



# NEWSLETTER

2ND DECEMBER 2024

## SPORTING SUCCESS

Over the last two weeks groups of children have been representing the school in both swimming and athletics (indoor). Not only did we win both competitions, but the teams that represented the school were noted for their excellent sportsmanship. They cheered on their team mates, ensured that they followed the rules and put in fantastic individual performances. A huge well done to both teams.



## ARRIVING ON TIME FOR SCHOOL

Thank you to all those children and families who arrive on time to walk through the gates between 8:40am and 8:50am. The gates have to be shut at 8:50am to ensure the safety of all pupils and so that we can safely use our school grounds from 8:50am onwards. Please make sure that you arrive in time to both drop your child off and then leave the school premises by 8:50am.

Arriving late and then having to bring your child to the school office is highly disruptive not only for your child, but also for the rest of the class and can mean that your child is missing out on learning.

### Reception - Tuesday 10th December at 2:30pm

There is only one performance for Reception - so don't miss out! Tickets are on sale through Arbor.

- You can buy a maximum of two tickets only.
- Young children and babies are not permitted to attend. This is the same for all our performances. This allows the children performing to be better heard so do please arrange for any young children or babies to be cared for so that you can attend.
- You will not be able to film or take photographs during the performance.



### Year 2 - Thursday 12th December at 2:30pm and 5:30pm

- You can buy a maximum of two tickets only for each performance. (2 for the afternoon and 2 for the evening)
- Young children and babies are not permitted to attend. This is the same for all our performances. This allows the children performing to be better heard so do please arrange for any young children or babies to be cared for so that you can attend.
- You will not be able to film or take photographs during the performance.



The next two weeks	
2nd December	Forest School - Alder Class
3rd December	
4th December	Entries in for House Captain's Bake Off - followed by cake sale after school
5th December	Year 5 Lego workshop
6th December	
9th December	Christmas Craft afternoon Beech Class 2:30pm
10th December	Year 5 to watch Aureus' school production - High School Musical Reception performance at 2:30pm. Tickets now on sale.
11th December	Rocksteady concert for morning groups at 10:30am Rocksteady concert for afternoon groups 2pm
12th December	Year 2 Christmas performance 2pm and 5:30pm Tickets available now.
13th December	Christmas Craft afternoon Maple class at 2:30pm



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*Thank  
you!*

**Christmas  
Fair raised  
£2211**

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Christmas Fair on Saturday and as you can see it was very successful. The small committee worked extremely hard to put the event together. Thank you to everyone who organised, set up, ran stalls, came along and played the games and spent money. All the money raised goes towards specific projects - such as the bike storage area at the front of the school, the outdoor classroom and the books in our library. The Friends of DPA have also subsidised some trips.

Friends of DPA also run the highly popular discos, summer fair and some other events - but these do rely on parent volunteers. The majority of the committee will be stepping down in the new year with the disco on the 13th February being the last organised event. There are many schools now where there is no fundraising committee and so events, such as the fairs and discos have come to an end.

If you would like these events to continue and can give some of your time to keeping up the excellent work of the Friends of DPA, please do look out for announcements after Christmas or do give your name to the office and they will pass this on.

I am sure that you would join me in thanking all those involved with Friends of DPA.



**★ WE NEED ★**  
*your*  
**★ SUPPORT! ★**

**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