



NEWSLETTER

12TH DECEMBER 2025

End of term events

Year 2 were fantastic in both their performances last week and were lit up by our additional new stage lights which have been funded by the Friends of DPA and has made such a difference to be able to see all of the children's beautiful faces on stage! Next week, it is the turn of Reception for performance.



Key Stage 2 Christmas Concerts

Red and Yellow House 9:15am (plus choir)

Blue and Green House 2pm (plus choir)

We look forward to welcoming parents of KS2 children to our Christmas concerts this week. We do not issue tickets for this popular event, but there is a strict limit of 150 audience members for each event. There should be no more than 2 people from each family please to allow as many families as possible to attend. Choir will be performing at both events - but please only attend one sitting of the concert. The concerts will start promptly - either at 9:15am or 2pm. Buggies and pushchairs are not permitted inside the school building during this event and must be left outside. If you are bringing small children with you, please do be prepared for loud singing (including the audience!) and be able to take them out of the hall if they become distressed or restless.



Christmas Dinner

Our fantastic kitchen staff will be preparing Christmas dinner for the masses on Wednesday. However, if you have not booked a Christmas lunch, you must provide your child with a packed lunch on this day.



Non School Uniform - Wednesday and Thursday

Children may wear non school uniform on Wednesday and Thursday, this includes Christmas jumpers if you have one - but please do not buy one especially as this is not necessary.

The last few days of term...

Monday 15 th December	selected choir members singing at retirement homes Reception Christmas performance. This will start promptly at 2:30pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Nursery Christmas craft and sing along 2pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner for those who have booked this. Christmas concert: 9:15am and 2pm No choir today
Thursday 18 th December	No nursery sessions today Last day of term. School will close at 12 noon, gates open at 11:50am.
Friday 19 th December	School closed
Winter holidays Friday 19 th December - 2 nd January	
Monday 5 th January	Inset Day - School closed to children
Tuesday 6 th January	Term starts at 8:40am
Wednesday 7 th January	Outdoor learning - Birch Choir starts today
Thursday 8 th January	Chestnut Class swimming
Friday 9 th January	

DON'T FORGET

School closes at 12 noon on THURSDAY 18th December. Gates will open at 11:50 am. Please make sure that you have made arrangements to collect your child on time.



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Term dates 2025-6

First Day of term	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Half term	27 th October – 31 st October 2025
Last day of term	Thursday 18 th December at 12 noon (nursery sessions finish on Wednesday 17 th December)
Winter Holidays	19 th December -2 nd January
Further information	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 and Thursday 4 th September 2025 half days for Reception children, allocated as either morning or afternoon. 5 th September in full time. 8 th September Pre-school children start on allocated days INSET DAYS Monday 1 st September and Tuesday 2 nd September Friday 10 th October 2024
Spring Term	
First day of term	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half term	16 th February 2026 – 20 th Feb 2026
Last day of term	Pre school – Thursday 26 th March 2026 Rest of school Friday 27 th March (school finishes at 12 noon, gates will open at 11:50am)
Easter/Spring holidays	30 th March till 10 th April 2026
Further information	Inset Days. Monday 5 th January Inset Day school closed to children
Summer term	
First day of term	Monday 13 th April 2026
Half term	25 th – 29 th May 2026
Last day of term	Pre school: Thursday 16 th July Rest of school: Friday 17 th July at 12 noon. Gates will open at 11:50am.
Further information	INSET DAYS Friday 12 th June, school closed to children

Autumn 2 continued

4 th December	Year 3	stonehenge trip
4 th December	whole school	PTA - Christmas Disco event
8 th December	Year 5	Outdoor learning (Ash Group B / Alder Group A)
8 th December	Year 1 Beech Class	Christmas craft afternoon 2:15pm * please note change of date
9 th December	Year 1 Maple Class	Christmas craft afternoon 2:15pm. *please note change of date
10 th December	Rocksteady parents	Rocksteady concerts at 10:30am and 2:30pm
11 th December	Year 2	Year 2 Christmas performance at 2:30pm. Please note that children under 5 will not be admitted.
11 th December	Year 2	Year 2 Christmas performance at 5:30pm. Please note that children under 5 will not be admitted.
15 th December	Reception	Reception Christmas performance. Please note that children under 5 will not be admitted into the audience.
16 th December	Pre-school	Nursery Christmas craft and sing along
17 th December	Year 3-6	Christmas Concert Red and Yellow house at 9:15am Blue and Green house at 2pm choir will be performing at both concerts
17 th December	Whole school	Christmas dinner
17 th December	pre-school	last day of term
Thursday 18 th December	whole school	no pre-school sessions. School closes at 12 noon. Gates open at 11:50am.

