



NEWSLETTER

16TH MARCH 2026

Assemblies, concerts and residentials...

There are only two weeks left before the spring break. Over the next two weeks, many year groups will be holding presentations to parents/carers, which is part of our personal development programme in school. Each term, every year group is involved in an event that invites parents in to either watch - such as a concert or play, or join in on - such as the maths workshops that took place earlier this term for children in reception to Year 2. These events aim to build confidence in presentation skills - both performance and speaking. It will be discussed with the child as to how much of an input they want to have in a presentation or performance - as not everyone wants to be centre stage. We offer children to support with the 'back stage' elements of such events too so that the majority of all needs can be catered for.

The Year 4 team are also preparing for their forthcoming residential trip to the PGL centre in Liddington. This is the first time that many children have been away from home and this experience is one that many children treasure. I am very grateful to have staff that are prepared to continue to support these trips as they are hard work and they give up their own family time in order to ensure that the children have the best possible experience.

Comic Relief and PTA fundraising Friday March 20th

In order to limit the amount of times we are asking for money/dressing up etc, we have decided to combine fundraising for Comic Relief and the PTA on Friday March 20th where donations will be split 50/50 between the school PTA and Comic Relief. On Friday March 20th your child can come to school with:

- crazy hair
- non- school uniform
- odd socks
- temporary tattoos



School play equipment - only for use during the school day

Please do not let your child use the play equipment such as the slide, or trimtrail after school. This equipment is for use in the school day only. Please use the public parks after school only!

The next two weeks...	
Monday 16 th March	Year 4 presentation to parents. This will start promptly at 3pm.
Tuesday 17 th March	Year 3 presentation to parents. This will start promptly at 3pm
Wednesday 18 th March	Supporting your child with managing feelings 9am - 11am
Thursday 19 th March	Year 5 presentation to parents. This will start promptly at 3pm Year 2 Elizabeth I workshop
Friday 20 th March	Comic Relief and PTA fundraiser - Donations at the gate and online.
Monday 23 rd March	Year 4 PGL parent meeting at 3:30pm
Tuesday 24 th March	Sportshall Athletics Finals (selected team)
Wednesday 25 th March	Rocksteady concerts at 10:30am and 2:30pm
Thursday 26 th March	Non uniform for winning house
Friday 27 th March	No pre-school sessions Last day of term. School will close at 12 noon, gates open at 11:50am

Don't forget that the end of this school term is Friday 27th March!

There will be NO pre-school sessions and school will close at 12 noon. Gates open at 11:50am.



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2026 Spring 2

When	Who	What...
16 th March	Year 4	Presentation to parents at 3pm
16 th March	Chestnut	Outdoor Learning
17 th March	Year 3	Presentation to parents at 3pm
18 th March	parents	Supporting your child with managing feelings
19 th March	Year 2	Elizabeth I workshop
19 th March	Year 5	Presentation to parents at 3pm
19 th March	Whole school	Easter Egg tombola run by Year 6 after school (weather permitting)
20 th March	Whole school	Non school uniform/ wacky hair etc in return for donations for Comic Relief and PTA. Donations will be split 50/50
23 rd March	Year 4 parents	PGL Parent information meeting
24 th March	selected team	Sportshall Athletics Finals
25 th March	parents	Supporting your child with managing feelings
25 th March	Parents of Rocksteady children	Rocksteady Concerts 10:30am and 2:30pm
27 th March	pre-school	No nursery session
27 th March	whole school	End of term at 12 noon. Gates open at 11:50am

2026 Summer 1

When	Who	What...
13 th April	Whole school	Summer 1 starts at 8:40am
16 th April	Year 3 Sycamore class	Sycamore class start swimming
16 th April	Acorn	Didcot Library visiting pre-school
22 nd - 24 th April	Year 4	Residential trip to PGL
30 th April	Reception	Visit to Beale Park
4 th May	whole school	Bank holiday
5 th May	Year 1	Victorian school workshop at Oxfordshire Museum
11 th May to 14 th May	Year 6	SAT's Week
15 th May	all school	Class photos
19 th May	pre-school and reception	Early Years sports afternoon at 2pm
20 th May	Reception children	Vision screening
21 st May	all school	Diversity Day
22 nd May	Year 1-6	Sports day and picnic Year 1-3 am Year 4-6pm
2 nd June	Years 5-6 and parents	DGS and SBS presentation at school
4 th June	Year 5	Earth Trust visit (food and farming workshop)

2026 Summer 2

When	Who	What...
8 th June	Year 3	Chedworth Roman Villa Visit
9 th June	Year 4	Ashmolean Museum visit
10 th June	EYFS	Get Active Olympic Event
10 th June	Year 6	London Theatre trip (Matilda)
12 th June	whole school	School closed to children. Inset Day
17 th June	KS1	Olympic Event
18 th June	Selected team	Swimming Gala
18 th June	Year 2	trip to Hengistbury Head
19 th June	selected choir members	Dorchester Festival of Voices
24 th June	KS2	Olympic Event
7 th July	current children reception to Year 5	Transition day 1
7 th July	new reception children	one to one parent meetings with new teacher for children new to school. (not existing pre school children)
8 th July	current children reception to Year 5	Transition day 2
8 th July	new reception children	first transition session in school 9:00-11 am or 1 - 3pm
10 th July	Whole school	End of year reports will be emailed out to all parents

2026 Summer 2

When	Who	What...
14 th July	Year 6	Year 6 party 3:30pm - 5:30pm
15 th July	Parents of children in Rocksteady	Rocksteady Concerts 10:30am and 2:30pm
16 th July	Year 6	Year 6 performance at 2pm and 6pm
16 th July	pre school	last day of term for pre school children
17 th July	Parents of children in Year 6	Year 6 assembly 10:15am
17 th July	Whole school	school closes at 12 noon. Gates will open at 11:50am.

Looking ahead.....Term dates 2026-27

First Day of term	Thursday 3 rd September 2026
Half term	26 th October - 30 th October 2026
Last day of term	Thursday 17 th December at 12 noon (nursery sessions finish on Wednesday 16 th December)
Winter Holidays	18 th December - 1 st January 2027
Further information	Thursday 3 rd September 2026 and Friday 4 th September 2026 half days for Reception children, allocated as either morning or afternoon. 7 th September in full time. 9 th September Pre-school children start on allocated days INSET DAYS Tuesday 1 st September and Wednesday 2 nd September Friday 9 th October 2026
Spring Term	
First day of term	4 th January 2027
Half term	15 th February - 19 th February 2027
Last day of term	Pre school 24 th March 2027 Rest of school 25 th March at 12 noon, gates will open at 11:50am
Easter/Spring holidays	26 th March - 9 th April 2027
Further information	
Summer term	
First day of term	12 th April 2027
Half term	31 st May - 4 th June 2027
Last day of term	Pre school: Monday 19 th July Rest of school: Tuesday 20 th July at 12 noon. Gates will open at 11:50am.
Further information	Inset day on Friday 11 th June and Wednesday 21 st July