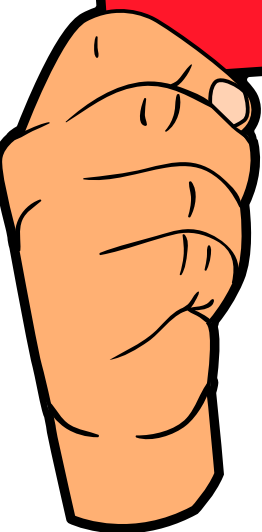




NEWSLETTER

7TH OCTOBER 2024

**SHOW
RACISM THE
RED CARD
DAY
OCTOBER
18TH**



Racism is not tolerated in our school. Show Racism the red card day is marked nationally and we will be discussing this in our assemblies over the next fortnight. On Friday 18th October, your child is invited to wear something red. We work with the children to celebrate difference as we are all unique - with so many similarities!

LEARNING Review

On Monday 21st October and Wednesday 23rd October, we will be holding our first learning reviews of this term. You will shortly receive an email which will give you instructions of how to book an appointment using your Arbor portal with your child's teacher to discuss their learning so far and how they have settled into their new year group. Due to rising costs of the software, we are now no longer able to offer video appointments, but if you would prefer a phonecall at your booked time instead of an in-person meeting, please indicate this on your booking.

- 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.

| The next two weeks | |
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| 7th October | Forest School: Rowan Class |
| 8th October | |
| 9th October | Early Maths Workshop 9am Studio |
| 10th October | Year 6 Football event (selected team) Friends of DPA Family Disco |
| 11th October | INSET day. School closed for all children |
| 14th October | Forest School: Willow Class Collections for Didcot Emergency Foodbank |
| 15th October | Individual Photographs |
| 16th October | Year 2 to Didcot Railway Centre |
| 17th October | |
| 18th October | Show Racism the Red Card day - Children to wear red items |

Reminder

School will be closed on Friday 11th October for Inset Day (staff training)



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FAMILY DISCO

Friends of DPA are running their very popular Family Disco on Thursday 10th October which is now sold out. Please do not come without your tickets!

- All children must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them at all times.
- Children must not bring with them mobile phones - just their dancing feet!



YEAR 6 Secondary School Applications

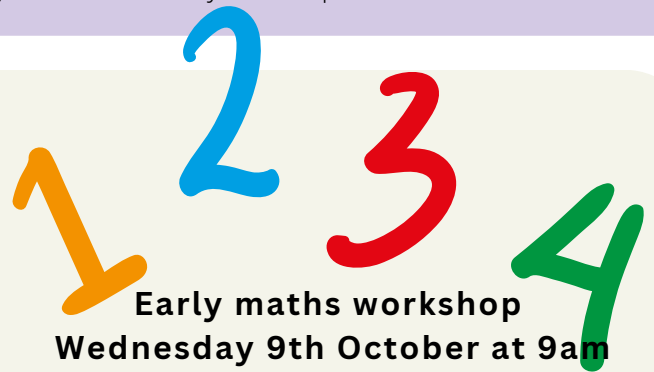
Many Year 6 pupils have been visiting secondary schools over the last few weeks. Please remember that applications for secondary school places close on 31st October 2024, so there are only a few more weeks left for you to make your choice.

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



Uniform reminders

Over the last few weeks there have been a number of children wearing large bows. Please remember that all hair accessories should be **small** and either **black or purple**. Large bows are not part of our uniform, so please save these for the weekends!



Early maths workshop Wednesday 9th October at 9am

Come and find out how we teach mathematics using a mastery approach to our youngest children. Find out how you can support them at home so that children become confident in numbers, patterns and shapes - and not just counting!



Foodbank Donations - collecting on Monday 14th October.

In assemblies this week we will be thinking about Harvest and being grateful for what we have. We would like to invite all those that are able to make a donation to the Didcot Emergency Foodbank on Monday 14th October so please bring in:

- Tins of meat/fish/potatoes/carrots/peas/soup/fruit/puddings
- Jars of pasta sauces/jam/peanut butter/small coffee jars
- Packets of pasta/rice/dried potato/breakfast cereal/biscuits/treats/tea
- Cartons of long life milk/long life juice/hot chocolate
- Toiletries: toilet roll, soap

Thank you in advance

Term dates 2024-25

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| 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.

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| 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 |
| 22nd October | Nursery | Little City to visit Acorn class |
| 23rd October | | childhood flu vaccination programme |
| 23rd October | whole school | Learning reviews 3:40pm till 7pm ten minute appointments in school or by phone |

2024-25 Autumn 2

| Date | Who | What... |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 24th October | Reception | Local walk - geography |
| 28th October -1st November | Whole school | School closed |
| 8th November | Early years and Year 1 | Big Machines Roadshow |
| 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 |
| 21st November | Elm class | Elm class starts swimming |
| 22nd November | Nursery | Didcot Library visiting nursery (TBC) |
| 5th December | Year 5 | Lego workshop (TBC) |
| 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 |
| 12th December | Year 2 | Christmas performance 2:30pm and 5:30 pm. Please note, no children under 5 will be admitted into the audience. |

2024-25 Autumn 2

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