



NEWSLETTER

23RD SEPTEMBER 2024

Enrichment

DPA is committed to providing enriching experiences for your children, whilst being mindful of cost. Last week Year 4 had their field world study trip to Henley River and Rowing museum, we have celebrated the cultures and traditions of our school community on Monday and there are many others already booked and in the diary. Thank you to those parents who are able to support us by attending the trips.



Internet Safety



Throughout the school year children discuss their computing and gaming approaches with members of staff when we are talking about internet safety. With a world literally at their fingertips, the adults around them need to be really vigilant about their online habits. If a child brings up something of concern to a member of staff, we will, of course, let you know. Common trends were:

- Being able to download and access whatever they wanted as no parental controls were set up on their devices.
- Playing games with strangers on line some with permission from parents/carers but some without.
- Receiving messages in Whatsapp groups from people they did not know. Please be reminded that Whatsapp is for ages 14+. If your child is using Whatsapp, please check their phone regularly.
- If you would like some support around this, please do speak to your child's class teacher
- Encourage your child to speak up if they see something on the internet that bothers them.
- Check your child's phone regularly

Gate Closures

Please make sure that you have left the school site by 8:50am and by 3:35pm when the gates are locked. This is to keep children on the school site safe. School starts at 8:50am, so children should be in their class at that time. If you arrive at school after 8:50am you will need to sign your child in using our Inventory System, giving a reason for lateness.

The next two weeks

23rd September	World Celebration Day - wear traditional clothes/ own clothes to celebrate our cultural heritage Forest School Rowan Class
24th September	
25th September	Didcot Fire Station to visit Acorn Class
26th September	
27th September	
30th September	Deadline for booking your child onto Young Voices - through Young Voices website and Arbor Forest school Willow class Bikeability starts
1st October	
2nd October	
3rd October	Year 1 How have toys changed history workshop in school
4th October	



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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

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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
8th October	Reception	local walk - Geography
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

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Date	Who	What...
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.

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When	who	What
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