2026 Spring 1

When	who	What
Tuesday 6th January	whole school	Term starts at 8:40am
8 th January	Chestnut class Year 3	Swimming starts
14 th - 22nd January	Year 6	Bikeability
16 th January	years 3,4 and 6	Virtual reality sessions: Year 3 - volcanoes Year 4: Vikings Year 6: The arctic
20 th January	Year 5	Trip to Winchester Science Museum
23 rd January	choir going to Young Voices	Young Voices concert at the O2 London. We will leave school at 9:15am and return at around midnight.
28 th January	Parents of children in Early years	Developing communication, English and Maths with your Early Years Child
29 th January	Year 2	Hampton Court Palace
29 th January	Year 3	Rocking Rocks workshop
4 th February	Parents of children in Early Years	Developing communication, English and Maths with your Early Years Child
9 th February	whole school	learning reviews
11 th February	whole school	learning reviews
11 th February	Parents of children in early years	Developing communication, English and Maths with your Early Years Child
16 th - 20 th February	whole school	half term.

2026 Spring 2

When	Who	What...
23rd February	whole school	Spring 2 starts
24 th February	Year 1	Great Fire of London workshop
25 th February	Parents	Supporting your child with managing feelings
3rd March	Whole school	Roving bookshop in school
4 th March	parents	Supporting your child with managing feelings
2 nd - 6 th March	whole school	Book week events
11 th March	Parents	Supporting your child with managing feelings
11 th March	Whole school	PTA Family Film night - more information to come date to be confirmed
18 th March	parents	Supporting your child with managing feelings
19 th March	Year 2	Elizabeth I workshop
25 th March	parents	Supporting your child with managing feelings
25 th March	Parents of Rocksteady children	Rocksteady Concerts 10:30am and 2:30pm
27 th March	pre-school	No nursery sessions
27 th March	Whole school	End of term at 12 noon. Gates open at 11:50am

2026 Summer 1

When	Who	What...
13 th April	Whole school	Summer 1 starts at 8:40am
16 th April	Year 3 Sycamore class	Sycamore class start swimming
22 nd - 24 th April	Year 4	Residential trip to PGL
4 th May	whole school	Bank holiday
5 th May	Year 1	Victorian school workshop at Oxfordshire Museum
11 th May to 14 th May	Year 6	SAT's Week
15 th May	all school	Class photos
19 th May	pre-school and reception	Early Years sports afternoon at 2pm
20 th May	Reception children	Vision screening
22 nd May	Year 1-6	Sports day and picnic Year 1-3 am Year 4-6pm

2026 Summer 2

When	Who	What...
10 th June	EYFS	Get Active Olympic Event
12 th June	whole school	School closed to children. Inset Day
17 th June	KS1	Olympic Event
18 th June	Selected team	Swimming Gala
24 th June	KS2	Olympic Event
7 th July	current children reception to Year 5	Transition day 1
7 th July	new reception children	one to one parent meetings with new teacher for children new to school. (not existing pre school children)
8 th July	current children reception to Year 5	Transition day 2
8 th July	new reception children	first transition session in school 9:00-11 am or 1 - 3pm
10 th July	Whole school	End of year reports will be emailed out to all parents
14 th July	Year 6	Year 6 party 3:30pm - 5:30pm
15 th July	Parents of children in Rocksteady	Rocksteady Concerts 10:30am and 2:30pm
16 th July	Year 6	Year 6 performance at 2pm and 6pm
16 th July	pre school	last day of term for pre school children
17 th July	Parents of children in Year 6	Year 6 assembly 10:15am
17 th July	Whole school	school closes at 12 noon. Gates will open at 11:50am.

Looking ahead.....Term dates 2026-27

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First day of term	4 th January 2027
Half term	15 th February - 19 th February 2027
Last day of term	Pre school 24 th March 2027 Rest of school 25 th March at 12 noon, gates will open at 11:50am
Easter/Spring holidays	26 th March - 9 th April 2027
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Summer term	
First day of term	12 th April 2027
Half term	31 st May - 4 th June 2027
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Further information	Inset day on Friday 11 th June and Wednesday 21 st July