



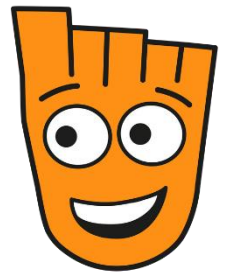
Ox Close Federation Newsletter Friday 10th May 2024 – Volume 28

Good Luck Year 6

Next week, Year 6 children at Ox Close and across the country will be completing their Key Stage 2 SATs. We are really proud of the children and would like to wish them good luck. We know that the children have worked hard, along with the staff who have supported them fantastically. The hard work will pay off and we hope that the children enjoy completing this week's homework - relax and have a completely stress-free weekend, with plenty of rest!

Walk to School Month – Exciting Visitor at Jubilee Park Run on Saturday 11th May

Every weekend, a group of volunteers hold a very successful Park Run at Jubilee Park. To celebrate Walk to School Month, this weekend they will have an extra special visitor, Strider. Strider is the mascot for a national company Living Streets. The company aim is to promote walking as the natural choice for everyday journeys and to improve the environment for walking and active travel and to promote walking as a great way to live a healthier and happier life. Pop along on Saturday to meet Strider and take part with family in the run – we would love to see your photos on SeeSaw.



Bike to School Week – 10th – 16th June

During the week of 10th -16th June, it is National Bike Week. As part of this initiative, we would like to invite all children to come to school on their bikes as often as they can during this week.

Children's bikes can be kept safely at school in the following places:

- Reception: on the grass at the left hand side, near the pedestrian gate they enter and exit through.
- Year 1 and 2: in the bike sheds at the Main Entrance.
- Year 3 - 6: behind the car park gates on the right-hand side.

Staff will be on hand to help children find where to store their bikes. I would ask that you put your child's name somewhere on their bike as there will be other children who have the exact same bike. Remember that children should be wearing a helmet when riding and we would ask that you keep hold of this after they get to school and bring it back for them at the end of the day, as there won't be a lot of space to store them within school.

Pizza Party – Thursday 16th May

We will be holding a Pizza Party for lunch on Thursday 16th May 2024. Children will be able to try 4 different flavours of Pizza served with chips and beans and Sprinkle Cake for pudding.

- **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** - There is no need to book! We will book for all the children in these year groups. If your child does not like Pizza please let the school office know as we can choose the option of Jacket Potato or Sandwich or we are happy for you to send a packed lunch into school.
- **Year 3, 4, 5 and 6** - If you would like to order this for your child please log onto Arbor and choose either the Beef Bolognese or Cheese and Onion Pasty option. There will also be the option of Jacket Potato or a Sandwich if your child does not like Pizza. If your child does not want to order a meal on this day, we are happy for you to send a packed lunch in.

If you have any issues with making the bookings please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

Reception	Harry A	Year 4	Darcey W
Year 1	Holly B	Year 5	Jake E
Year 2	Frankie M	Year 6	Adam O
Year 3	Tom D		

Attendance

Overall attendance for the week is 95.2% and the Year Group with the highest attendance is Year 2 with 98%. The overall school attendance for the academic year is 95.1%.

Punctuality

The Primary starts at 8:45am, with the gates opening from the new time of **8:35am**. Please ensure that your child is at school on time so that they do not miss out on any learning. This week, we have had 210 late minutes – much lower than normal, well done everyone.



