# DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mr R. Leigh Chair of Governors: Mrs R. Buckland

Friday 9th May 2025

## Headteacher's Thoughts

Over the last few weeks, our Nursery class have had several groups of exciting visitors who very kindly also brought their special vehicles. The Nursery have been learning about people who help us and this has included a visit from a fire engine, police car and an ambulance. The children loved the vehicles especially when the different sirens sounded. Thank you to the teams for their help in sharing their vehicles and details about their jobs.

On Thursday, Years 4, 5 and 6 joined other members of the village for a special service to commemorate 80 years since VE Day. It was wonderful to be a part of the start of the village celebrations to mark this day. Well done to our readers from each class, who all read very clearly and to Sam and Jacob, who laid the wreath on behalf of the school. Thank you to Rev Andrea and Jenny for allowing us to be a part of this event.

Next week, are the SATS for our Year 6 children. As always, we encourage them to do their best as we are very proud of all their hard work to this point.

Tomorrow is the Ducklington Big Outdoor Clean – this has been organised by our Governors to help the school to improve the school environment for the children. This will be happening between 9am – 12pm – thank you to everyone that has signed up already but please feel free to come and join us.

Linking to the work of the governors, recently you will have received a letter about the recruitment of a Parent Governor. The closing date for any nomination for this is on Monday 12th May – if you would like to support the school and be a part of our Governing Body, please do consider completing the form. Thank you.

Finally, please can I remind everyone to take care when walking to and from school, some of our younger children are walking a distance ahead of their parents and suddenly stopping at the kerb, this is causing drivers to take unneccesary action in preparation. So please be aware on your route to school. Thank you.

Mr. Leigh

**Our Christian Value for this half term is:**

## Kindness

Kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Kindness means that you treat everyone the best that you can. No matter who they are or how you feel about them you treat them with fairness and respect. We might think of nice things to do and say all day but when we act, that is kindness.

***"Encourage anyone who feels left out; … and be patient with everyone.***
*1 Thessalonians 5:14*

**Future Diary Dates**.

**w/b 12th May – Year 6 SATS week**

Thursday 22nd May – Class group photos
Friday 23rd May – FODS non-uniform day

**w/b 26th May – HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

w/b 16th June – Healthy Living Week
Tuesday 17th June – Festival of Voices – Dorchester Abbey for choir
Friday 20th June – 1:15pm Sports Afternoon

## Achievements Assembly

Well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly over the last few weeks.

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| **Ducklings** | Freddie Chapman, Max Tivendale |
| | Edward Townsend, India Blackwell |
| **Owls:** | Tobias Campbell, Poppy Urriza Rodriguez, Arthur Bosworth |
| | Jacob Mittell, Noah Reed |
| **Mandarins** | Poppy Neville, Tilly Townsend, Tilly Wootton |
| | Ben Wilton-Powell, Harley Emery Graves |
| **Eagles:** | Flora Bynorth, Jake Mobey |
| | Leah Terry-Jackson, Renee Rogers |
| **Robins:** | James Almgill, Dinis Pinto |
| | Ollie Wathes, Rafferty McDiarmid |
| **Kingfishers:** | Ben Buckard, Pear Chiddick |
| | Whole class for trip to Kingham |
| **Red Kites:** | Whole Class |
| | Francis Carlisle, Ted Wootton |

## Around the School

**Year 1** have had a busy start to the Summer term!
We had a brilliant time when we went to the Cricket Festival. We learnt lots of bowling, batting and fielding practise with Sports leaders who were very helpful at teaching us these new skills.

The children really enjoyed it and were full of enthusiasm for cricket when they returned to school!

In art this term, we are learning to use textiles to create art. We have been doing 'wool wrapping' around a shape and trying to wrap wool around it, without leaving any space! That is trickier than it sounds!

In maths, we have been learning about mass and measurement. It has meant that we have been busy with our weighing scales, trying to compare the mass of different objects.

Before the Easter holiday, we started some pumpkin seeds growing outdoors in our year 1 area because we wanted to see how they would grow outside in the Spring. After a bit of a wait, we are glad to say that they are sprouting! We are avidly watching them to see how they progress, before they find their way home with us!

This term, we have been reading a shared text and it has been fun reading aloud to each other. We have discussed the vocabulary that we have been meeting and have found out that we are very clever at working out the possible meaning of words from the clues in the pictures!

**Year 3**

In art, we have started our sculpture project and have been learning to create structures using rolling, folding and slotting techniques. No glue allowed!

In PE, we are working on athletics and this week focussed on developing throwing skills.

A highlight of this term so far has definitely been our computing lessons where we have been learning about databases. This week we have been creating Excel spreadsheets based on our own comparison cards and have been filtering the data.

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