



NEWSLETTER

21ST OCTOBER 2024

The first half term is now almost at a close, and it has been jam packed with learning, opportunities and experiences. The children have really settled back into school and are working hard. The teaching staff are looking forward to talking with you about your child during the learning reviews this week.

LEARNING Review

On Monday 21st October and Wednesday 23rd October, we will be holding our first learning reviews of this term.

- All appointments (telephone and in-person) are scheduled for ten minutes.
- If you are late for your appointment, you may not be able to have your full ten minutes and may miss the meeting all together.
- Teachers are expected to speak with all parents.
- There is no child minding service at the learning review time, so your children will need to remain with you for the duration of your time at school, including during the meeting if they attend the meeting with you.
- Please ensure that you have stated a telephone appointment if you would prefer this. Telephone appointments will also be for 10 minutes.

The next two weeks	
21st October	Learning Reviews Forest School Ash Class
22nd October	Little City experience for Acorn Class (Nursery). No Orchestra today.
23rd October	Flu Vaccines Learning reviews
24th October	
25th October	Non uniform day for RED house
Half term 28th October - 1st November	
4th November	Forest school Alder Class
5th November	
6th November	
7th November	
8th November	Milestone Roadshow Early Years (in school)

YEAR 6 DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL -

Please remember that applications for secondary school places close on 31st October 2024, so there are only a few more weeks left for you to make your choice.

It is the responsibility of parents to apply for a secondary school place.

FAMILY DISCO THANK YOU!

The family disco was a great success and raised over £1400 for the school. Many thanks to our fantastic Friends of DPA for organising and running this event and to all those that came, danced and enjoyed themselves!



IT WAS VERY CLOSE, BUT RED HOUSE WERE THE WINNERS OF THE HOUSE COMPETITION THIS HALF TERM AND CAN COME IN NON SCHOOL UNIFORM ON FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024.



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Thank you for all the generous donations to the foodbank. The House Captains will be sorting this next week and delivering it to the Didcot Emergency Foodbank.

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>

THINKING AHEAD... TERM DATES FOR 2025-26

Term dates for NEXT academic year are as follows:

Autumn 1: 1st September - 24th October (INSET days 1st and 2nd September, 10th October 2025)

Autumn 2: 3rd November - 18th December 2025

Spring 1: 5th January - 13th February (INSET day 5th January)

Spring 2: 23rd February - 27th March 2026

Summer 1: 13th April - 22nd May

Summer 2: 1st June - 17th July (INSET day 12th June)

AUTUMN TERM 1 HIGHLIGHTS...



YEAR 3 STONEHENGE TRIP



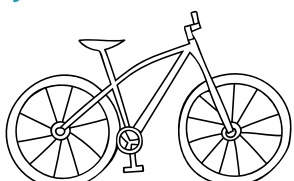
YEAR 1 HANDS ON OLD TOYS HISTORY WORKSHOP



YEAR 5 ANCIENT GREEKS WORKSHOP



YEAR 2 DIDCOT RAILWAY CENTRE TRIP



YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY



YEAR 6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



FOREST SCHOOL



INTER-HOUSE POETRY SLAM

YEAR 4 RIVER AND ROWING MUSEUM TRIP

Term dates 2024-25

First Day of term	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Half term	28th October – 1st November 2024
Last day of term	Thursday 19th December 2024 at 12 noon (nursery sessions finish on Wednesday 18th December)
Winter Holidays	20th December -3rd January
Further information	Wednesday 4th September 2024 and Thursday 5th September 2023 half days for Reception children, allocated as either morning or afternoon. 6th September in full time. 9th September Nursery children start on allocated days INSET DAYS Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September Friday 11th October 2024
Spring Term	
First day of term	Monday 6th January 2025
Half term	17th February 2025 – 21st Feb 2025
Last day of term	Nursery – Thursday 3rd April 2025 Friday 4th April (school finishes at 12 noon)
Easter/Spring holidays	7th April 2025 – 21st April 2025
Further information	Inset Days. Friday 3rd January Inset Day
Summer term	
First day of term	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Half term	26th – 30th May 2025
Last day of term	Nursery – 17th July 2025 18th July 2025 (school finishes at 12 noon)
Further information	INSET DAYS 2nd June

2024-25 Autumn 1

Dates and events are subject to changes. Correct at time of writing.

23rd September	Whole school	World Celebration Day
25th September	Nursery	Didcot Fire Station to visit school
30th Sept - 11th Oct	Year 6	Bikeability all week
1st October	Year 5	Ancient Greece Workshop
3rd October	Year 1	How have toys changed history workshop Year 1
3rd October	Year 3	Trip to Stonehenge
9th October	Parents with children in the Early Years	Early Mathematics workshop - come and find out how we teach mathematics and how you can help your child
10th October	Reception - Year 6	Family Disco - organised by Friends of DPA. All children to be accompanied by an adult. No children to bring mobile phones.
11th October	Whole school	Inset day - school closed to children
15th October	Whole school	Individual photographs
16th October	Year 2	Didcot Railway Centre
18th October	Whole school	Show Racism the Red Card day - wear red to school today
21st October	Whole school	Learning reviews 3:40pm till 7pm ten minute appointments in school or by phone
21st October	Ash Class	Forest School
22nd October	Nursery	Little City to visit Acorn class
23rd October		childhood flu vaccination programme

2024-25 Autumn 2

Date	Who	What...
23rd October	whole school	Learning reviews 3:40pm till 7pm ten minute appointments in school or by phone
24th October	Reception	Local walk - geography
28th October -1st November	Whole school	School closed
4th November	Alder Class	Forest School
8th November	Early years and Year 1	Big Machines Roadshow
11th November	Ash Class	Forest School
11th November-15th November	Parent/care rs of children with SEND	Learning plan reviews will be held this week
15th November	Year 6	Trip to Milestones Museum
18th November	Alder Class	Forest school
21st November	Elm class	Elm class starts swimming
22nd November	Nursery	Didcot Library visiting nursery (TBC)
25th November	Ash Class	Forest School
2nd December	Alder Class	Forest School
5th December	Year 5	Lego workshop (TBC)

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
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 - 03rd 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