



NEWSLETTER

15TH DECEMBER 2025

As we come to the end of the term, I would like to express my sincere thanks for your support. The children have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of their efforts, and I hope they enjoy a well-deserved break. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.

End of term arrangements

A gentle reminder that the term finishes for 2 year olds and Pre-school class on Wednesday 17th December.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 finish on Thursday 18th December. Gates will open at 11.50am and close at 12pm.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 6th January 2026

Looking ahead...	
15 th December	Y1&2 PCSO visit
16 th December	Rec Christmas Performance 2.15pm
17 th December	Owlets and Preschool last day of term
17 th December	Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumpers
18 th December	R-Y2 Last Day of term



CROSS COUNTRY

All the children took part in Sires Hill's first Cross Country event. Every child blew us away and crossed the finish line, showing true sportsmanship! Well done to Blue and Yellow House for gaining the most points in the races!



SANTA'S CHRISTMAS FLYOVER

Father Christmas took to the skies again this year, with the help of RAF Benson. He swapped his sleigh for a helicopter and flew across Oxfordshire to deliver presents to the children at the John Radcliffe hospital. He stopped by on his journey to give us a wave.

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 are now open!
- 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>



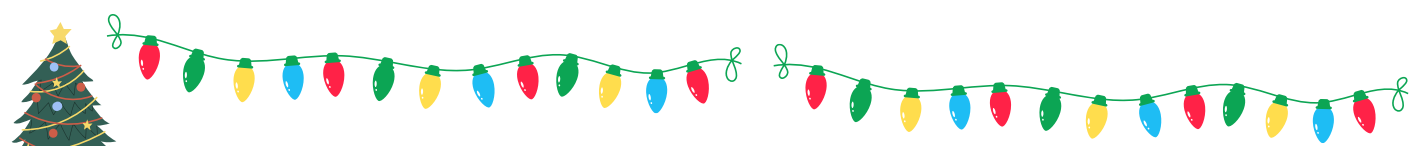
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Year 1 Christmas Craft afternoon

Families of children in Year 1 enjoyed an afternoon creating crafts. The children really enjoyed a Christmassy and creative afternoon!

2 Year olds & Pre-school Christmas Craft morning

Our 2 year olds (Owlets) & Pre-school (Ducklings) also got creative, making wonderful decorations and edible treats to Christmas tunes. We hope you enjoyed getting creative with your child.

Baarmy Bethlehem - Year 2 Christmas Nativity Play

Dolphin Class shared with families their Christmas Nativity Production; Baarmy Bethlehem.

The children sang beautifully, remembered all their lines and danced along with the actions. It was a wonderful show and a brilliant way to celebrate the end of term. Well done Dolphins!



Shine Star Shine - Reception Christmas Nativity Play

Reception are performing their Nativity this Tuesday at 2.15pm, they have been working really hard on making it a great performance!



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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 - 11th 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
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Course Leader email: lisa.knight@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

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Supporting your child - Managing Feelings & Behaviour

Where?

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When?

Wednesdays 8:50am - 10:50am
25th February - 25th 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.

When	Who	What...
15th December	Year 1 & 2	PCSO Visit for Key Stage 1 (date changed from 16th)
16 th December	Reception	Christmas Performance 2:15pm (no under 5's to attend)
WEDNESDAY 17 th December	Owlets & Pre- school	last day of term
Wednesday 17th December	Rec, Y1, Y2	Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumpers
THURSDAY 18 th December	Reception - Year 2	No pre-school sessions. School closes at 12 noon. Gates open at 11:50am.

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

When	Who	What...
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)
10 th February	Whole School	Safer Internet Day
11 th & 12 th February	Pre-school - Year 2	Learning Review Meetings
16th - 20th February	Whole School	Half Term
24 th February	Year 1	Great Fire of London Workshop
5 th March	Whole School	World Book Day
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
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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
Date TBC	Pre-school & Owlets	Mini Sports Morning
Date TBC	Reception - Year 2	Sports Afternoon
25 th - 29 th May	Whole School	Half Term

Term dates this academic year:

Autumn 2	3rd November-Thursday 18th December. The gates will open at 11.50am. The school will shut at 12 noon on 18th December	Pre-school and 2 year olds - there will be no session on Thursday 18th December
Spring 1	5th January 2026-13th February	Inset Day 5th January (the school will be closed to children)
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