



NEWSLETTER

11TH MAY 2026

RSE Consultation

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Relationships and Sex Education Consultation evening last week. The new policy is available to view on the school website which features all the statutory changes that the DFE have introduced to the programme. Please do read the policy and let the office know if you have any questions.

Year 6 SATs

This week is the week Year 6 children have been looking forward to - in order to have a special breakfast at school each morning before showing how brilliant they are in their assessments. Children are able to come into school at 8:30am. Having done this for a number of years, we have found that this is an excellent way of calming nerves, having fun and having a good start to the morning. Year 6 have worked incredibly hard and should already be mightily proud of their achievements - before any SAT papers are even opened.

SATs Timetable			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English Grammar, punctuation	Reading paper	Arithmetic	Maths Reasoning paper 2
Spelling test		Maths Reasoning paper 1	

Sports Day - Early Years Tuesday 19th May and rest of school Friday 22nd May

You should have received details of our sports days at DPA. These dates have been in the calendar since September. Please make sure that you read the information carefully so that you know when your child is participating and when you can come on and off site.



The next two weeks...	
Please make sure you have checked the calendar at the end of the newsletter for forthcoming dates, many of which are set months in advance.	
Monday 11 th May	Swift course for parents (at Sires Hill Primary Academy) 9am
Tuesday 12 th May	No football today afterschool
Wednesday 13 th May	No Rocksteady in the morning due to SATs.
Thursday 14 th May	
Friday 15 th May	class and Year 6 individual photos
Monday 18 th May	
Tuesday 19 th May	Year 4 Cricket skills Festival Early Years Sports Day 2pm
Wednesday 20 th May	
Thursday 21 st May	Diversity day - Children are welcome to attend school in clothes they wear to celebrate their culture or in home clothes
Friday 22 nd May	Sports Day -information has already been sent out. End of Summer 1 at 3:30pm

Don't forget that there is an Inset Day on the 12th June when the school will be closed for children.



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2026 Summer 1

When	Who	What...
11 th May to 14 th May	Year 6	SAT's Week
11 th May	Interested parents	Swift course part 2 Sires Hill Primary Academy
15 th May	all school	Class photos
19 th May	pre-school and reception	Early Years sports afternoon at 2pm
19 th May	Year 4	Cricket Festival - awaiting further details from organisers
20 th May	Reception children	Vision screening
21 st May	all school	Diversity Day Children are welcome to come to school in clothes that they wear to celebrate their culture (or in home clothes)
22 nd May	Year 1-6	Sports day and picnic Year 1-3. am Year 4-6. pm

2026 Summer 2

When	Who	What...
1st June	Years 5-6 and parents	DGS and SBS presentation at school
4 th June	Year 5	Earth Trust visit (food and farming workshop)
8 th June	Year 3	Chedworth Roman Villa Visit
8 th June - 11 th June	Year 1	Phonics screening
9 th June	Year 4	Ashmolean Museum visit
11 th June	parents of children due to start Reception September 2026	Parents welcome meeting 2pm
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
16 th June	Pre-school	Trip to Earth Trust
16 th June	Reception parents	Reception presentation to parents. This will start promptly at 3pm
17 th June	Year 6	Aureus transition meeting
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

2026 Summer 2

When	Who	What...
19 th June	Parents/carers	Parents/carers informed of class structure for September 2026
20 th June	All children	PTA colour run (this replaces the school fete) More details to follow
23 rd June	current Year 3 parents	What to expect in Year 4 parent meeting 9am
23 rd June	Parents of Year 2 children	Year 2 parent presentation at 3pm promptly
24 th June	KS2	Olympic Event
29 th June -3 rd July	parents of children with SEND	Learning plan meetings with existing teachers and teachers for next academic year
29 th June	Current Year 2 parents	What to expect in year 3 parent meeting 9am
30 th June	parents of Year 1 children	Year 1 presentation to parents. This will start promptly at 3pm.
30 th July	current Year 5 parents	What to expect in Year 6 parent meeting
1 st July	selected teams Year 5 and 6	Omnia Cup (held at Didcot Primary Academy)
3 rd July	current reception parents	What to expect in Year 1 parents meeting 9am
6 th July	Parents of children in Year 3	Djembe concert. 11 am
6 th July	Parents of children in Year 5	ukulele concert 2:30pm
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	new reception children	first transition session in school 9:00-11 am or 1 - 3pm

2026 Summer 2

When	Who	What...
8 th July	current children reception to Year 5	Transition day 2
9 th July	KS2 children	DPA's Got Talent - more info to come shortly
9 th July	Year 6	Year 6 party 3:30 - 5:30pm (THIS DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF INFLATABLES)
10 th July	Whole school	End of year reports will be emailed out to all parents
14 th July	Pre-school	Pre school end of year presentation to parents 2:30pm
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

2026 Autumn 1

When	Who	What...
1 st September	Whole school	INSET day - school closed to children
2 nd September	whole school	Inset day - school closed to children
Thursday 3 rd September	Year 1 - year 6	First day of term at 8:40am
Thursday 3 rd September	Reception	Reception transition 8:40am - 11-11:15am or 1 - 3:30pm
Friday 3 rd September	Reception	Reception transition 8:40am - 11-11:15am or 1 - 3:30pm
Monday 7 th September	Reception children	Reception children in full time
Wednesday 9 th September	Pre-school children	Pre-school starts
14 th - 18 th September	Year 6 children	Kilvrough Residential trip
2 nd October	All children	Individual photographs to be taken (no family photographs)
9 TH October	All children	INSET day - school closed to children
23 rd October	All children	End of term at 3:30pm

2026 Autumn 2

When	Who	What...
2 nd November	Whole school	Autumn 2 starts at 8:40am
15 th December	Year 1 children	Jack and the Beanstalk at Cornerstones Theatre Didcot (TBC)
Thursday 17 th December	Whole school	End of term at 12 noon gates open at 11:50am

2027 Spring 1

When	Who	What...
4 th January	Whole school	Term starts at 8:40am
22 nd January	Young Voices Choir	Choir to Young Voices at London O2 Arena leave school 9:30am back to school 12:30am
14 th February	whole school	End of term at 3:30pm