



NEWSLETTER

13TH APRIL 2026

Welcome to Summer!

Welcome to the summer term, I hope you all had a restful Easter! All year groups are kicking off the new term with new and exciting topics to promote their love of learning, look out for the curriculum information for your child's year group to see what they will be getting up to.



Oxfordshire County Council's child pedestrian Road Safety scheme, Footsteps, has been improved with the addition of a series of short videos that can be used alongside the step-by-step guide. By following the guide and videos, you can support your child to become a safer, more confident pedestrian. The Footsteps programme is simple to follow as it can be used in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than telling your child what to do, where to cross, you are encouraged to ask lots of open questions to make your child think about the decisions they are making. Learning to cope with traffic is a practical skill, which can't be learnt in the classroom. As parents / carers, you are the best people to help your child develop this knowledge as you spend the most time out and about with them. Please follow the link to the Footsteps page on our website <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/fire-and-community-safety/community-safety/safety-and-accident-resources/footsteps> where you can download the step-by-step guide and access the video clips to start giving your child the skills and knowledge they will need to stay safer on our roads.



2nd Hand Uniform Shop

We are so pleased that the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop has been beneficial to many of you. Please help us to keep it going by dropping off any outgrown uniform to the office. The uniform shop can be accessed at anytime, it is ready and waiting in the waiting room in the office.



Calling any knitting fans!

If you or anyone you know enjoys knitting and would like to knit us some nursery rhyme/story characters please come find Miss Taylor to discuss further.

Looking ahead	
13 th April	Summer Term starts at 8:40am
16 th April	National Offer Day - Reception Places
20 th April	SWIFT course for parents
27 th April	SWIFT course for parents
28 th April	Trip to Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre
4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
7 th May	PSHE parent consultation @DPA
11 th May	Didcot Library Visit (In School)
11 th May	SWIFT course for parents
12 th May	Trip to Beale Park
18 th May	SWIFT course for parents



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Invitation to PSHE Curriculum Review meeting held at Didcot Primary Academy on Thursday 7th May at 5pm. Please note this is a PARENT/CARER only meeting - no children to be present

At SHPA, we are committed to providing high quality Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education that supports your child's development and wellbeing throughout their time with us.

Reviewing our PSHE Provision

We are currently reviewing our PSHE curriculum in line with the DFE's updated statutory guidance for Relationships, Sex and Health Education (published 2025, for implementation from September 2026). This is a positive opportunity to bring our curriculum content up to date in a changing world, whilst navigating our age-appropriate focus on the core knowledge and essential skills that children need to navigate different aspects of their lives with confidence, both in and beyond primary school.

At SHPA we use Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE, as our comprehensive scheme of work. The programme consists of six half term units (Puzzle pieces): Being Me in My World, Celebrating Difference, Dreams and Goals, Health Me, Relationships and Changing Me. Each Puzzle contains lessons that build progressively throughout the school, developing children's emotional literacy, self-esteem, resilience and understanding of how to build positive, healthy relationships.

The updated guidance enhances the Jigsaw programme that we already know and trust, rather than requiring radical changes. The strong foundations remain the same - we continue to focus on building the fundamental skills and knowledge children need - whilst ensuring our content reflects the world they are growing up in. As part of our review we are also considering how we adapt the programme content to best suit the needs and context of our school community.

Your views matter

As part of our review process, we warmly invite you to attend a consultation sessions where you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the Jigsaw PHSE programme and how it is taught across all year groups
- See examples of the materials and resources we use
- Understand how our curriculum meets statutory requirements for Relationships and Health Education
- Ask questions about any aspect of our PSHE provision
- Share your views and feedback to help inform our curriculum decisions
- Understand your right to request withdrawal from specific non-statutory Sex Education lessons

Working in partnership

We believe that PSHE education is most effective when schools and families work together. Your child's wellbeing, safety and personal development are at the heart of everything that we do, and we

value your input. We look forward to sharing our provision with you and hearing your views. If you are not able to attend but have a question, please email the school office and we will get back to you.

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

When	Who	What...
13th April	Whole School	Summer Term starts at 8:40am
20 th April		SWIFT course for parents
27 th April		SWIFT course for parents
28 th April	Pre-school	Trip to Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre
4 th May	Whole School	Bank Holiday
7 th May	Whole School	PSHE Parent Consultation
11 th May	Pre-school	Didcot Library Visit (In School)
11 th May		SWIFT course for parents
12th May	Reception	Trip to Beale Park
18 th May		SWIFT course for parents
19th May	Year 1	School Days Workshop
18 th - 22nd May	Whole School	Virtual Duck Race - PTA event
20th May	Whole School	School photos
21st May	Pre-school & Owlets	Mini Sports Morning
21st May	Reception - Year 2	Sports Afternoon
25 th - 29 th May	Whole School	Half Term
10 th June	Pre-school parents	New Reception Meeting

12th June	Whole School	Inset Day
17 th June	Reception Parents	New Year 1 parent meeting
24 th June	Year 1 Parents	New Year 2 parents meeting
30 th June	Year 2	Beach Trip to Hengistbury Head
1 st July	Year 2 parents	New Year 3 parents meeting
4 th July	Whole School	Summer Fete - PTA Event
7 th & 8 th July	Whole School	Transition Days
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:		
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

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