



# NEWSLETTER



1ST DECEMBER 2025

Another busy fortnight with Road Safety Week and a very successful Winter Fayre! With only three weeks left before the Christmas Break, we have many exciting events ahead, including: Christmas Craft Workshops, Christmas Performances, a Cross Country Competition, RAF Santa drop in and a Rocksteady Concert!



Looking ahead...	
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Cross Country Competition
TBC	RAF Santa Drop
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Rocksteady Concert
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 Christmas Craft Afternoon with family 2.15pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre-school and Owlets Christmas Craft afternoon with family 2.15pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 Christmas Performance 2.15pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1&2 PCSO visit
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Rec Christmas Performance 2.15pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Owlets and Preschool last day of term
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumpers
18 <sup>th</sup> December	R-Y2 Last Day of term

**Free Parents Workshops are being held at Didcot Primary Academy after Christmas. There are two separate workshops that are 5 sessions each, these are:**

- Early Years Course for Parents: Developing Communication, Maths and early English with your child.
- Supporting your child - Managing Feelings & Behaviour.

Please see leaflets below for more info or speak to Miss Taylor.

## Applying for a Reception place in September 2026

**Parents of children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 will need to apply for a school place for September 2026**

- Applications opened on 4th November 2025
  - 15th January 2026 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>



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# CHRISTMAS EVENTS



## Rocksteady Concert

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am**

Pupils that attend Rocksteady lessons will be taking part in performing in a concert. If your child takes part in Rocksteady lessons, you are invited to attend the concert with the rest of the school to see their hard work. The concert will take place at 9.30am in the school hall

## Year 1 Christmas Craft Workshop

**Tuesday 9th December at 2:15pm-3.15pm**

Tuesday is a busy day, as in the afternoon, Parents of Year 1 children are invited to join their children in making Christmas Crafts in the hall! The staff have selected a craft activity for you to make and take home to display ready for the festive season.



## Pre-school Christmas Craft Workshop

**Thursday 11th December at 2:15pm-3.15pm**

Parents of pre-school children are invited to join their children in making Christmas Crafts in the hall! The staff have selected a craft activity for you to make and take home to display ready for the festive season.

## Year 2 Christmas Performance

**Friday 12th December at 2:15pm-2.45pm**

There is only one performance - so don't miss out! Tickets will soon be on sale through Arbor.

- You can buy a maximum of two tickets only per child.
- Young children and babies (under 5s) are not permitted to attend. This allows the children performing to be better heard so please arrange for any young children or babies to be cared for so that you can attend.
- You will not be able to film or take photographs during the performance



## Christmas Performance

**Reception - Tuesday 16th December at 2:15pm-2.45pm**

There is only one performance - so don't miss out! Tickets will soon be on sale through Arbor.

- You can buy a maximum of two tickets only per child.
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## Early Years Course for Parents: Developing Communication, Maths and early English with your child

### Where?

Didcot Primary Academy

### When?

Wednesdays 8:50am - 10:50am

14th January - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (5 sessions)

### Cost?

FREE and open to Didcot Primary Academy - aimed at parents of nursery and reception aged children

### A course for parents and carers which covers the following topics:

- Speech, Language and Communication Explained
- Developing Communication through play
- Expanding vocabulary through stories, songs and rhymes
- Reading and Writing for fun
- Maths is all around us



To book a place please email: [office@didcotprimaryacademy.org](mailto:office@didcotprimaryacademy.org)  
or please feel free to speak to Alex Wright or Lianne Vickers for any  
further information.

Course Leader email: [lisa.knight@abingdon-witney.ac.uk](mailto:lisa.knight@abingdon-witney.ac.uk)

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# Supporting your child - Managing Feelings & Behaviour

## Where?

Didcot Primary Academy

## When?

Wednesdays 8:50am - 10:50am  
25th February - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (5 sessions)

## Cost?

FREE and open to Didcot Primary Academy Families

**A course for all parents and carers which covers the following topics:**

- Emotional regulation and Zones of Regulation
- Positive discipline
- Boundaries and Expectations
- Routines and Rewards
- Managing meltdowns effectively



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**2025/26 Autumn Term**

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

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
5th December	Whole School	Cross Country
TBC	Whole School	RAF Santa Drop
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Rocksteady pupils	Rocksteady Concert
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1	Christmas Craft Afternoon with family 2:15pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre-school & Owlets	Christmas Craft Afternoon with family 2:15pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2	Christmas Performance 2:15pm (no under 5's to attend)
15th December	Year 1 & 2	PCSO Visit for Key Stage 1 (date changed from 16th)
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception	Christmas Performance 2:15pm (no under 5's to attend)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Owlets & Pre-school	last day of term
<b>Wednesday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> <b>December</b>	Rec, Y1, Y2	Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumpers
<b>THURSDAY</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception - Year 2	No pre-school sessions. School closes at 12 noon. Gates open at 11:50am.

**Please note dates will be added throughout the year as we continue to update the school calendar.**

**2025/26 Spring Term****Dates and events are subject to changes. Correct at time of writing.**

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
6th January	Whole School	Term starts at 8:40am
30th January	Year 2	School trip to Hampton Court Palace
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Whole School	Indian Dance Workshop (change from Circus Skills Workshop)
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School	Safer Internet Day
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Pre-school - Year 2	Learning Review Meetings
16th - 20th February	Whole School	Half Term
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1	Great Fire of London Workshop
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School	World Book Day
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Pre-school & Owlets	Last Day of Term for Owlets & Pre-school
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception - Year 2	End of term at 12 noon. Gates open at 11:50am

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**2025/26 Summer Term**  
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<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
13th April	Whole School	Summer Term starts at 8:40am
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Pre-school	Trip to Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception	Trip to Beale Park
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1	School Days Workshop
Date TBC	Pre-school & Owlets	Mini Sports Morning
Date TBC	Reception - Year 2	Sports Afternoon
25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School	Half Term

**Term dates this academic year:**

<b>Autumn 2</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November-Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The school will shut at 12 noon on 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Pre-school and 2 year olds - there will be no session on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>Spring 1</b>	<b>5th January 2026-13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Inset Day 5<sup>th</sup> January (the school will be closed to children)</b>
<b>Spring 2</b>	<b>23rd February - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March (the school will shut at 12 noon on 27<sup>th</sup> March)</b>	<b>Pre-school and 2 year olds - there will be no session on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>13th April-22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	
<b>Summer 2</b>	<b>1st June- 17<sup>th</sup> July (the school will shut at 12 noon on 17<sup>th</sup> July)</b>	<b>Inset Day 12<sup>th</sup> June (the school will be closed to children). Pre-school and 2 year olds - there will be no session on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>

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