



# NEWSLETTER

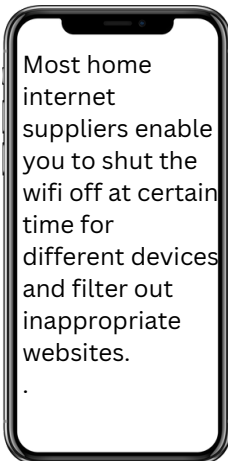
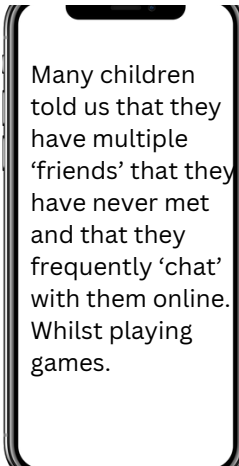
24TH FEBRUARY 2025

## WELCOME BACK

I hope that you all had a good half term break. We are now over half way through this school year - and there is still a lot to pack in!

### KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

Prior to half term it was National Online Safety day and Mr Helliwell, who leads our Digital Leaders had been concerned about many of our children's views and use of digital technology. Children have a good awareness of how to keep themselves safe, but do not always accurately identify the dangers.



The next two weeks	
24th February	
25th February	
26th February	
27th February	Great Fire of London Workshop Year 1
28th February	
3rd March	
4th March	Roving Book shop in all day (No orchestra today)
5th March	
6th March	Year 3 presentation to parents
7th March	Non uniform - come as a reader or a book character

The internet and social media can be used for the good. However, we need to ensure that we all get a good balance between this and real life. It is highly advisable that your child has a break from screen time at home and does not have access to this over night.



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## STAFF UPDATE

Mrs Duckett is now back from maternity leave and will be teaching in Maple Class Wednesday to Fridays.

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**



## UNIFORM REMINDERS

It is important that children wear the correct uniform at school.

- White polo shirt (with or without logo) (Years pre-school to Year 4, optional in Year 5/6)
- White shirt with school tie (optional Year 5,6)
- Purple sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- grey, white or purple socks/tights
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers.
- Dark grey trousers, pinafore, skirt

## HAIR

**All long hair (past the shoulders) must be tied back every day.**

- small purple or black hair accessories can be worn
- No animal headbands

## BOOK WEEK - READ YOUR WAY WEEK BEGINNING 3RD MARCH 2025

We constantly promote reading and the love for reading within our school - it is at the heart of our curriculum.

During the week we will be holding a number of competitions. The Roving Book shop will be visiting on **Tuesday 4th March**.

**On Friday 7th March - children can come to school dressed as a book character, or a reader (own clothes or school uniform).**

*World Book Day itself is on Thursday 6th but due to swimming, we hold the optional dressing up on Friday.*

**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP**

A red megaphone with a yellow band around its middle, pointing to the right. The text "WE NEED YOUR HELP" is written in a bold, stylized font above it.

The **Friends of DPA** is looking for new members. The previous committee members, who have done a fantastic job raising money for the school, have now mostly moved on. I would like to thank them for all the hard work they have put in over the years to create great events. Now we need a few more people to create a new committee. There will be more information in the coming weeks about what the Friends of DPA is and how you can get involved. Without the committee, events like the family disco's and fetes will not happen going forward.

## 2025 Spring 2

When	Who	What...
24th February	whole school	Spring 2 starts
27th February	Year 1	Great Fire of London workshop
4th March	Whole school	Roving bookshop in school
6th March	Year 3	Presentation to parents. This will start promptly at 3pm.
7th March	Whole school	World book Day dressing up - The theme this year is 'Read your way'. Children may come as a book character, as a reader (own clothes) or in their uniform.
10th March	Parents/carers of children with SEND	Learning Plan review meetings will be held this week
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.
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.
27th March	Year 6	Presentation to parents. This will start promptly at 3pm.
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
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**

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
Tuesday 22nd April	Whole school	Summer 1 starts at 8:40am
24th April	Reception	Vision Screening
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**

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

## Term Dates for School Year September 2025 - 2026 (the NEXT Academic Year)

<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