

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

Today in Collective Worship we said a sad goodbye to a long-term friend of the school Laura Riberzani.

Laura has provided us with Educational Psychologist Support for many years and has worked with children and adults across the school. We have really valued Laura's wisdom and compassion and will definitely miss her professional knowledge, as well as her capacity to encourage.

During our time together we also enjoyed listening to some children playing musical instruments. I took the opportunity to ask which of our Values you need to learn an instrument.



And that question prompted us to think more widely about our Values and how important they are to us as a community. When talking after Collective Worship, Laura reflected with me on how over the years she has worked with us, she has seen the positive impact of our Values.

For Christians, our Values are part of faith, they are drawn from the teachings of Jesus and explored within the Bible. However, even if you hold a different faith, or no faith at all, our school Values make sense as a way to live. They help us to treat each other well, to care for each other and to build a strong and welcoming community.

Our Bible passage was a familiar one from Numbers chapter 6, we read it together –

‘The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.’

We enjoyed coming in and out of Collective Worship listening to [children singing the blessing](#) taken from this verse.

Values Awards

Congratulations to all our Values Award winners this week. It was wonderful to celebrate them in Collective Worship.



Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed our annual parent survey – we really appreciated your feedback. Thank you for your kind comments

Over the holidays we will be further analysing all your comments and using them to further develop and refine our practice.

We would however like to share some of the headlines with you.

All but one parent would recommend the school to others.

97% of parents say their child is well looked after.

96% of parents say their child is happy in school.

93% of parents say their children enjoy their learning.

93% of parents say their children are flourishing in school.

News from Around the School

This week our children in Year 6 performed 'The Greatest Show' to the school, to their parents and their friends. The children were fabulous! They sang and performed with enthusiasm and joy, and they worked together to encourage each other and put on an amazing performance.





News from Out and About

Our children in Year 3 enjoyed visiting Witney Museum – they learned a lot and had a great time!



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During June, a team of children from Year 6 played cricket against other local schools. It was a wonderful day of cricket at the end of which The Blake Team were the winners! The team were rightly pleased with the result and enjoyed raising the trophy.



More News from Around the School

Our Year 1 children learned all about a Christian wedding this week, enjoying celebrating with their families at St Mary's Cogges. The wedding breakfast back at school was full of fun and dancing! It was a day to remember!





Important reminders

Please don't forget that school breaks up for the summer on Friday next week (17th July 2026) at 1:30pm. There will be no ABC provision after school on that day.

All children will be back in school on Thursday 3rd September at 8:40am.

Loving, learning and flourishing in community