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17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Governors

You should have all received voting papers for the parent governor elections. Please return the forms as directed to the school office by 10 am on Friday 24th October.

Under 11s Football Tournament

On a rather chilly afternoon in Carterton, our Year 5/6 children represented our school in the U11 football tournament. They were wonderful and demonstrated our school values of responsibility, teamwork and respect. Goal line clearances, incredible saves and multiple efforts hitting the woodwork meant that our Year 5 Boys' and Girls' teams drew the majority of games 0-0. Our Year 6 Boys' team were winners of their group, scoring a total of 5 goals across 4 games, without conceding! The final was against Bampton Primary and some exceptional goalkeeping caused the game to end 0-0. The boys shook hands and collectively celebrated winning the event.

International Week

We hope your children are looking forward to International week next week. Please see the attached letter detailing the countries that each phase will be visiting. In addition to the class study, children will have the opportunity to participate in **dancing workshops** and **visits from international students** at Burford school. Children will also take part in **art workshops** and a **cooking session** where they will create and taste food from one of the countries they are studying. We have also planned a super exciting **VR goggle workshop** where we explore our oceans!!

As some of the activities may be messy, **please could you send your child to school next week with a craft shirt/apron.**

Thank you to the PTA for subsidising the week. To help cover the cost of the workshops and food please can you make a donation of £5 on Parent Pay

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School Photos

Have you ordered your child's portrait school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 26th October 2025. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Parent Meetings

We will be holding our parent teacher meetings week beginning 10th November. Willow Class appointments will be on the 11th & 13th
Silver Birch Class appointments will be on the 12th & 13th
All other classes will be on the 11th & 12th

To make an appointment click the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch> click 'Find a Sign Up' and Enter office.3257@wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk into the email section and this should take you to Wychwood Parents Meetings. Please contact the office if you are having difficulties. For parents with children on the SEN register, teachers will be making arrangements to meet with you when we return from half term.

Please note that there will be **no after school clubs** on Tuesday and Wednesday due to the Parent Meetings and no football club Thursday and Friday. WASP continues to run as usual.

INSET Day

Just a reminder that we have an INSET Day on Monday 3rd November so children will start back after the half term break on Tuesday 4th November.

Secondary School Applications

Just a reminder that Secondary School Applications are open for Year 6 pupils. The deadline for applying for a Secondary School place is October 31st 2025. Here is a link to the online application form.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications>

PTA update

PTA fundraising update

We are delighted to share the fundraising totals for the events we've held so far this year:

- The disco raised £787.41 - and the kids had a great time!
- Our pop up cafe at Chastleton House raised £763.76 - thank you so much to all of our bakers, we had so many lovely compliments on our cake selection.

So, our total for the first 6 weeks of term is £1,551.17! Thank you so much for your support so far - we couldn't do it without you!

The first in-school event that the PTA is supporting with the money raised is International Week. The PTA is contributing £1,000 to the resources and events taking place. We hope the children will have a fantastic week.

Next up... Fireworks Night on Saturday 1st November - 2 weeks to go!

!!! URGENT !!! We are in real need of some volunteers - without you we cannot run this event, which is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thank you to all those who have signed up so far! If you can let us know as soon as possible if you're around that would be great. Please let us know what you can help with - whether it's setting up on Saturday afternoon, bringing a cake donation or helping to serve refreshments on the night - message Susie (07890 560379), email wychwoodprimarypta@gmail.com, or sign-up on the [Classlist event page](#). Just half an hour would make an amazing difference!

Thank you so much to everyone who's booked tickets already - [click here to get yours!](#)

We will also be selling via the school office and St Michael's Stores (cash only) from next week.

Plans are well underway for a lovely cosy evening with amazing hot food - BBQ and baked potatoes - hot drinks, cakes, glow toys, twinkly lights and fire pits, not to mention the Cricket Club bar! We look forward to seeing you there!

The PTA team

Dates for the Autumn Term

Date	Details	Who
20 th – 24 th October	International Week	All
27 th – 31 st October	Half Term	All

1 st November	Fireworks Night @ Shipton Cricket Club	All
3 rd November	INSET Day	All
11 th - 13 th November	Parent / Teacher Meetings	All
13 th November	Under 11s Hockey Tournament	Selected children
20 th November	PTA Wreath Making event	Parents
27 th November	Chipping Norton Pantomime	Year 1 & 2
4 th December	Reception Nativity (2.30pm)	Reception & Parents
11 th & 12 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity (2pm both days)	Year 1/2 & Parents
19 th December	Church Service at St Mary's, Shipton	Year 3/4 & Parents

Thank you for your continuing support.

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