



We are now well into the first part of the autumn term. Year 6 enjoyed a fabulous week at Kilvrough - the weather was lovely and this enabled them to try all sorts of new experiences. This included rock climbing and body boarding. I have been told that the group was a real pleasure and great ambassadors for the school.

Arriving on time - Registration starts at 8:50am!

It is really important to ensure that your child arrives at school on time. We have a packed timetable and it is really distracting for both the late child and the rest of the class when a child arrives after registration.

The gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am - this means that you should not be walking through the gates at 8:50am as registration has already begun. Please help us to have a smooth start to the day by ensuring your child arrives on time ready to start in class at 8:50am.

Coming up.... Show Racism the Red Card Day - Friday 16th October



Racism has no place in our school or society and as a school we recognise Show Racism the Red Card Day by wearing red items of clothing. The Diversity Council will be putting together an assembly for the children and we will be talking about this in our classrooms. This initiative was started by a footballer, Shaka Hislop who was confronted by people shouting abuse at him. When they got closer and realised who he was their attitude went from abuse to admiration and they began to ask for an autograph...

Public Playground at the front of the school

The playground immediately in front of the school ground is a public space and does not belong to the school. We have ongoing issues with older children playing football in these spaces and this has resulted in a number of smaller children and adults being inadvertently hurt when the ball has landed on them. Parents are responsible for their child's behaviour before school and should be stopping children playing football when the park gets busy. This include children who walk independently as parents are still responsible for their behaviour until they enter the classroom.

The next two weeks

28 th September	Outdoor learning Willow Class
29 th September	Deadline for confirming your child will be participating in Young Voices
2 nd October	Individual Photographs
5 th October	Outdoor learning Rowan Class
8 th October	Year 2 trip to Didcot Railway Centre
9 th October	INSET day - school closed to all children

Learning Reviews - Monday 19th October and Wednesday 21st October

You should soon receive an email explaining how to book your learning review with your child's teacher. You will be able to book a 10 minute appointment to talk about how your child has settled into their new class and any areas where your child may need a little help with also be discussed. You will also be able to view their books. Please take note of the date and time that you book so that you arrive on time on the right day! All appointments (including those in pre-school and reception will take place down our main corridor. Please enter via our front office. Your child does not need to come to the meeting, but if you need to bring them with you they will need to stay with you for the duration of the meeting.



Illness and managing medical conditions

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they are unwell. As a school we follow government guidelines for health protection and managing specific diseases when we send children home. The information below is taken from NHS guidance. We want children to attend school as much as possible, so please help us and your child by following these guidelines.

High temperature

If your child has a high temperature (38 degrees or more), you need to keep them off school until it goes away. Please do not disguise the temperature with calpol or other medication. The temperature could be a symptom of a contagious virus and we need to try and keep everyone healthy! Staff and children. If your child develops a temperature at school you will be called to pick them up.

Feeling anxious or worried

It is normal for children to feel a little anxious sometimes. They may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping.

Avoiding school can make a child's anxiety about going to school worse. It is very important to talk about any worries they have - please talk to your child's teacher as they can usually be easily solved.

Coughs and colds

It is fine to send your child to school with a slight cough or common cold symptoms such as runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

Encourage your child to blow their own nose and throw away their tissues!

Chickenpox

If your child has chickenpox, they **must** stay away from school until **all** the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There is no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore.

Conjunctivitis

You do not need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis unless they are feeling very unwell. However, you need to seek advice from your pharmacist.

Ear Infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they are feeling better or their temperature has returned to normal.

Headlice and nits

There is no need to keep your child off school if they have headlice. Please treat their head/hair when you have spotted this.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with vomiting or diarrhoea should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

My child is well enough to return to school but needs antibiotics three times a day...

Please work out the administering of the medicine around school times - first thing in the morning, straight after school and before bed time for example. **School staff are not able to administer antibiotics or any other medicines for short term medical conditions.**

My child has a long term medical condition and requires medication given through the school day to maintain their quality of life.....

If your child has a long term medical condition, it is vital that you have made school aware of this. For some children, it may be necessary to draw up an Individual Health Care Plan and we will work alongside you to produce this and review it.

If your child has been prescribed an inhaler or epipen.....

Please make sure that you have informed school and that you have provided school with inhalers with the asthma plan from the surgery or two epipens (or similar) with allergy management plan to the office. These are kept in the children's classrooms. It is vital that they kept are in date.

If your child has been prescribed an epipen the pens must be in school for your child to attend.

What if my child becomes ill or have an accident at school...

Illness

There are times when children become ill at school. Sometimes if they children feel just about well enough they are able to get through the day and the member of staff will inform you when you pick your child up.

