in two craft activities. We planted some sweet peas to bring back with us and made a Spring Bauble depicting Spring and the activities we had taken part in whilst at Waddesdon.



Mother's Day breakfast

What a lovely event to welcome back to our school year.

The children worked very hard to ensure their poems and cards were reflective of the love they feel for their mummies. There were tears and smiles as everyone read out their messages.



The sausages went down very well, and even the weather was on our side, as the sun shone and everyone enjoyed the Forest School area. I hope all mummies enjoyed the event and were suitably spoilt on Sunday.

News from the Hedgehog Burrow

Arthur has done an excellent job in D.T. this term; he has great ideas for building!

Dhwani is always being helpful and reliable.

Erica's drama skills always enhance our Mantle sessions.

Isabelle has done some super reading this term.

Joshua has done some super pieces of writing.

Minha has been a kind and encouraging friend.

Sariah is always helpful and approaches everything with a smile.

Beatrix has shown a lot of compassion towards others.

Elodie has been putting a lot of effort into her writing.

Ewan has been particularly enthusiastic our Mantle, often sharing ideas.

Jake has been showing a lot of care and kindness towards his classmates.

Karam has been practising his handwriting and has got marvellous handwriting.

Olivia has been making people smile with her enthusiasm for everything.

Theo has been very good at trying to solve problems with his friends using his words.

Zara has approached all of our learning with enthusiasm.

Blake has brought his fantastic imagination and ideas to every Mantle session.

Emily has been a super mathematician this term.

Flynn has been a good partner this term, working well with lots of different children.

Jemima has a very cheerful disposition.

Matthew has been a good talk partner and sharing his ideas.

Rosie has been working hard on her reading this term.

Tori has once again produced some fantastic art work.

Super Squirrels

Shout-Outs!

Arlo - For his kindness to others

Hope - for completing her work to such a high standard

Beau - for working sooo hard!

Elena - for being so conscientious

Rene - for being a great help to his friends

Artur - for loving outdoor learning

Henry - for loving writing

Izzy - for her strength and her kindness

Callie - for always being so positive about every-

Nyah - for enjoying school so much

Arrany - For being such an enthusiastic learner

Taylor - for putting such thought into her writing

Seb - for his beautiful handwriting

Sienna - for developing a love of books that is a pleasure to share

William - for trying so hard with his writing

Olivia - for putting full effort into her learning

Given - for challenging himself

Teddy - for making his writing so beautiful

Brilliant Badgers Shout Out

.Archie has been a fantastic leader in our Mantle exploring why an island has mysteriously disappeared. He's used his knowledge of Science to help him.

Indy has worked hard on her writing and continues to use vocabulary that challenges herself.

Well done to Elizabeth who has continued to work hard on her maths knowledge and has increased her understanding of decimals

Isla has worked really hard in Mantle and has showed her excellent enquiry skills in Science.

Henry has been an avid learner in all subjects! He has enjoyed Mantle in particular.

Mercy has shone in her times tables knowledge and maths skills in general, well done Mercy!

Dates for your Diary for 2021-2022

Events for Summer Term 2022

Date	Event	Location	Timings	What parents need to know
Monday 25 th April	Start of Summer Term 1			
Sunday 1 st May	May Fayre	School	12.15	Children should be dropped at Whaddon Hall in full costume. Parents to then go down to the main street in Whaddon to watch the parade.
Friday 27 th May	Jubilee Celebration – Children's street party	School		Children to bring in party food – Information will be sent out
Friday 27 th May	End of Term			
Monday 6 th June	Start of Summer Term 2			
17 th June	Father's Day breakfast	School Field/Hall	9.00-10.00	Daddies to stay for breakfast
Monday 4 th July	New Children Family Picnic	School field	13.00-14.00	For new starters 2022
Wednesday 6 th July	KS2 Summer Production	TBC	TBC	TBC
Thursday 7 th	New Children Settling in afternoon	Reception class	13.00-14.30	For new starters 2022
Friday 8 th July	Whaddon Warriors – Tough Mudders	School field	TBC	TBC by FOWS
Friday 15 th July	End of Year service	St Mary's Church	13.00-14.00	Parents are welcome
Friday 15 th July	End of term		14.00	Note time

Events for Autumn Term 2022

Date	Event	Location	Timings	What parents need to know
5 th September	Start of Autumn Term 1	School	08.50	
5 th – 9 th September	Reception children attend	School	13.00 – 15.00	
Thursday 8 th September	Tea and cake Welcome to new Parents, by FOWS	School hall	13.00	New parents are welcome to come for refreshments and to meet other new parents
12 th – 16 th September	Reception children attend	School	12.00 – 15.00	Your child will need lunch booked
19 th – 23 rd September	Reception children attend	School	8.50 – 15.00	They will also be able to enrol in breakfast club, late-stayers and extra-curricular after-school clubs
Tuesday 20 th September	Whole school sports day & FOWS welcome back BBQ	School field	13.00 – 15.00	All parents welcome from 13.00
Friday 21 st October	End of Term			
Monday 31 st October	Start of Autumn Term 2			

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

SUMMER TERM 2022	Monday 25 April	Friday 27 May
	Monday 6 June	Thursday 21 July

TERM TIME BANK

HOLIDAYS 2021/2022 Monday 3rd January 2022

Monday 2nd May 2022

INSET DAYS 2021/2022 Wednesday 1st September 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 18th July 2022

Tuesday 19th July 2022

Wednesday 20th July 2022

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2022/2023

AUTUMN TERM	Monday 5 September	Friday 21 October
	Monday 31 October	Tuesday 20 December
SPRING TERM	Wednesday 4 January	Friday 10 February
	Monday 20 February	Friday 31 March
SUMMER TERM	Monday 17 April	Friday 26 May
	Monday 5 June	Friday 21 July

TERM TIME BANK

HOLIDAYS Monday 1st May

INSET DAYS Tuesday 18th July

Wednesday 19th July

Thursday 20th July

Friday 21st July