



The children have been settling well into their new year groups and classes. Thank you for making sure that your children are ready for school - on time, in correct uniform and ready to learn.

## Benedict's Law



Every child has the right to a safe to learn and within every class, there is likely to be between one and two pupils who have allergies. Extremely serious allergic reactions, like anaphylaxis can happen in minutes and can be fatal. Over the past few years, all our staff have received allergy training so that children can feel assured that their safety is paramount to all. During the inset day, all our staff were trained to look out for signs of anaphylaxis, but also considered what we need to do in order to keep our school environment as safe as possible.

- If your child has serious allergies and has an adrenaline pen prescribed, please **ensure that they have two in date devices at all times in school.**
- We do hold spare adrenaline pens in school and staff are trained to use them.
- We take every allergy seriously

| The next two weeks |                                                                                            |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14th September     | Yr 6 residential trip to Kilvrough<br>Outdoor learning: Willow class                       |
| 16th September     | Phonics workshop for parents 9am (Reception)<br>Toys and games workshop Year 1 (In School) |
| 17th September     | Year 4 out: Henley River and Rowing Museum                                                 |
| 21st September     | Year 5 bikeability<br>Outdoor learning Rowan Class                                         |
| 22nd September     | Football club year 3-6 starts                                                              |
| 24th September     | Year 6 presentation to parents<br>Football club year 2 starts                              |
| 25th September     | DPA 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch - book on Fresh Start Meal Manager                  |

## Phonics Workshop for parents and carers - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 9am



Mrs Clements will be leading a workshop for parents and carers on Wednesday to support you to help your child to learn to read successfully. Reading opens up the world of learning to children and we aim for children to learn to read as fast as possible, but as slow as they need to! This means that we will be teaching children new sounds every day, consolidating these sounds and then beginning to blend the sounds together to form words. Some children pick this up really quickly and other need time to grasp this concept - we work alongside your child to find the pace that is right for them and supporting them to build up their knowledge. This workshop will enable you to find out what you can do to help.



### **Tracking Devices - Not to be used at school or on school trips**

Please do not send your child to school or on any school trips with any tracking device, including an AirTag or similar device.

We understand that location trackers can provide reassurance to parents and carers, particularly when children are away on a school trip. However, there are a number of concerns associated with their use:

**Unauthorised tracking:** A pupil may be tracked without their knowledge or by someone who does not have legitimate access to their location. A tracker may also reveal the location of other individuals travelling with the pupil who have not consented to being tracked.

**Additional functions:** Some tracking devices include features such as alarms, two-way communication and remote listening. These can be disruptive and may raise data protection and legal concerns.

**Increasing anxiety:** Location information is not always reliable. Changes to routes or plans, as well as device loss or malfunction, can result in inaccurate information and may cause unnecessary anxiety for children, parents and carers.

If a pupil is found to be carrying or using a tracking device, the device will be confiscated. Staff will keep you informed.

### **Photos on websites and Facebook**

As mentioned in newsletters previously, you will see a change in the amount of photographs within the school newsletter, on Facebook and on our website. This is part of our commitment to protecting children's privacy and safeguarding them from the increasing risks associated with technologies such as deep fakes. We will not be sharing photographs of children's faces online. Our website photographs will be updated in the coming weeks.

### **Please drop off and pick up your children on time**

It is really important that every child has a smooth as possible start to the school day. Please make sure that you have dropped off your child and have left the school site by 8:50am so that the site can be secured to ensure all children are safe.

If you have an urgent message for your class teacher please email this in to the school office so that the teacher can start lessons on time in the classroom.

It is also essential that children are picked up on time -the school day ends at 3:30pm and children should have left the classroom by this time. Gates shut promptly at 3:35pm.



**Autumn 1**  
**Multi Year groups or whole school events**

| <b>Date</b>                                              | <b>Who</b>                 | <b>Details</b>                                                                                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> September                                | Whole school               | School closed to children: Inset Day                                                                                                    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> September                                | whole school               | School closed to children: Inset Day                                                                                                    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> September                                | Years 1 – 6                | Term starts at 8:40am                                                                                                                   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> September                                | Years 3–6<br>Football club | Replacement lesson from term 6                                                                                                          |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> September                               | Reception<br>parents       | Phonics workshop at 9am                                                                                                                 |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> September<br>24 <sup>th</sup> September | Years 3–6<br>Year 2        | Football club starts (must be paid for in advance)                                                                                      |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> September                               | Reception– Yr 6            | DPA 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch – book on Fresh Start Meal Manager                                                               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October                                  | Whole school               | Individual school photos to be taken. (no family groups).                                                                               |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> October                                  | whole school               | School closed to children: Inset Day                                                                                                    |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> October                                 | Whole school               | Show Racism the Red Card Day – wear red items.                                                                                          |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                                 | Whole school               | Flu Vaccination programme                                                                                                               |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup><br>October         | whole school               | Learning reviews – come and meet your child’s teacher and find out how your child is settling in to their new year group. 3:45 – 6:45pm |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> October–<br>30 <sup>th</sup> October    | Whole school               | School closed half term. TA Sports Stars will be running a holiday club.                                                                |

