

Dear families,

It was SO wonderful to see a full church this morning at our Harvest Assembly in St Peter's Church. Being able to join together as a whole school community to give thanks and share what we have with others was really lovely. We are grateful to FOSPS volunteers and Jenny Insch, Churchwarden, for supporting us.

Thankyou to all the families who were able to join us. The Harvest table was laden with offerings which will be given to Carterton Community Foodbank. We were very proud of all the pupils who sang, read and listened beautifully.



DATES COMING UP

(parents are welcome at events in italic bold)

- 16th Oct U11 Girls and boys football—selected pupils
- 16th /17th/ 18th Oct **Parent Teacher Meetings**
- 18th Oct Y6 Junior Citizen visit
- 20th Oct **INSET day-no children in school**
- 30th Oct **Start of Term 2**
KS2 Remembrance Day
Art Workshop
- 31st Oct U9 girls and boys football—selected pupils



HARVEST TIME—TAKE TWO!

Church and school are also welcoming families on Sunday 15th October at 10.30am for a Harvest Church Service. This service will be led by Rev. Margot Hodson and any school pupils attending will have an opportunity to take part.

Straight afterwards, there will be a community litter pick, organised by Alvescot Parish Council and there are refreshments at the end for hardworking litter pickers!



SPORTS LEADERS Well done to all the Y5 pupils who worked alongside Rachel and Sue from Burford School to develop ideas for leading games with younger pupils using little equipment. They were praised for their excellent behaviour and listening skills and have enjoyed setting up some games today at lunchtime for younger pupils. Y6 also had an opportunity to further develop their skills. We will be planning in Sports Leader play sessions next term.



SCHOOL REMINDERS

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

All appointments are now booked. We ask for parent co-operation in being punctual to appointments and sticking to the ten minute allocations.

Mr Curtis will be meeting parents in the headteacher's office. Books will be available for all classes to browse before your appointment. Please only look at your own child's books. Thankyou for your support.

THANKYOU for the excellent response to the Christmas card orders organised by FOSPs. These have now been sent off.

Teams4U Christmas Shoebox Appeal



The Teams4U Shoebox Appeal has run a nationwide appeal every year for almost 30 years to provide Christmas gifts to vulnerable children and families. They are distributed through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages and this year your shoeboxes will be heading to Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania.

The Methodist Church in Witney, which is our local Shoebox hub, have kindly gifted us 70 wrapped shoeboxes, which will be available on Thursday 19th Oct for you take home. Alternatively, you can use your own shoebox, wrapped in Christmas paper. Your shoebox can then be returned to school by Friday 3 November to start their onwards journey.

You can fill your shoebox with simple affordable small toys and gifts (pre loved toys in good, clean condition are perfect so a good chance to sort out toy boxes over half term!), a cuddly toy, basic toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, flannel/sponge), a hat/scarf/gloves (again pre loved are great - most of the recipient countries have very harsh winters), some sweets, as well as crayons or pencils and paper. Even a hand made drawing or card to wish them a Merry Christmas. You can fill a box for a boy or girl, and for various age ranges.

[The Teams4U website](#) has lots more information. Please note: No war related items such as toy guns. Thanks to Kerry Lane for organising.

We hope to see on you on Sunday,

Diana

WHAT HAS MY CHILD BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

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| Cygnus | We have been learning 'g' and 'o' and tricky word 'go' An autumnal walk in the woods, collecting natures treasures! Leaf threading and conker marble painting . |
| Tucana | We have been reading "What the Ladybird Heard". We made our own ladybirds focussing on an even number of dots and the symmetrical patterns we could make. Then we went on a wildlife walk to look for ladybirds and made habitats for them. |
| Phoenix | We have been rounding and adding multiples, continuing to learn about digestion and finding out all about the artefacts buried at the Sutton Hoo ship burial. |
| Pegasus | We have been writing diary entries from the perspective of a slave in 1783, rounding decimals and preparing for our Harvest service. |



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY BADMINTON TRIALS

Radley College Sports
Centre Radley
SATURDAY 14TH
OCTOBER 2023
1-4pm!

All levels welcome
- both community
and county places
offered!

See age group
timings & book
now:
<https://bookwhen.com/nb-trials>

[HTTPS://NATIONALBADMINTON.ORG.UK/](https://nationalbadminton.org.uk/)



Join us for an Alvescot community **Litter Pick**

Followed by yummy refreshments



October 15th

Meet us by the church after the 10.30am
Community Harvest Service (~ 11.30am)

In collaboration with Alvescot Parish Council, Great &
Small & St Peter's School

Litter picks, gloves and bin bags will be available.



St Peter's
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Donations to Parish Council on entry.
Proceeds from refreshments will go to church funds.

ALVESCOT FIREWORKS



FOOD & FUN

BONFIRE • MULLED WINE • SOFT DRINKS •
HOTDOGS • BROWNIES • FLAPJACKS



From 6PM NOVEMBER 5th
PLAYING FIELD