



# NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> May 2025



We have almost reached half term again - this half term has been so short, but we have packed so much in - residential, trips, SATs and (hopefully) sports days this week. Year 5 had a farming workshop at The Earth Trust last week - we are fortunate to be surrounded by farmland and it is important that we ensure that future generations learn how important the natural world around us is.

## SPORTS DAYS 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY EYFS AND 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY REST OF SCHOOL

You should have received a detailed letter explaining the timings and arrangements for the sports days in May. This is in the last week of this very short term. Please make sure that you have read this carefully so that you are able to attend on the correct day at the right time! Do remember that this event is weather dependent and it may be postponed at the last minute. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this might cause.

Please make sure that you have read this letter in detail so that you know that timings for your child/s event/s.

If you are coming/ staying for the family picnic please ensure that you do not bring any nut products onto the school grounds. You will not be able to take your child out at lunchtime.

You will be able to take photos/film the event but please ensure that this is only for your own use and not shared on social media if it has any other child within the photograph/film.

### The next two weeks

19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4/5 girls football - selected team Relationships and Sex education workshop for parents 2:15pm school hall  EYFS sports afternoon 2pm
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Group photographs
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Cedar Class Forest school
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Reception trip to Beale Park Year 3 and 4 mixed football tournament (selected teams) Year 4 online author workshop
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Sports Day years 1-6 Swift course in studio 8:45am
26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET DAY - school closed to children
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Rising Year 7 parent and child information session Didcot Girls and St Birinus 9am
4 <sup>th</sup> June	
5 <sup>th</sup> June	
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Chedworth Roman Villa



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## FRIENDS OF DPA

Thank you to all those parents who attended the relaunch of Friends of DPA and who volunteered for the new committee. There are lots of exciting plans ahead and I hope that you have taken the time to complete the questionnaire that was sent out to help shape the direction so that as many parent views can be taken into consideration.

There will **not** be a summer fete at DPA this year as this takes *at least* six months to prepare for but Sires Hill Primary Academy will be holding its very first summer fete on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 12 - 3pm so you are all welcome to attend. Bouncy castle, bar-b-que, other stalls and attractions.

## SUMMER UNIFORM

Your child is welcome to wear tailored shorts, summer dresses/culottes as part of the school uniform. However, really short tight shorts are not appropriate either for school or for PE.

## COMMUNITY DAY - MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

We would like to celebrate and promote the amount of different community groups that children (and staff) are involved in. So on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June we would like to invite children to come to school wearing their club kit or uniform that represents one of the clubs that they take part in.

This could be:

- Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Guides
- Local football teams/academy kit that they play for
- Official club dance kit or outfit (not cropped tops or short shorts)
- Stagecoach or similar T shirt
- Other sports teams kits that your child plays for or participates in

We will be celebrating this in assembly and talking about this within the classrooms. You do not need to buy anything. School uniform can also be worn.

## JEWELLERY AND HAIR STYLES!

Jewellery is not to be worn in school. Earrings should be small and not be worn at all on PE days.

Long hair - below the shoulders (for both boys and girls) must be tied back each day.

Any hair accessories must be small and black or purple (or house colours on PE days).

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those parents who have been accompanying school trips throughout the year. This is very much appreciated and trips would not be able to go ahead without the increased amount of adults.

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## TRANSITION

There are still eight weeks of school until the end of this academic year. You will soon be informed about your child's new class and teacher. This information will be sent to all parents in advance of the transition days and will not be given to individual parents.

**2025 Summer 1**

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents of pre school and reception children	EYFS sports afternoon 2:00pm
19 <sup>th</sup> May	All parents/carers invited	Relationships and Sex Education information session 2:15pm School hall
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Selected year 4 and 5 girls	Girls Football
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole school	Group photos
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 4	Lego workshop
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Cedar Class	Forest School
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 6	Lego workshop
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Reception	Beale Park trip
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 3 and 4 selected team	Mixed football tournament
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Years 1-6	Sports Day more information has been sent out - please refer to the email
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	parents	Swift course @ 8.45am

**2025 Summer 2**

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
2nd June	Whole school	INSET DAY school closed to children
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	whole school	community day
11th June	Pre-school	Trip to Sutton Courtney TBC
13 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4	Ashmolean Museum trip
25th June	Year 6	London Theatre trip - The Lion King
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 selected team	Year 5 rounders tournament

**2025 Summer 2**

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
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 <sup>st</sup> July	Parent/carers Year 3 children	Violin Assembly at 10:30am (please note change of time)
4th July	Year 2	Hengistbury Head
7 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> due to number of events!)
16 <sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
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

<b>Autumn 1</b>	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> <b>Pre school sessions will start on Monday 8th September.</b>
<b>Autumn 2</b>	3rd November - 18th December 2025
<b>Spring 1</b>	6th January - 13th February 2026
<b>Spring 2</b>	23rd February - 27th March
<b>Summer 1</b>	13th April - 22nd May
<b>Summer 2</b>	1st June - 17th July 2026 (Inset day 12th June) There will be <b>no</b> pre-school sessions on 17th July

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

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