



NEWSLETTER

10TH MARCH 2025

NATIONAL SLEEP WEEK 9TH -15TH MARCH

A good night's sleep is crucial for all of us to be at our best, and essential for children to be able to learn and develop. Sleeping is an essential part of our lives.

It is important that children receive enough sleep to be able to be at their best.

AGE RANGE	RECOMMENDED HOURS OF SLEEP NEEDED	IDEAL BEDTIME
Pre school age 3-5 	10-13 hours	between 7 and 8pm
School age 6-11	9-12 hours	between 7:30 and 9pm

We often have children telling us that they are tired and telling us extraordinary bedtimes. In order to help the quality of sleep please consider:

- Removing electronic devices from the bedroom - if children wake up and start playing with these, it is highly unlikely that this will help them get back to sleep!
- Turning off wifi over night will help with the above
- Restricting TV usage overnight.

Electronic devices produce light that suppresses natural hormones in the brain that cause sleepiness.

A bedtime story is often a wonderful way to settle children into their beds - this can be continued all the way through primary school and beyond.

The next two weeks	
10th March	Forest School Sycamore Class pm
11th March	Year 1 presentation to parents. This will start promptly at 3pm
12th March	Virtual author event
13th March	
14th March	
17th March	Year 6 Residential to Kilvrough Forest School Chestnut Class pm
18th March	
19th March	
20th March	'Elizabeth 1st' to visit Year 2
21st March	



We had a very full and busy book week. Thank you for your support with the Roving Book Shop - which gained the school over a 100 new titles and for the pictures of reading in unusual places!



Many thanks to the Dural family who have planted a Sequoia tree that they have grown from seed in our school grounds.



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2025 Spring 2

When	Who	What...
11th March	Year 1	Presentation to parents at 3pm (this date has changed since the last news letter - it is now on the TUESDAY and not Thursday afternoon.
12th March	KS2	Virtual author event
17th - 21st March	Year 6	Kilvrough Residential Trip
20th March	Year 2	Elizabeth 1st to visit Year 2
24th March	Year 6	Junior Citizens
25th March	Reception	Presentation to parents. This will start promptly at 3pm.
25th March	Selected team	Sports Hall Athletics finals Wheatley Park
27th March	Year 6	Presentation to parents. This will start promptly at 3pm.
Week beginning 31st March	Parents/guardians of children with SEND	Learning reviews
2nd April	parents of children in Rocksteady	10:30am - Concert for parents of children in MORNING sessions 2:30pm - concert for parents of children in AFTERNOON sessions
3rd April	All parents	The role of Family Support - Myth busting, what we can and can not do! Doors open 8:50am meeting starts at 9am. More info to be sent out soon.
4th April	Acorn Class	No pre-school sessions
4th April	Whole school	End of term at 12 noon. Gates open at 11:50am

2025 Summer 1

When	Who	What...
Tuesday 22nd April	Whole school	Summer 1 starts at 8:40am
24th April	Reception	Vision Screening
29th April	Year 5	Aureus School Humantopia event
30th April - 2nd May	Year 4	Year 4 Residential to PGL Liddington
5th May	whole school	Bank holiday
8th May	Sycamore	Sycamore Class starts swimming
12th May - 15th May	Year 6	SAT's Week
13th May	Year 5	Earth Trust visit
15th May	Year 1	Victorian Sit Up Straight workshop
19th May	Pre-school and reception	Sports afternoon 2:15pm
20th May	Whole school	Group photos
21st May	Year 4	Lego workshop
22nd May	Year 6	Lego workshop
22nd May	Reception	Beale Park trip
23rd May	Years 1-6	Sports Day

2025 Summer 2

When	Who	What...
2nd June	Whole school	INSET DAY school closed to children
3rd - 13th June	Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check (National test)
6th June	Year 3	Chedworth Roman Villa
9th June - 13th June	Year 1 (and some Year 2)	Phonics Screening
11th June	Pre-school	Trip to Sutton Courtney TBC
19th June	Selected team	Swimming gala
20th June	Selected Year 5 and 6 choir members	Dorchester Festival of Voices
25th June	Year 6	London Theatre trip - The Lion King
30th June	parents of children with SEND	Learning Plan reviews this week
4th July	Year 2	Hengistbury Head
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
15th July	Year 6	Year 6 party 3 - 5:30pm
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.

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 (the NEXT Academic Year)

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