



NEWSLETTER

27TH JANUARY 2026

Despite the horrible weather and dark mornings we have lots of wonderful things happening in school. All classes have begun their new topics and have some exciting experiences awaiting in the next few weeks.

We have been busy booking some enriching experiences and dates into our calendar. Please look carefully at the calendar below, there has been a lot added in this newsletter.

| Looking ahead | |
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| 30th January | Y2 School trip to Hampton Court Palace |
| 3 rd February | Indian Dance Workshop (change from Circus Skills Workshop) - whole school |
| 2 nd -6 th February | National Storytelling Week |
| 10 th February | Safer Internet Day |
| 11 th February | Y1 Fieldwork - walk of local area |
| 9 th and 11 th February | Learning Review Meetings |



INDIAN DANCE WORKSHOP!

We will be hosting on 3rd February 2026 an Indian Dance Workshop in school. This workshop is based around the rich traditions of Indian dance and culture. The workshop is being made available to all year groups and each class will have their own session where they can join in with a range of fun activities that develop their flexibility, strength and control.

We kindly ask for a voluntary donation to part cover the cost of this workshop, this will enable us to provide more experiences like this in the future. Donations can be made via Arbor.



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LEARNING REVIEWS: 9TH & 11TH FEBRUARY

Learning reviews are being held on Monday 9th February and Wednesday 11th February 2026. Apologies for the error of date in my last newsletter!

You will be shortly receiving information on how to book your appointment. These learning reviews mark the halfway point of this school year and will be focused on your child's academic progress and achievements. As always, you will be able to look through their books prior to or after your appointment. Appointments are for 10 minutes and are available in person or by telephone. We do our very best to stay on time for appointments and it is important that you arrive in good time for your child's learning review

HOUSE COMPETITION

This term's house competition is focused on maths skills, the children will be completing subitising challenges in reception and number bonds challenges in Year 1 and 2. All the scores for each house will be added up to find out the winner!

Boom Reader

Don't forget that all children from Pre-school upwards have access to Boom Reader, an account which helps track the reading your child does both inside and outside of school. You can write a short comment to let us know that the books have been read. You may also want to let your child's teacher know what went well or anything they struggled with.

Reading books should be brought to school **each day** as we use them in class as part of our wider phonics learning and 1:1 reading sessions.



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

| When | Who | What... |
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| 6th January | Whole School | Term starts at 8:40am |
| 30th January | Year 2 | School trip to Hampton Court Palace |
| 3 rd February | Whole School | Indian Dance Workshop (change from Circus Skills Workshop) |
| 2nd-6 th Febraury | Whole School | National Storytelling Week |
| 10 th February | Whole School | Safer Internet Day |
| 11 th February | Year 1 | Geography Fieldwork - walk of local area |
| 9th & 11 th February | Pre-School- Year 2 | Learning Reviews |
| 16th - 20th February | Whole School | Half Term |
| 24 th February | Year 1 | Great Fire of London Workshop |
| 4 th March | Reception | Presentation to Parents |
| 5 th March | Whole School | World Book Day |
| 5 th Matrch | Yr 1 & 2 | Didcot Library visit school |
| 11 th March | Year 2 | Presentation to Parents |
| 18 th March | Year 1 | Presentation to Parents |
| 19 th March | Year 2 | Elizabeth I workshop @DPA |
| 20 th March | Whole School | Roving Bookshop in school |

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| 24 th March | Rocksteady performers | Rocksteady concert 9.30am |
| 24 th March | Reception | Height and Weight Measuring |
| 25 th March | Reception | Vision Test |
| 26 th March | Pre-school & Owlets | Last Day of Term for Owlets & Pre-school |
| 27 th March | Reception - Year 2 | End of term at 12 noon. Gates open at 11:50am |

| 2025/26 Summer Term Dates and events are subject to changes. Correct at time of writing. | | |
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| When | Who | What... |
| 13th April | Whole School | Summer Term starts at 8:40am |
| 28 th April | Pre-school | Trip to Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre |
| 12 th May | Reception | Trip to Beale Park |
| 19 th May | Year 1 | School Days Workshop |
| 20 th May | Whole School | School photos |
| Date TBC | Pre-school & Owlets | Mini Sports Morning |
| Date TBC | Reception - Year 2 | Sports Afternoon |
| 25 th - 29 th May | Whole School | Half Term |

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

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| 12th June | Whole School | Inset Day |
| 30th June | Year 2 | Beach Trip to Hengistbury Head |
| 16 th July | 2 year olds and Preschool | Last Day |
| 17 th July | Reception-Y2 | Last Day. No 2 year old/Preschool session. Gates open at 11.50am and shut at 12pm. |

| Term dates this academic year: | | |
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| Spring 1 | 5th January 2026-13th February | |
| Spring 2 | 23rd February - Friday 27th March (the school will shut at 12 noon on 27th March) | Pre-school and 2 year olds - there will be no session on Friday 27th March |
| Summer 1 | 13th April-22nd May | |
| Summer 2 | 1st June- 17th July (the school will shut at 12 noon on 17th July) | Inset Day 12th June (the school will be closed to children). Pre-school and 2 year olds - there will be no session on Friday 17th July |