



NEWSLETTER

30th June 2025



There are now only three weeks until the end of another school year and they are crammed full of different activities, trips and, of course, learning. We continue with our full curriculum until the end of term to ensure that the children are as ready as possible for the next academic year ahead, so make sure that your child does not miss out!

LEARNING PLAN REVIEWS

If your child has special educational needs, you should have already booked an appointment slot to review their progress against their targets which will be held with, where possible, their existing teacher and their new teacher for the year ahead. Please make sure that you attend in order so that the transition can be as smooth as possible.

FAMILY DISCO AND NON UNIFORM FOR SWEETS

Whilst there was not sufficient time to plan and hold a summer fete, the new committee are already holding the first event - a summer disco with a difference - the 'Double Disco!' There are separate sessions for EYFS and KS1 (5:30 -6:45pm) and KS2 session is 7-8:15pm on Wednesday 9th July 2025.

On Monday 7th July, we would like to invite the children to attend school in non school uniform in return for some sweets which will be used on a tombola stand at the disco. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

OMNIA CUP WINNERS!

For the first time, there was an Inter-school competition between DPA, Wantage Primary Academy and Twickenham Primary Academy. Teams in Year 5 and 6 competed in football, throwing, jumping and running races throughout the day. I am pleased to tell you that Didcot Primary Academy were the victors and are now proud owners (for the year) of the Omnia Cup. Congratulations to all that took part and for Mr Hyde for organising and hosting.

The next three weeks...	
30 th June	learning plan reviews
1 st July	Year 3 Violin Assembly at 10:30am
2 nd July	Forest School Beech Class
3 rd July	Orienteering house competition
4 th July	Year 2 Beach Geography Trip to Hengistbury Head
7 th July	Ukulele assembly for Year 5 parents at 2:30pm Non uniform in return for sweets (not chocolate) for the family disco tombola.
8 th July	Transition day 1
9 th July	Transition day 2 Friends of DPA Family Disco
10 th July	Skateboarding workshop for Years 5 and 6
11 th July	
14 th July	
15 th July	Summer concert (if dry in amphitheatre) at 9:30am End of year assembly for Acorn Class at 2:30pm Year 6 party 3-5:30pm
16 th July	Rocksteady concert at 10:30am and 2:30pm
17 th July	Year 6 Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies performance at 2:30pm and 6pm
18 th July	No pre-school session today. Year 6 assembly 10:15am End of term at 12 noon gates open at 11:50am and will close at 12 noon.



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TRANSITION INFORMATION CURRENT YEAR GROUPS RECEPTION TO YEAR 5

Tuesday 8th July 2025

- Arrive as usual in current classrooms
- The children will move to their new classrooms after registration
- You will need to collect your child from their new classrooms.
- Year 4 children may wear shirt and tie if they wish. Please purchase the tie from the school office.

Wednesday 9th July 2025

- The children will need to be dropped off at their NEW classrooms
- They will spend the whole day there and will need collecting from them.
- They will go back to their usual classroom on Thursday 10th July.

CURRENT YEAR 6

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th July 2025

- If your child is due to go to St Birinus, DGS or Aureus they will be attending these schools and will be making their own way to and from the school. They will need to wear their DPA uniform. Please inform this school if they are not able to attend on this day.

If your child is not going to attend the schools listed above they will need to attend DPA dressed for sports and forest school (Wednesday).

CURRENT PRE SCHOOL (ACORN CLASS)

Tuesday 8th July

- Children will attend the pre-school sessions as usual

Wednesday 9th July

- Please drop them off as usual to the pre-school. They will be taken to the reception class for their transition session by school staff.

REPORTS

Reports are currently being prepared for all children and will be sent out on Friday 11th July. Reports are now sent by email, so do look out for a message. You will need to put in your child's date of birth in order to access this information.

Teachers spend a long time putting the end of year reports together. There are no learning review meetings this term as the reports replace this. Should there be something on the report that you want to discuss you will be able to make an appointment at a mutually agreeable time. You will be asked to identify the area of the report that you want to discuss.

For some year groups, there will be more than one report:

- Pre-School - End of year report only
- Reception - End of Year report and EYFS results report
- Year 1 - End of year report and Phonics screening results
- Year 2 - End of year report only
- Year 3 - End of year report only
- Year 4 - End of year report and Multiplication check results
- Year 5 - End of year report only
- Year 6- End of year report and SAT results report

If your child is due to have more than one report, please note that these will be sent as separate emails.

GOOD LUCK MR ASHCROFT!

Mr Ashcroft has not only been working in school since April, but has also been training all year having been selected to represent Great Britain in the Xterra Trail Run World Championships on July 12th. He will be running 44km (27 miles) which includes running up (and down) Mount Snowdon or Yr Wyddfa.



2025 Summer 2

When	Who	What...
30th June	parents of children with SEND	Learning Plan reviews this week these will be held, where possible, with current teacher and the class teacher for next academic year.
1 st July	Parent/carers Year 3 children	Violin Assembly at 10:30am
3 rd July	Years 1-6	orienteeing house competition
4th July	Year 2	Hengistbury Head
7 th July	parent/carers of Year 5 children	Ukulele assembly at 2.30pm
8th and 9th July	Year 6	Transition days at Aureus School, Didcot Girls School and St Birinus
8th and 9th July	Reception to Year 5	New class days moving into their new classrooms and an opportunity to meet their new teaching teams.
10th July	Year 5 and 6	Skateboarding Workshop
11 th July	EYFS (pre school and reception)	'Beach Day' event at school
15 th July	parent/carers of children in Years 3-6	Summer concert 9:30am amphitheatre (weather permitting)
15th July	Year 6	Year 6 party 3 - 5:30pm
15 th July	parent/carers of children in Pre-school - Acorn Class	End of Year Assembly at 2:30pm (please note change of date to the 15 th due to number of events!)
16 th July	parent/carers of children in Rocksteady	End of term concert at 10:30am and 2:30pm
17th July	Year 6	Year 6 performance 2:30pm and 6pm
18th July	Acorn Class	No pre-school session
		Last Assembly and presentation to parents

2025 Autumn Term

When	Who	What...
3rd September	Years 1-6	Term starts - Welcome to a new school year
3rd September	Reception	half day transition 8:40 - 11:10. or 1 -3:30pm
3rd - 5 September	Pre -school	Pre school meetings
4th September	Reception	half day transition 8:40 - 11:10. or 1- 3:30pm
5th September	Reception	Reception children in full time
8th September	Pre school	Pre school sessions will start
10th September	Year 5 and 6 parents	Aureus School presentation at DPA - chance to ask questions and find out more about the school. 3:30pm in the hall
15th -19th September	Year 6	Year 6 Residential
22nd September- 3rd October	Year 6	Bikeability
23rd September	Year 4	River and Rowing Museum
10th October	Whole school	School closed to children - Inset Day

Term Dates for School Year September 2025 - 2026

Autumn 1	3rd September - 24th October (INSET DAYS 1st and 2nd September, 10th October school closed to children) <i>Reception children will have half days on the 3rd and 4th September 2025 and then start full time on Friday 5th September.</i> Pre school sessions will start on Monday 8th September.
Autumn 2	3rd November - 18th December 2025
Spring 1	6th January - 13th February 2026
Spring 2	23rd February - 27th March
Summer 1	13th April - 22nd May
Summer 2	1st June - 17th July 2026 (Inset day 12th June) There will be no pre-school sessions on 17th July