



# NEWSLETTER

16TH DECEMBER 2024



## CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PERFORMANCES AND CRAFT AFTERNOONS

It has been wonderful to see so many of you attending the various performances, craft workshops and Rocksteady Concerts. The children have really enjoyed performing to big audiences and are really developing in confidence. There is still the Key Stage 2 concert to go - so I hope you also have this in your diary if you have a child in year 3-6!



As already communicated with you, we will not receive the Ofsted report until sometime after the Christmas holidays. This will be shared with you when it is finalised.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2024

Our fantastic kitchen staff are busy gearing themselves up for the busiest day of the year - Christmas lunch. If you have not booked the meal you will need to send your child in with a packed lunch on this day. It is now too late to accept any further bookings.



## HOUSE CAPTAIN'S BAKE OFF

The House Captain's had a really tricky time deciding on the star baker winners as they had so many entries. Thank you so much for supporting this event, especially at such a busy point in the year.



The next two weeks	
16th December	Year 5 and 6 choir touring care homes
17th December	Christmas lunch Non uniform for all
18th December	Christmas concerts 9:15am and 2:15pm Non uniform for all
19th December	No nursery sessions today End of term. Gates open 11:50am Non uniform for all
Holiday 20th December -3rd January	
6th January 2025	Choir starts again today (no new starters due to rehearsals for Young Voices)
7th January	No orchestra today
8th January	
9th January	
10th January	

**DON'T FORGET!**

The school will be closing at 12 noon on Thursday 19th December. Gates will open for you to collect your child at 11:50am and will be closed at 12 noon.



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# Christmas Concerts 2024 Wednesday 18th December

Red and Yellow house will be performing at 9:15am (along with choir, orchestra and recorder club. Doors will open at 9:05am.

Blue and Green house will be performing at 2:15pm (along with choir, orchestra and recorder club) Doors will open at 2:05pm

Come and join us for an hour of festive celebration - the culmination of learning in music lessons, singing assemblies and rehearsals. Don't forget your singing voice!

Here is a hint to the words that you will need....

*Any prams or push chairs will need to be left outside please.*

If you require space for a wheelchair, please let us know in advance which concert you will be attending.



## **FAMILY SUPPORT**

**AS WE WRAP UP ANOTHER TERM THIS IS A REMINDER OF THE DETAILS OF WHO YOU/ YOUR CHILD CAN CONTACT WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED.**

### **WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD**

**WE KNOW A LOT OF SERVICES TEND TO WIND DOWN OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD, OURS INCLUDED, AND THIS REDUCED AMOUNT OF SUPPORT CAN FEEL SCARY. SO, WE'VE PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF EVERYWHERE YOU CAN FIND SUPPORT OVER THE HOLIDAYS IF YOU NEED IT. WE HOPE IT HELPS AND REASSURES YOU THAT YOU'RE NOT ALONE.**

### **FOLLOW THIS LINK :**

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### **OR LOG IN TO DIDCOT PRIMARY ACADEMY WEBSITE - PARENTS-FAMILY SUPPORT- HELPLINES**

#### Helpful contacts if you need any support

- Children's Social Care Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH team) -0345 050 7666
  - NSPCC - 0808 800 5000
  - Childline - 0800 1111
  - Samaritans- 116123
  - CALM- 0800585858
  - Shout (text service) - 85258
  - Papyrus Hopeline- 0800 068 4141
  - No Panic - 08449 674848
  - Camhs Oxfordshire - Child and adult mental health services SPA- 01865 902 515 or Website- <https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/oxon/>
  - National Domestic Abuse Helpline / Refuge- 0808 2000 247
  - Cruse Bereavement Support - 0808 808 1677#
  - Samaritans - Text- 116 123
- <https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/talk-us-phone/>
- Citizens Advice - 0808 278 7907

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

**2024-25 Autumn 2**

Date	Who	What...
2nd December	Alder Class	Forest School
4th December	House captains	House Captains Cake sale after school
5th December	Year 5	Lego workshop
5th December	Whole school	Bake off competition - entries need to be in today please - cake sale after school.
9th December	Parents of Beech Class Year 1	Christmas Craft Afternoon from 2:15pm
10th December	Reception	Reception Christmas performance 2:30pm. Please note, no children under 5 will be admitted into the audience.
10th December	Year 5	Year 5 to watch High School Musical at Aureus School
11th December	Parents and families of Rocksteady bands	Morning lesson bands - concert at 10:30am Afternoon lesson bands - concert at 2pm
12th December	Year 2	Christmas performance 2:30pm and 5:30 pm. Please note, no children under 5 will be admitted into the audience.
13th December	Parents of children in Maple Class Year 1	Christmas craft afternoon from 2:15pm
17th December	Reception to Year 6	Christmas dinner
17th December	Nursery	Christmas Craft Afernoonon
18th December	Years 3-6	Christmas Concert Red and Yellow house 9:15am Blue and Green House 2:15pm
Thursday 19th December	Nursery	No nursery sessions
Thursday 19th December	Whole school	End of term. School Closes at 12 noon. Gates open at 11:50am.

**2025 Spring 1**

<b>When</b>	<b>who</b>	<b>What</b>
6th January	whole school	Term starts at 8:40am
13th January	Year 3, 4 and 6	VR experience
14th January	Year 5	Winchester Science Museum trip
24th January	Choir	Young Voices O2 Concert. children will leave school at 9:15pm and will return around midnight
10th February	Whole school	Learning reviews
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**

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
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	Nursery	No nursery 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
30th April - 2nd May	Year 4	Year 4 Residential to PGL Liddington
1st May	Nursery	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	Nursery and reception	Sports afternoon 2:15pm
20th May	Whole school	Group photos
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
15th July	Year 6	Year 6 performance 2:30pm