



Pre-Prep News - Friday 11 June

From Mrs Ross

We are delighted that our After School Club has returned and that we are now able to offer a cooked supper in the Dining Hall.



After School Club

After School Club is available Monday-Friday until 1800 for every year group. It is staffed by Mrs Anderson and a member of the Pre-Prep team. Activities include Lego, construction, reading, drawing, outdoor play. Sessions can be booked as regular slots or on a daily basis.

- Session 1 Pick up at 1630 - free
- Session 2 Pick up at 1700 - charged £2.50
- Session 3 Pick up at 1800 - charged £10.00 (includes supper at 1700)

Pick up takes place at the Back Gate leading on to College Street.

If you are delayed, please phone the Front Office before 1800

01962 854189

After School pick-ups

Thank you so much for your patience and support this week as we have eased into the new end of day arrangements for our Pre-Prep boys and parents! The use of the back gate and Deanery gate has caused confusion and for this I apologise sincerely. I understand that some parents have struggled with accessing the Deanery Garden if they are parked on College Lane or Wharf Hill and the decision to walk the boys to the back gate for pick-up was taken to solve this issue. However, if the Deanery Garden access is easier for you, please do continue to use it and let your son's class teacher know that you would prefer to collect from this point from After School Club or Commoners. Thank you for your continued support.

Swimming has resumed for Year 1 and 2 boys in the Puddle, with the wonderful support of Mr Short and his coaching team, who are assisted by the Pre-Prep staff.

The weather has been kind to us and both sessions have been enjoyed by all involved!



Year 1

Year 1 have continued to delve into the world of Knights and Castles. On the last day of last half term, the boys enjoyed exploring a real castle right on our doorstep! At Wolvesey Castle, they were amazed to learn that the playing field on which they now play cricket, was once a bustling Bailey!

The boys were excited to see their learning from class "in real life" and eagerly discussed the buildings and people that might have been going about their business on our playing field. Inside the castle walls, the boys enjoyed exploring the great halls, learning about the first plumbing systems, and seeing part of the original chapel. All the boys showed great appreciation for this amazing piece of history that we have access to, just a short walk from our classroom.

Mrs James



EYFS News

In Reception, it has been a busy week of learning about the *World Around Us*, in particular oceans, along with consolidation of life cycles. The boys have shown an abundance of creativity and imagination with wonderful paintings of sea creatures. Our very own zoo has popped up in our garden with the big cats placed in secure enclosures, lizards basking in the sun, and bees pollinating flowers along the hedgerow.

They have been counting down the days to Art and Craft Club, which according to one, *'is the best thing ever!'*

Mrs Kent



Isaac hard at work building 'Heathrow Airport'



Forest School

Following on from our last Forest School lesson, we focused on butterflies this week. The boys looked at the features of a butterfly as well as their beautiful patterns. Working in pairs the boys collected a wonderful range of natural items and set about creating a new species of butterflies.

Year 1 focused on flowers this week. The boys played a game that helped them understand how a flower is pollinated as well as the life cycle of a flower. Everyone was keen to have a go at being the bee! Following on from this the boys carefully dissected a flower and as a class learned the names of the various parts of the flower.

Using sorting hoops, Year 2 explored how to sort and classify natural items by focusing on similarities and differences. The boys were encouraged to collect as many natural items as they could and were then encouraged to sort them using the given criteria. They were then asked to come up with their own way to sort the objects and the class tried to guess what the criteria was.

Mrs Walker



Pre-Prep Notices

Pilgrims' Shell awards to:

Year 2—Rio C for his patient and supportive partner work, and Augustin H for his attentive and focused learning behaviour.

Year 1—George B for diligence and perseverance in all lessons, especially Literacy and Maths.

Reception— Teddy W for doing his best, in particular in Read Write Inc.

Key Dates:

Thursday 1 July	14:00—15:30	Pre-Prep Sports Day
Friday 2 July	19:00	Meet the Teacher evening for Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 parents
	Time tbc	Art Exhibition
Wednesday 7 July	Time tbc	Pre-Prep Leavers' Assembly and end of term
Thursday 9 September		Term begins