### Autumn 1 Early Years (Pre-school and Reception)

| Date                       | Who                                         | Details                                                                                    |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3rd September              | Reception                                   | Transition session – you will have been allocated either 8:40 till 11:10am or 1 – 3:25pm   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> September  | Reception                                   | Transition session – you will have been allocated either 8:40 till 11:10am or 1 – 3:25pm   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> September  | Pre-school                                  | Term starts for Pre-school children 9:30 – 3:30pm                                          |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> September | parents of EYFS children (mainly reception) | Phonics Workshop at 9am. Come and find out how to support your child to learn how to read. |

### Autumn 1 Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

| Date                    | Who    | Details                                                                                  |
|-------------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 24th September          | Year 2 | Football club starts 3:30 – 4:30pm. Club must be paid for in advance (external provider) |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> October | Year 2 | Didcot Railway Centre Trip (History)                                                     |

| Autumn 1 Lower Key Stage 2 Years 3 and 4 |        |                                                        |
|------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Date                                     | Who    | Details                                                |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> September               | Year 4 | Trip to Henley River and Rowing (Geography field trip) |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> October                 | Year 3 | Stonehenge Trip (History)                              |

| Autumn 1 Upper Key Stage 2 Years 5 and 6      |         |                                                                                                                                    |
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| Date                                          | who     | Details                                                                                                                            |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> September                     | parents | Aureus School information session. Come and find out about your local secondary school at 3:30pm                                   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> September                    | parents | St Birinus Boys School and Didcot Girls School presentation at 5pm. Come and find out about your local secondary schools at 5pm.   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> September | Year 6  | Residential trip to Kilvrough                                                                                                      |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> September                    | Year 5  | Bikeability                                                                                                                        |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> September                    | Parents | Presentation to parents at 3pm. Come and find out more about our experience at Kilvrough. The assembly will start promptly at 3pm. |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> October                      | Year 5  | Ancient Greek Workshop in School                                                                                                   |

**Autumn 2**  
**Multi Year groups or whole school events**

| <b>Date</b>                        | <b>Who</b>       | <b>Details</b>                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> November           | Whole school     | Autumn 2 starts at 8:40am                                                                                                       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November          | whole school     | Wear odd socks for Anti-bullying week                                                                                           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> December           | Rocksteady Bands | Rocksteady concerts at 10:30am and 2pm                                                                                          |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December          | years 3-6        | Christmas concerts 9:15am Red and Yellow house, 2 pm Blue and Green house. Come and join us for some festive music and singing. |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December | Whole school     | Last day of term. School will close at 12 noon. Gates will open at 11:50am.                                                     |

### Autumn 2 Early Years (Pre-school and Reception)

| Date                      | Who        | Details                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> December  | Pre-school | Christmas Craft and singalong - parents and friends welcome at 2:15pm                                                                                      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December | Reception  | Reception Christmas Play at 2:30pm. Please note that there is only one performance and that children under the age of 5 are not permitted in the audience. |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December | Pre-School | Last day of term for Pre-school children                                                                                                                   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December | Pre-school | No pre-school sessions today                                                                                                                               |

### Autumn 2 Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

| Date                      | Who                 | Details                                                                                                                                |
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| 8 <sup>th</sup> December  | Year 2              | Christmas play at 2:30pm. Please note there is only one performance and children under the age of 5 are not permitted in the audience. |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December | Beech Class parents | Christmas craft and singalong at 2:15pm . Come and join your child to make some festive decorations and join in some songs.            |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> December | Maple Class parents | Christmas craft and singalong at 2:15pm . Come and join your child to make some festive decorations and join in some songs.            |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December | Year 1              | Trip to Cornerstones Theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk                                                                             |

| Autumn 2 Lower Key Stage 2 Years 3 and 4 |              |                   |
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| Date                                     | Who          | Details           |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December                | Year 3 and 4 | Christmas concert |

| Autumn 2 Upper Key Stage 2 Years 5 and 6 |              |                                     |
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| Date                                     | who          | Details                             |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> November                | Year 6       | Trip to Milestones Museum (History) |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December                | Year 5 and 6 | Christmas concert                   |

