

— Spring 1 2025 —

# Newsletter

*A newsletter contributed to by the staff and children of  
Witchampton and Pamphill First Schools*



*Aviation museum visited by our Reception classes.*

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## **Message from Mrs Staddon**

Dear Families,

I hope our third newsletter finds you fit and healthy. We are well into 2025 now and continuing to work hard improving learning outcomes for the children and offering them a wide range of enrichment experiences. It is around this time of year that our youngest children come into their own. It has been a privilege to hear the children reading and see their wonderfully formed writing, many writing sentences with relative ease. Thank you to the teachers and to you for all the relentless practice, which makes this progress happen.

Two very cold days didn't seem to deter them when visiting the Aviation museum or when looking at a range of vehicles. Everyone was keen to be in the cockpit or driving seat! We continue to focus on rigorous practice of the phonic sounds and multiplication times tables. Both are massive cornerstones to future learning and if they can be nailed now it will set your children up. If you don't know how to support your child at home with these, then please discuss with your child's teacher.

# Message from Mrs Staddon

You will be aware that we are working on Relational Practice and I sent out some links for training webinars which I'm delighted some of you have accessed. I am very aware that there is a long wait for some services currently, and it can be hard to access reliable information when you most want it. I will continue to share links with you this term. We also have the opportunity to access a different range of information for parents and teachers. This would be a commitment for a year and you would be able to access it as often as you wanted. We will send out a short questionnaire to gauge interest before further action so please watch this space.

I shared with you my intentions to develop the outdoor areas and increase the outdoor learning experiences for all ages. I'm delighted to say that we have just negotiated a plan with 'The Fresh Air Club' where there will be regular opportunities for all children in school to get outside and learn life skills. We are still working on a timetable but we do know that this will take place on a Wednesday. It is likely to be for a half term for each class. We will let you know as soon as we have worked it out, but I wanted to give you the heads up in case you were having a sort out over the break. The children will need outdoor waterproof clothing and wellies.

We are continuing to work on an improved, extended offer of Wraparound care. Several roles have been advertised and interviews will take place next term. We are setting this up so that childcare vouchers can be used.

We are also working closely with Foundation Sports to set up a holiday club, breakfast and after school provision, which would be open to a wider range of schools.

Wishing you all a very happy half term break whatever you are planning. Spring is a reminder that even after the longest winter, new life and fresh beginnings are always possible

On our return to school, we look forward to some exciting trips. Following great excitement at Hayeswood and Colehill, we have booked Gladiator 'Steel' for a visit to Witchampton and Pamphill in September!

As we enter the second half of the spring term, let's look forward to new learning, new adventures, and new achievements.

Mrs Staddon

# School Improvement Plan 2024-5

Mrs Staddon

Each school has a school improvement plan, usually for the year, which helps to drive improvement and is a focus for our training and use of resources. We have three overall areas that we are working on:

- Communication
- Curriculum
- Collaboration

Within these general areas we have broken down our key areas to focus on term by term.

Currently, our key focus areas are:

- Systems and procedures
- Behaviour
- Quality first teaching

Our INSET days and staff meetings reflect these.

We have been working across the schools in the Trust with Bob from the Science Enthuse Project and this is upskilling staff on working scientifically with children. This is an ongoing project which continues until the end of the year.

We will continue to improve and hone our teaching skills. This too, has been ongoing and will continue. There is always room for improvement!



**Our school community will have a clear understanding of the key learning with high expectations for all.**

