



PARENT BULLETIN | 16TH JANUARY 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

CLASS UPDATE

Zayid Class

This week, Vache Baroque visited the school. Students in Zayid class were enthralled by their interactive performance. Students enjoyed the group's musical instruments and vocals. This visit ties in perfectly with the Creative Arts curriculum Zayid class has been exploring this term. Students in Zayid class have been studying artist Andy Goldsworthy and enjoying creating sculptures out of natural objects they have found like leaves, and creating musical soundscapes using recorded sounds of nature.



World Braille day

Last week, our students joined the global celebration of World Braille Day with a wonderfully sensory twist! As part of their weekly assemblies, students explored textured stories, feeling the narrative come to life through touch.

They experimented with oversized textured letters, discovering the shapes and patterns that make Braille such a powerful tool for communication. To top it off, students worked together to create "combined poetry," blending words, rhythm, and tactile elements to craft poems you can feel as well as hear. A joyful, creative celebration of accessibility, literacy, and the many ways we can share stories! Also, one of the classes explored a poem written by Helen Keller (a class namesake) to Louis Braille – click [here](#) to view and read the full poem.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a really busy week here at Stocklake with all kinds of exciting activities going on. Last Friday it was World Braille Day and our students were engaged in all kinds of Braille activities over the course of the day, including a special Braille assembly.

On Tuesday of this week Maisie from Wonder class put together a great interactive experience based around Ice Hockey with the team from MK Lightning giving us a helping hand. Children dressed up as ice hockey players, they had a chance to use a special hockey stick to move a 'puck' around and there were a raft of sensory tuff trays set up to simulate ice and encourage the students to get interactive with ice hockey related objects. Well done to Maisie for organising a great success and thanks to the MK Lightning for giving up their time.

On Wednesday we had a group from 'Vache Baroque' come and do some work with us – you'll see within this newsletter what they were up to, but it was truly emotive seeing the responses from the students and how they interacted with the music. The visitors were incredibly sensitive to our students' needs which made the activity really accessible to our young people. I am writing this before they visit again on Friday (today) and I know they will be very well received once again. We are speaking to them to see if we can have them in more regularly!

We have also had a busy week with staff training – we have run a behaviour workshop, Evidence for Learning and AAC support sessions.

Please do keep an eye on the calendar within these pages to be aware of other events we have coming up.

Finally, a reminder that Rhonda is not in school at the moment, and if you have any queries that you'd normally direct to her, please do contact myself, Salma or Hannah directly.

Best wishes

Bradley





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VACHE BAROQUE IN FULL

The History of Sound

This week, students took part in an engaging workshop from Vache Baroque exploring The History of Sound. The session captivated students from start to finish, offering a highly interactive and enriching experience. Students explored how sound is created and used in music, linking closely to our current work on phonics and sound discrimination, helping to strengthen listening and auditory processing skills.

The workshop created moments of real connection—one member of staff was even moved to tears by the joy and engagement shown by our students. The visit also provided valuable cultural and creative learning opportunities, allowing students to engage with instruments, feel vibrations, and explore rhythm in a multisensory way. As part of our careers education, this experience supported Gatsby Benchmarks 4 and 5, giving students meaningful encounters with performers and insight into roles within the arts and creative industries.

We extend our thanks to Vache Baroque for delivering such a memorable and inspiring session for our students.



OXFORD BROOKES SCIENCE BAZAAR

The Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar will be held on **Saturday 21st February, 9:30am–4:00pm**, at our Headington Campus (OX3 0BP). The event is designed to inspire curiosity and excitement around science through hands-on, interactive activities, and is most suitable for children aged 5–12, though all ages are welcome. With over 70 drop-in activities, families can explore science together in a relaxed and engaging environment. On the day, visitors can enjoy:

- **Hands-on science activities from scientists, researchers, and students.**
- **Live science shows also live demonstrations throughout the day.**
- **Interactive workshops with a variety of topics such as; psychology, nutrition and medicine, engineering and also robotics, as well as coding and more.**
- **STEM games and also some challenges, with prizes to be won.**

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The Science Bazaar is a great opportunity for children to experience science outside the classroom, ask questions, and see how science connects to everyday life and future careers.

Event details

- **Date:** Saturday 21st February 2026
- **Time:** 9:30am–4:00pm
- **Location:** Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, OX3 0BP
- **Cost:** Free
- **Booking required:** [[booking link](#)]. [Here](#) is the link to our event video. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch at sciencebazaar@brookes.ac.uk

SIGN OF THE WEEK

Core Word

I/me/my	I/me/my	I	me	my
The sign I can be used for me and my.				



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CALENDAR



Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th January

RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

Monday 2nd – Sunday 8th February

National Storytelling Week

Tuesday 10th February

Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February

Chinese New Year Activities

(Chinese New Year – 17th February)

Friday 13th February

Last day of half term

****Half Term Break: 16th to 20th February****

Monday 23rd February

Students return to school

Tuesday 2nd – Saturday 7th March

National Careers Week

Wednesday 4th March

Holi

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Wednesday 11th March

Parents' Evening

Friday 13th March

Comic Relief

Monday 16th March

Sign Language Week

Tuesday 17th March

St Patrick's Day

Monday 23rd – Sunday 29th March

Shakespeare Week

Friday 27th March

Last day of Term

****Easter Break: 30th March to 10th April****

Monday 13th April

INSET DAY

Tuesday 14th April

Students return to school

USEFUL INFORMATION



Free Youth and Children's Courses

Our free online and in-person courses help children and young people understand and manage their emotions better, so they can handle life's changes more easily.

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WELLBEING MATTERS (7-11 YEAR OLDS)

- Helps children develop emotional awareness through using the Five Ways to Wellbeing in a creative way.
- Introduces practical tools to help build emotional resilience.

HOW TO COPE WITH STRESS, ANXIETY AND LOW MOOD (11-19 YEAR OLDS (UP TO 25 WITH SEND))

- Introduces creative strategies to feel better and to deal with setbacks.
- Helps young people plan for a brighter future.

HOW TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM (11-19 YEAR OLDS (UP TO 25 WITH SEND))

- Explore ways to increase confidence and self-esteem.
- How to deal with peer pressure and setbacks.
- Explores how the online world affects self-esteem.

MOVING UP TO SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YEAR 6'S

- Explores what to expect at secondary school.
- Learn skills to make friends, deal with peer pressure and address any worries about the move.
- Practical tips about getting organised.

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Enjoy a walk in beautiful scenery and plant snowdrops in support of Child Bereavement UK, then join us for refreshments in West Wycombe village hall.

West Wycombe Park, Bucks

Sunday 1 February 2026 10:30am - 4pm

Last entry at 3:30pm
Only assistance dogs permitted

Advance tickets purchased from our website:
£5 adults, concessions £3 (under 2s free)

Tickets purchased on the gate:
£7 adults, concessions £5 (under 2s free)



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*Do you have any
unwanted Christmas gifts?*

Did you receive any well-meant but unwanted Christmas presents?

We're already planning ahead for our next Christmas Fayre!

Please consider donating any new/unused gifts, bottles or chocolates (with long expiry dates) for us to use by sending them into school.

Every donation helps us turn it into valuable funds to support activities, resources and opportunities for the children at our schools.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor, Principal

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