Spring 1  
**Multi Year groups or whole school events**

| <b>Date</b>                                   | <b>Who</b>                  | <b>Details</b>                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> January                       | Whole school                | Spring term starts at 8:40am                                                                        |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> January                      | Young Voices Choir          | Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena London                                                         |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> February | Parents/carers whole school | Learning reviews. Please book a slot to meet with your child's teacher to review academic progress. |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> February  | Whole school                | Half term                                                                                           |

| Spring 1 Early Years (Pre-school and Reception) |     |         |
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| Date                                            | Who | Details |
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| Spring 1 Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) |        |                        |
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| Date                                 | Who    | Details                |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> January             | Year 2 | Trip to Windsor Castle |

| Spring 1 Lower Key Stage 2 Years 3 and 4 |              |                                                                               |
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| Date                                     | Who          | Details                                                                       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> January                  | Year 3       | Swimming starts (class starting to be determined)                             |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> January                 | Year 3       | Rocks and fossils workshop in school                                          |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> January                 | Year 3 and 4 | Virtual Reality Experience in school<br>year 3 -Volcanoes<br>Year 4 - Vikings |

| Spring 1 Upper Key stage 2 Years 5 and 6 |        |                                         |
|------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------|
| Date                                     | who    | Details                                 |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> January                 | Year 6 | Virtual reality experience - Antarctica |

Spring 2  
**Multi Year groups or whole school events**

| <b>Date</b>            | <b>Who</b>   | <b>Details</b>                                                                                             |
|------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22nd February          | whole school | Spring 2 term starts at 8:40am                                                                             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> March  | whole school | Roving Bookshop in school- come and purchase some high quality reading for your child                      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> March  | whole school | World Book Week dressing up (we celebrate this on Friday) Come as your favourite character or as a reader. |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March | Whole school | Term ends at 12 noon. Gates open at 11:50am.                                                               |

| Spring 2 Early Years (Pre-school and Reception) |            |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Date                                            | Who        | Details            |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup><br>March              | Pre-school | No sessions today. |

| Spring 2 Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) |     |         |
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| Date                                 | Who | Details |
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| Spring 2 Lower Key Stage 2 Years 3 and 4 |     |         |
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| Date                                     | Who | Details |
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| Spring 2 Upper Key stage 2 Years 5 and 6 |     |         |
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| Date                                     | who | Details |
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Summer 1  
**Multi Year groups or whole school events**

| <b>Date</b>                                | <b>Who</b>   | <b>Details</b>               |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> April                     | Whole school | Summer term starts at 8:40am |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May                | Whole school | Sports day and family picnic |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May- 4 <sup>th</sup> June | Whole school | Half term. School closed.    |

| Summer 1 Early Years (Pre-school and Reception) |                          |                              |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Date                                            | Who                      | Details                      |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May                            | Reception and Pre-School | Sports day will start at 9am |

| Summer 1 Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) |              |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Date                                 | Who          | Details                          |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May                 | Year 1 and 2 | Sports Day will start at 10:30am |

| Summer 1 Lower Key Stage 2 Years 3 and 4        |        |                                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date                                            | Who    | Details                                                                     |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> April – 30 <sup>th</sup> April | Year 4 | Residential trip to PGL Liddington. All places must be paid for in advance. |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May                            | Year 3 | Sports day will start at 10:30am                                            |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May                            | Year 4 | Sports day will start at 1pm                                                |

| Summer 1 Upper Key stage 2 Years 5 and 6 |        |                              |
|------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| Date                                     | who    | Details                      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> May  | Year 6 | SATs week                    |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May                     | Year 6 | Sports day will start at 1pm |

Summer 2  
**Multi Year groups or whole school events**

| <b>Date</b>           | <b>Who</b>   | <b>Details</b>                             |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> June  | whole school | Summer 2 starts at 8:40am                  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> June | whole school | Inset Day - school closed to children      |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> July | Whole school | Term ends at 12 noon gates open at 11:50am |

| Summer 2 Early Years (Pre-school and Reception) |                    |                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Date                                            | Who                | Details                           |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> July                           | Pre-school parents | End of year celebration at 2:30pm |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> July                           | Pre-school         | No pre-school sessions today      |

| Summer 2 Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) |     |         |
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| Date                                 | Who | Details |
|                                      |     |         |

| Summer 2 Lower Key Stage 2 Years 3 and 4        |        |                                                                             |
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| Date                                            | Who    | Details                                                                     |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> April – 30 <sup>th</sup> April | Year 4 | Residential trip to PGL Liddington. All places must be paid for in advance. |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May                            | Year 3 | Sports day will start at 10:30am                                            |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May                            | Year 4 | Sports day will start at 1pm                                                |

| Summer 2 Upper Key stage 2 Years 5 and 6     |                 |                                                                                                                        |
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| Date                                         | who             | Details                                                                                                                |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> June     | Year 6          | bikeability                                                                                                            |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> June – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July | Year 6          | bikeability                                                                                                            |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> July                        | Year 6          | Year 6 performance at 2pm and 6pm                                                                                      |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> July                        | Year 6 families | Final assembly at 10:15am. Come and join this special assembly to mark the end of your child's time at primary school. |