If your child is displaying symptoms where it is clear that they are not coping - they are in pain, falling asleep, out of character for them or have a high temperature; we will contact you and ask that you pick them up as soon as possible. Please do make arrangements to do so as quickly as possible- we do not have sufficient staff to care for poorly children as well as manage the classrooms.

It is essential that we have an up to date phone number where you can be contacted during the day. Keep your other contacts up to date too as all numbers will be contacted in case of emergency.

If your child displayed very worrying symptoms we will, of course contact the emergency services.

Accidents

From time to time, children will have an accident at school. Usually they are very minor - scraped knee or elbow for example. In these incidents, unless there is a specific reason, we will treat your child and send you information via Medical tracker. If your child has a head injury, or suspected head injury we will contact you directly to let you know -even if we think they are okay. If we are concerned about concussion or another serious injury we will ask you to collect your child as soon as possible to seek medical attention. The Medical tracker form will be emailed to you as soon as possible.

Again for serious incidents where specialist medical intervention is needed, we would have no hesitation in contacting emergency services. **These incidents are extremely rare but we would want to be able to get hold of you should this happen. Please ensure contact details are kept up to date on Arbor.**

Autumn 1

Date	Who	Details
28 th September	year 2 willow class	Outdoor learning
2 nd October	whole school	Individual photographs (no family groups will be taken)
5 th October	Early Years and KS1	Author visit
5 th October	Year 2 Rowan Class	Outdoor learning
7 th October	KS2	Author event
8 th October	Year 2	Railway Centre trip
9 th October	Whole school	School closed to children - Inset day
12 th October	Acorn and Reception Classes	Little City imaginative world experience
13 th October	Year 3	Stonehenge trip
16 th October	Whole school	Show Racism the Red Card Day - wear red items.

Autumn 1

Date	Who	Details
20 th October	Year 5	Year 5 Greek workshop
19 th and 21 st 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
22 nd October	Whole school	Flu Vaccination programme
26 th October-30th October	Whole school	School closed half term. TA Sports Stars will be running a holiday club.

Autumn 2

Date	Who	Details
2 nd November	Whole school	Autumn 2 starts at 8:40am
9 th November	EYFS	Police visit
13 th November	Reception and Year 6	Weighing and measuring
16 th November	whole school	Wear odd socks for Anti-bullying week
24 th November	Year 6	Milestones Museum trip
2 nd December	Rocksteady Bands	Rocksteady concerts at 10:30am and 2pm
7 th December	Pre school	Christmas craft event 2:15pm
8 th December	Year 2	Christmas performance at 2:30pm. This is the only performance. Please note that children under 5 are not permitted in the audience.
10 th December	Reception	Christmas performance at 2:30pm - please note that children under 5 are not permitted in the audience.
11 th December	Year 1. Beech class	Christmas craft event - come and join your child to make Christmas crafts 2:30pm
14 th December	Year 1 Maple Class	Christmas craft event - come and join your child to make Christmas crafts 2:30pm
15 th December	Year 1	Jack and the Beanstalk theatre trip Cornerstones Didcot
16 th 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.

Spring 1

Date	Who	Details
4 th January	Whole school	Spring term starts at 8:40am
7 th January	year 3	Year 3 swimming will start for one class
11 th January	Year 3	Rocks and Fossils workshop in school
14 th January	Year 2	Trip to Windsor Castle
19 th January	Year 3,4 and 6	Virtual Reality experience in school
22 nd January	Young Voices Choir	Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena London
26 th January	Year 5	Winchester Science museum trip
5 th February	Reception	Vision screening
8 th and 10 th February	Parents/carers whole school	Learning reviews. Please book a slot to meet with your child's teacher to review academic progress.
15 th - 19 th February	Whole school	Half term

Spring 2

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

Summer 1

Date	Who	Details
12 th April	Whole school	Summer term starts at 8:40am
28 th – 30 th April	Year 4	Year 4 Residential to PGL Liddington
10 th -13 th May	Year 6	SATs week
Friday 28 th May	Whole school	Sports day and family picnic
31 st May- 4 th June	Whole school	Half term. School closed.

Summer 2

Date	Who	Details
7 th June	whole school	Summer 2 starts at 8:40am
11 th June	whole school	Inset Day - school closed to children
Week of 21 st June and 28 th June	Year 6	Bikeability
5 th July	Year 3 and Year 5	Drum concert at 10:15am and ukulele concert at 2:15pm
13 th July	Pre school	End of year celebration with parents/carers at 2:30pm
14 th July	Year 6	Year 6 performance at 2pm and 6pm
20 th July	Year 6	Final assembly at 10:15am
20 th July	Whole school	Term ends at 12 noon gates open at 11:50am