



NEWSLETTER

18TH NOVEMBER 2024



Year 1 and Reception had a fantastic time seeing big vehicles up close and finding out more about them and about road safety in general.

CROSS COUNTRY THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2024



On Thursday we will be holding our annual inter-house cross country competition. Every child will be adding to their house group's total! Please make sure that your child is wearing their PE kit on Thursday. The course is all contained within our school grounds and the length is adjusted according to age of child.

NON UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2024

On Friday children are invited to come to school in non-school uniform (no dressing up) in return for chocolate items and bottles for the chocolate and bottle tombola. If your child has PE or does a sport based club on this day, please make sure that they are dressed appropriately. Thank you in advance for your donations.



The next two weeks	
18th November	Forest school Alder Class Year 1 and Year 3 Police visit
19th November	Didcot Wave Swim Gala (selected team)
20th November	
21st November	Inter house Cross country
22nd November	Didcot Library visiting Acorn Class Non uniform day in return for chocolate and bottles
25th November	Forest school: Ash Class
26th November	
27th November	Year 3/4 online Author visit Selected Year 3/4 indoor Athletics
28th November	
29th November	
30th November Saturday	Christmas Fair 2-4:30pm

APPLYING FOR A RECEPTION PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Parents of children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 will need to apply for a school place for September 2025

- Applications open on 4th November 2024
 - 15th January 2025 is the closing date for applications
 - If you have a child in our nursery you **must still apply** for a school place.
 - Applications have to be made through Oxfordshire County Council not direct to the school.
 - It is a parent's responsibility to apply for a school place
- <https://myparentportal.oxfordshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>



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The countdown to the Friends of DPA Christmas Fair has begun! This is on the 30th November from 2 - 4:30pm. If you are able to give a bit of time to help with the fair, Friends of DPA would love to hear from you.



Christmas Tree decoration competition 2024....Entries must be in by Wednesday 27th November.

- **small Christmas decorations made from natural or recycled materials only please! (no nut based decorations).**
- **Please make sure that your child's name and year group is on the decoration**

Our Christmas tree always looks resplendent in hundreds of decorations - I am looking forward to seeing your creative ideas this year!

Christmas Performances



Reception - Tuesday 10th December at 2:30pm

There is only one performance for Reception - so don't miss out! Tickets will soon be 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.

Christmas Concert - Key Stage 2 only 18th December

- Due to the popularity of this event, we hold two concerts.
- Children in Red and Yellow house will be participating at 9:15am, children in Blue and Green house will be participating at 2:15pm. Both events will start promptly at the time stated.
- Children in choir, orchestra, and other music groups will be performing at both concerts.
- Get ready to get festive and join in!



2024-25 Autumn 2

Date	Who	What...
18th November	Year 1 and Year 3	Police in to visit
19th November	Selected team	Didcot Swimming Gala
21st November	Elm class	Elm class starts swimming
21st November	Whole school	Inter House Cross Country Competition
22nd November	Nursery	Didcot Library visiting nursery
22nd November	Whole school	Non-uniform in return for chocolate and/or bottles
25th November	Ash Class	Forest School
27th November	Year 3 and 4	Online Author visit and workshop
27th November	Year 3 and 4	Indoor Athletics competition (selected team)
30th November	Whole school	Christmas Fair 2-4:30pm Choir will be singing at 4pm
2nd December	Alder Class	Forest School
4th December	House captains	House Captains Cake sale after school
5th December	Year 5	Lego workshop

2024-25 Autumn 2

When	who	What
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.
20th December - 3rd January	Whole school	School closed

2025 Spring 1

When	who	What
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

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	Nursery	No nursery 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	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

When	Who	What...
2nd June	Whole school	INSET DAY school closed to children
15th July	Year 6	Year 6 performance 2:30pm