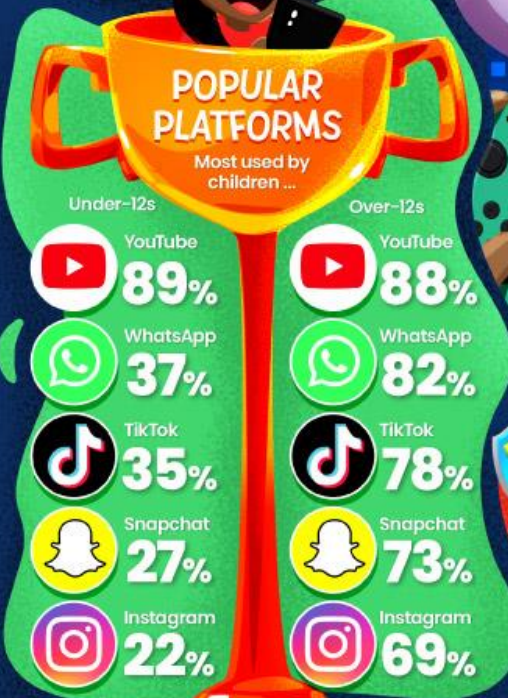
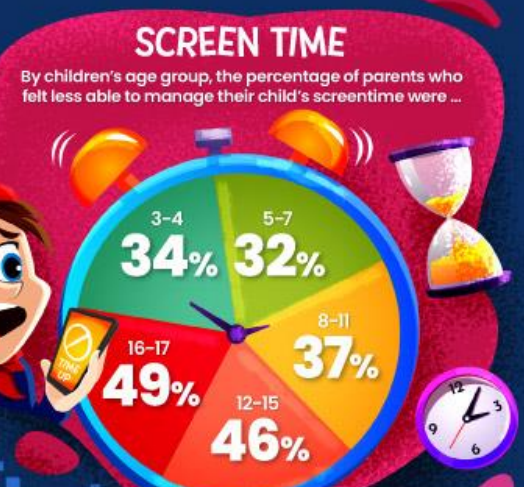
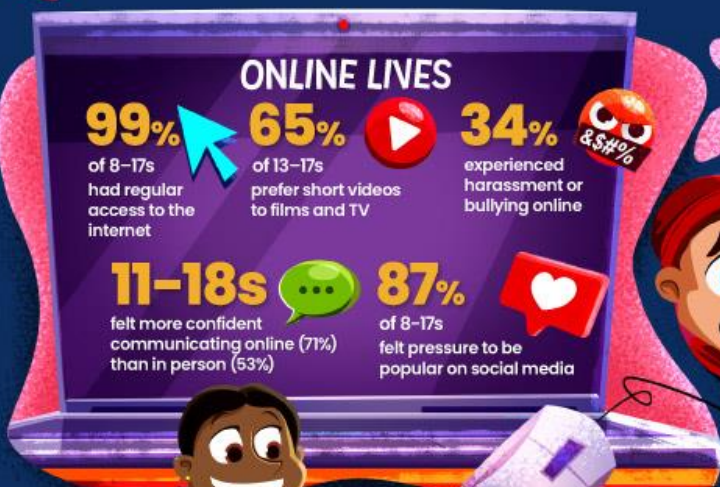
Dates for the Diary

13 th – 16 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Friday 17 th May	Wear Green for Mental Health Day
Tuesday 21 st May	Year 6 Visit to Life Centre in Newcastle
Thursday 23 rd May	Nursery – Butterflies Stay and Play
Thursday 23 rd May and Friday 24 th May	Year 3/4 Captain Chemistry Workshops
Friday 24 th May	3:15pm – Close for Half Term Break
Monday 3 rd June	8:35am – Children return to Nursery and School
Tuesday 4 th June	Year 5 Visit to Life Centre in Newcastle
3 rd – 14 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
10 th – 14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 13 th June	Year 1/2 Zoo Lab Workshops
Friday 14 th June	Nursery Graduation Photos
Monday 24 th June	Reception Visit to Auckland Castle Project
Thursday 27 th June	OX FEST
Friday 28 th June	Federation Closed – PD Day
Thursday 11 th July	Year 3/4 Visit to Theatre
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 Celebration Trip
Wednesday 17 th July	10am and 2pm – Nursery Graduation and Celebration
Thursday 18 th July	9:30am – Year 6 Celebration Assembly
Friday 19 th July	2:15pm – Year 6 Guard of Honour
Friday 19 th July	3:15pm – Ox Close Federation Closes
Monday 9 th September	Springmoor Grange School opens to children

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom - the UK's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024

Our week in 1/2J



We have been making the most of the beautiful weather this week! As part of our Science topic, we visited the school garden and labelled the parts of plants that we could see.

We also completed an investigation into the best growing conditions for cress seeds. The results were very interesting!



Our Maths topic this week is 'capacity and volume'. We have been measuring capacity using water and other units.