



NEWSLETTER

9th June 2025



The children have settled back into school well for the last part of this academic year.

Thank you for the fantastic turn out at our sports days and family picnic. It was brilliant to see so many people cheering on the children. Sportsmanship is really encouraged at DPA and seeing the children cheer on their peers and help each other, whilst expected, was incredibly pleasing to see.

PHONICS CHECK YEAR 1

Children in year 1 (and some in Year 2) will be taking part in the annual phonics check next week. This is part of our usual classroom practice. The check is designed to assess your child's reading skills.

How is the check administered?

The check is completed on a 1:1 basis with a teacher. It usually takes between 5-10 minutes for each child to complete but there is no time limit.

What does the check consist of?

The test is designed to assess your child's reading skills. They are given 40 words - 20 real words and 20 pseudo-words. The pseudo words are included because your child will be able to use their phonic knowledge and decoding skills in order to read any word they come across as they progress.

What is the expectation?

For the last few years, the expected standard for the screening check has been set at 32/40 correctly decoded words. However this pass mark can change. If your child does not meet the expected standard we will, of course, continue to support them in their reading journey.

MULTIPLICATION CHECK

Children within Year 4 will all be doing an online multiplication check. They have to answer 25 multiplication questions.

The next two weeks	
9 th June	Community Day
10 th June	New Reception children welcome meeting 2pm
11 th June	Acorn class trip to Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre
11 th June	Forest School - Maple Class
13 th June	Swift Course
16 th June	
17 th June	
18 th June	
19 th June	Family links course Swimming Gala
20 th June	Year 4 Ashmolean trip Dorchester Festival of Voices

PLATINUM SPORTS AWARD

We were delighted to be awarded the Platinum School Games award, having consistently achieved the Gold award over the last few years. Very few schools achieve this accreditation and it is all down to Mr Hyde's dedication to providing DPA with a rich sports curriculum.



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2025 Summer 2

When	Who	What...
2nd June	Whole school	INSET DAY school closed to children
3 rd June	Parent/care rs of children going to St Birinus and DGS	Parent information morning - to be held at DPA 9am
3rd - 13th June	Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check (National test)
6th June	Year 3	Chedworth Roman Villa
10 th June	parents of children due to start Reception in September 2025	New starters information meeting 2pm
9th June - 13th June	Year 1 (and some Year 2)	Phonics Screening (national check)
9 th June	whole school	community day
11th June	Pre-school	Trip to Sutton Courtney
13 th June	parents	Swift course 9 - 10:30am
19th June	Selected team	Swimming gala
20th June	Selected Year 5 and 6 choir members	Dorchester Festival of Voices
20 th June	Year 4	Ashmolean Museum trip
25th June	Year 6	London Theatre trip - The Lion King
26 th June	Year 5 selected team	Year 5 rounders tournament

2025 Summer 2

When	Who	What...
30th June	parents of children with SEND	Learning Plan reviews this week these will be held, where possible, with current teacher and the class teacher for next academic year.
1 st July	Parent/carers Year 3 children	Violin Assembly at 10:30am (please note change of time)
4th July	Year 2	Hengistbury Head
7 th July	parent/carers of Year 5 children	Ukulele assembly at 230pm
8th and 9th July	Year 6	Transition days at Aureus School, Didcot Girls School and St Birinus
8th and 9th July	Reception to Year 5	New class days moving into their new classrooms and an opportunity to meet their new teaching teams.
10th July	Year 5 and 6	Skateboarding Workshop
15 th July	parent/carers of children in Years 3-6	Summer concert 9:30am amphitheatre (weather permitting)
15th July	Year 6	Year 6 party 3 - 5:30pm
15 th July	parent/carers of children in Pre-school - Acorn Class	End of Year Assembly at 2:30pm (please note change of date to the 15 th due to number of events!)
16 th July	parent/carers of children in Rocksteady	End of term concert at 10:30am and 2:30pm
17th July	Year 6	Year 6 performance 2:30pm and 6pm
18th July	Acorn Class	No pre-school session
18th July	Year 6	Last Assembly and presentation to parents 10:15am to be held in the amphitheatre, weather permitting. School will close at 12 noon. Gates will open at 11:50am

2025 Autumn Term

When	Who	What...
3rd September	Years 1-6	Term starts - Welcome to a new school year
3rd September	Reception	half day transition 8:40 - 11:10. or 1 -3:30pm
3rd - 5 September	Pre -school	Pre school meetings
4th September	Reception	half day transition 8:40 - 11:10. or 1- 3:30pm
5th September	Reception	Reception children in full time
8th September	Pre school	Pre school sessions will start
10th September	Year 5 and 6 parents	Aureus School presentation at DPA - chance to ask questions and find out more about the school. 3:30pm in the hall
15th -19th September	Year 6	Year 6 Residential
22nd September- 3rd October	Year 6	Bikeability
23rd September	Year 4	River and Rowing Museum
10th October	Whole school	School closed to children - Inset Day

Term Dates for School Year September 2025 - 2026

Autumn 1	3rd September - 24th October (INSET DAYS 1st and 2nd September, 10th October school closed to children) <i>Reception children will have half days on the 3rd and 4th September 2025 and then start full time on Friday 5th September.</i> Pre school sessions will start on Monday 8th September.
Autumn 2	3rd November - 18th December 2025
Spring 1	6th January - 13th February 2026
Spring 2	23rd February - 27th March
Summer 1	13th April - 22nd May
Summer 2	1st June - 17th July 2026 (Inset day 12th June) There will be no pre-school sessions on 17th July

Term Dates for School Year September 2024-25 (The CURRENT academic Year)

Autumn 1	Wednesday 4th September 2024 - 25th October 2024 (Inset days 2nd and 3rd September and 11th October).
Autumn 2	4th November - 19th December at 12 noon (gates open at 11:50am) No pre-school sessions (Acorn Class) on 19th December.
Spring 1	6th January - 14th February 2025
Spring 2	24th February 2025 - 4th April at 12 noon (gates open at 11:50am) No pre-school sessions (Acorn Class) on 18th July
Summer 1	22nd April (Tuesday) - 23rd May
Summer 2	3rd June (Tuesday) - 18th July at 12 noon No pre school sessions (Acorn Class) on 18th July