



NEWSLETTER

6TH JANUARY 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Welcome back to the Spring term - however, this week is forecast to be cold!! Please make sure that your child has a jumper and winter coat with them in school as we will still be going outside to play and to do PE- weather and ice permitting!

CLUBS AND ENRICHMENT ON OFFER AT DIDCOT PRIMARY ACADEMY

Clubs are not just after school - as we have a slightly longer school day, EVERY child in our school is able to attend a club on a Friday from 2:45 till 3:20pm. Children select the club out of a list and then places are allocated. They have to commit to a club for a half term and then, when the new list comes out, they are then able to change clubs. The teachers and Learning Support Assistants either run these clubs or are supporting children to access these clubs. In this way, every child can pursue something that they are interested to, at no cost to you, within the school day.

These clubs have included: art, craft, sports, languages, performance arts, music, computer programming and much, much more.

CHOIR - KS2 YEAR 3-6 MONDAYS 3:30 - 4:30PM

We have a large (around 90 children) school choir which is run by Mrs Scrivener. The children work hard during this session so it is important that they come because they enjoy it. There is no charge - but children do need to sing to keep their place in choir! At the moment, the choir is preparing for the biggest event in their calendar - the Young Voices Concert at the O2 arena. Even though this is about my 14th concert, I am looking forward to it as much as I did the first one.

OTHER AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - RUN BY EXTERNAL PROVIDERS

In addition to the clubs mentioned above, football (KS1 and KS2), martial arts and dance also occur after school. These clubs are run by external providers or volunteers. There are limited numbers for these clubs so they do need to be booked.

Please make sure that you book your children's lunches in advance. The cut off date for booking is a THURSDAY for the next week.

The next two weeks	
6th January	Choir starts today Birch Class Forest School
7th January	No orchestra today
8th January	
9th January	Elm Class swimming
10th January	
13th January	Virtual Reality experience - Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 Forest school Elm Class pm
14th January	Year 5 Winchester Science Trip
15th January	Year 5 and 6 Sportshall athletics - selected teams Deadline for primary applications - Reception 2025
16th January	Parent workshop - understanding behaviour as communication
17th January	

ORCHESTRA KEY STAGE 2 TUESDAYS 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Orchestra has been running for one year now and we are very proud of our young musician's progress working together to play music. Orchestra is an invitation only club, if your child is learning an orchestral instrument out of school please contact Mrs Scrivener to find out if they are ready for an orchestral experience. Mrs Scrivener works with our string and woodwind teachers to ensure invitations to join are sent when students are ready for orchestra.



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2025 Spring 1

When	who	What
6th January	whole school	Term starts at 8:40am
6th January	Birch Class	Forest School
13th January	Year 3, 4 and 6	VR experience
13th January	Elm Class	Forest School
14th January	Year 5	Winchester Science Museum trip
16th January	Parents	Understanding Behaviour as Communication (meeting for parents at school)
20th January	Birch Class	Forest School
24th January	Choir	Young Voices O2 Concert. children will leave school at 9:15pm and will return around midnight
27th January	Elm Class	Forest School
30th January	Year 2	Hampton Court Palace
3rd February	Birch Class	Forest School
10th February	Whole school	Learning reviews
10th February	Elm Class	Forest School
12th February	whole school	Learning reviews
13th February	Chestnut Class	Chestnut class starts swimming
14th February	Year 3	Rocks and Fossils workshop

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
10th March	Parents/carers of children with SEND	Learning Plan review meetings will be held this week
17th - 21st March	Year 6	Kilvrough Residential Trip
20th March	Year 2	Elizabeth 1st to visit Year 2
24th March	Year 6	Junior Citizens
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
30th April - 2nd May	Year 4	Year 4 Residential to PGL Liddington
1st May	Pre-school	Acorn Class to visit Earth Trust
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
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
6th June	Year 3	Chedworth Roman Villa
25th June	Year 6	London Theatre trip - The Lion King
4th July	Year 2	Hengistbury Head
15th July	Year 6	Year 6 performance 2:30pm
18th July	Acorn Class	No pre-school session