

PE- Children to come into school in their school PE kit on:

- **Wednesday** (Cricket with West Berkshire Cricket)
- **Thursday** (Tag Rugby with MNR)

Homework & how to help at home

- **Reading** - Listen to your child every day and sign their reading record to show that you have read together.
- **Maths** - Your child will be given homework linked to learning in class. Please encourage them to practise the times tables set on **Times Tables Rock Stars** and to memorise the number facts outlined in the **KIRFs** document to support their progress.
- **Spelling Homework** - Each week, your child will receive spellings and practice activities. Please support them in completing these at home.
- **Homework Schedule** - Homework will be given out on **Friday** and should be handed back in on **Friday**.

Enrichment- special days, trips and visitor

Candlemass
Church Service



04.02.2026

NSPCC
Numbers Day



06.02.2026

NSPCC
Numbers Day



17.02.2026

Lunar
New Year

Shrove
Tuesday



17.02.2026

Children's
Mental Health



9-15.02.2026

Our Christian Values in the Bible

- David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)
- Moses and the Burning Bush (Exodus 3:1-15)
- Daniel in the Lion's Den (Book of Daniel, chapter 6)

Owls Class Blog link

<https://www.csfschools.org/learning/classes/>

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'Living life in all its fullness'

Owls - Year 3 and Year 4

TERM 3

January 5th – February 13th

2026



This term's Christian value

Courage



This term we will be learning to...

Reading: Our Class Novel this term is Felicity Fire and The Forever Key written by Leon Mitchell.

We will also

- Read a variety of books and texts that are structured in different ways
- Read for a range of purposes, and ask questions to improve understanding
- Discuss their understanding and explore the meaning of words in context
- Make comparisons within and across books
- Make predictions, answer retrieval and inference questions

English Writing

Text Based Unit: The Secret Diary of Thomas Snop by Philip Ardagh

This term, pupils will engage in the following writing opportunities:

- **Character Description**
Pupils will explore vocabulary and analyse characters before writing a character description of Thomas Snop.
- **Diary Entry**
Pupils will write a diary entry in role, focusing on first person writing and expressing thoughts and feelings.
- **Grammar Focus**

Grammar will be taught in context. Key focuses include: Using inverted commas for direct speech, writing in the first person, using fronted adverbials & apostrophes for possession

Maths

Multiplication and Division

Pupils will use efficient strategies to multiply and divide, solve problems, and develop secure number understanding.

Length and Perimeter

Pupils will measure, convert, and calculate length and perimeter accurately.

Fractions

Pupils will compare, order, and explore fractions, including equivalent, mixed, and improper fractions.

Also see the attached Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)

Religious Education (RE)

Key Question: 'Does art help with understanding stories?'

- Pupils will explore how artists depict Holy Week, using art to express belief, symbolism, and meaning.
- They will reflect on different representations, recognise Christianity as a worldwide religion, and share their personal responses

Science - States of Matter

Pupils explore and compare solids, liquids, and gases and observe how materials change state through heating and cooling.

Investigations will include:

- Exploring the properties of liquids through practical activities
- Using thermometers to measure temperature accurately
- Investigating changes of state through heating and cooling
- Carrying out fair tests linked to evaporation
- Exploring the water cycle and changes of state in the natural world

➤ Key vocabulary

solid, liquid, gas, melting, freezing, evaporation, condensation, temperature, water cycle

Topic - History Tudors

This term, pupils will learn about the Tudor period, key events and individuals. They will explore who the Tudors were, investigate life during the reign of Elizabeth I, and study significant historical events such as the sinking of the Mary Rose. Pupils will also learn about influential figures, including Jack of Newbury, and explore historical artefacts to deepen their understanding of the past.

➤ Key vocabulary

Tudor, monarch, king, queen, reign, Elizabeth I, Henry VIII, Mary Rose, artefact, exploration

Computing - Effective Searching

Pupils will learn how to search effectively online, refine results, understand how information is ranked, and evaluate the reliability and trustworthiness of online content.

Art - Portraits Sketching with pencils

Pupils will develop pencil sketching skills through portrait drawing, focusing on shading, detail, and accurate facial features. They will study the work of Hans Holbein and apply his techniques to create detailed and expressive portraits.

PSHE Jigsaw - Dreams and Goals

Pupils will explore their aspirations, learn how to set & work towards achievable goals, understand the emotions linked to success, challenge and perseverance.

Music - Junior Music Festival

Pupils will participate in the Junior Music Festival *Making Waves*, developing singing, performance, and teamwork skills.

MFL (Modern Foreign Language) French

Pupils will explore France's place in Europe, learning key geographical and cultural facts using simple French vocabulary.