



# NEWSLETTER

12TH JANUARY 2025



Happy New Year to our wonderful school community! We look forward to a bright year filled with curiosity, kindness, and learning. Thank you to you all for your support so far this year, we have many things for the children to look forward to as continue into 2026.

## UNIFORM REMINDER

As we are in a new term, children may have grown and are in new uniform. Please can you ensure that **ALL** items are clearly labelled with your child's name so that we are able to keep lost property to a minimum, this includes gloves, hats, scarves and water bottles! Below is a reminder of the uniform for each year group;

### 2 year olds & Pre-school

- White polo shirt with or without Omnia logo
- Purple sweatshirt or cardigan with Omnia logo
- Your own choice of leg wear
- Sensible shoes or trainers - NO sandals or cros please

2 year olds & pre-school children can wear full school uniform if they wish.

### Reception & Year 1

- White polo shirt with or without Omnia logo
- Purple sweatshirt or cardigan with Omnia logo
- Dark grey trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirt
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers
- White, purple or grey socks or tights
- House coloured Omnia PE top
- Black shorts or leggings
- Omnia hoodie or plain black hoodie or school sweatshirt

Looking ahead	
30th January	Y2 School trip to Hampton Court Palace
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Indian Dance Workshop (change from Circus Skills Workshop) - whole school
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 Fieldwork - walk of local area
11 <sup>th</sup> &12 <sup>th</sup> February	Learning Review Meetings

## HEALTH VISITING & SCHOOL HEALTH NURSING MESSAGE SERVICE

Don't forget, the Health Visiting and School Health Nursing messaging services are available to all families in school if you have any questions, concerns or queries about your child's health, wellbeing or development.



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## SPOTLIGHT ON ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance and punctuality at school is the key to success. It is incredibly important that your child attends every day and on time. It is fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or cold. Please follow these guidelines from the NHS:

- If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.
- **Chickenpox** - If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.
- **Covid-19** - if your child has mild symptoms such as runny nose, sore throat and they feel well enough, they can go to school. However, if they have a high temperature they should stay at home and avoid contact with others.
- **Ear infection** - If they have severe earache and a high temperature, keep them off of school until they are feeling better.
- **Impetigo** - If your child has impetigo they will need treatment from a GP. They will need to be kept off of school until all the sores have crusted over and healed **or** for 48 hours after they have started antibiotic treatment.
- **Vomiting and diarrhoea** - Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days (48 hours).
- **Tiredness** - Children should attend school even if they say that they feel tired.

**We will contact you if we think your child is not well enough to be at school. They will need to be collected as soon as possible from the notification.**

Please do not take days off for birthdays etc. Also, please avoid making routine dental, doctors appointments etc during the school day. All holidays taken during term time from will be referred to Oxfordshire County Council for Penalty Notices. You must complete a form for all absence requests and you must provide information to explain these - e.g hospital appointment letters, flight details etc. The form can be collected from the main office or you can email [office@sirehillprimaryacademy.org](mailto:office@sirehillprimaryacademy.org) to request a digital copy of the form.

## Attendance Ladder





## UNIFORM SHOP



We will shortly be launching our Sires Hill Uniform Shop where we will supply second hand uniform for you to purchase for a small donation. If you have any spare uniform/school shoes of ALL sizes that your child has grown out of, please bring this to the office so that this can be included in our shop. Watch this space for more details to follow!

## OFFICE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Somebody else will be picking up my child today who do I tell?

For one-off collections call or drop into the school office to obtain a password for the person collecting. For more regular pickups please add the person as a contact in *Arbor* and tick the option 'Authorised to Collect', whilst also identifying the person to members of staff. Please note for safeguarding reasons if these steps have not been taken we will call you before releasing your child for the day.

### My child is ill and won't be in school what do I need to do?

Please call the school office on 01235 250970 and pick Option 1, alternatively please email [office@sireshillprimaryacademy.org](mailto:office@sireshillprimaryacademy.org) before 9am on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence.

### How do I keep up to date with what my child is doing in school?

This fortnightly newsletter, the school website (*click the bar Curriculum>Curriculum Information by Year Group*) where you will find lots of photos, and our official school Facebook page are all great ways of keeping informed.

### I would like to speak to my child's teacher when is the best time to do this?

Pickup and drop off times can be particularly busy, if you have specific concerns or queries please book an appointment via the school office.

### We were running late this morning and the gate is closed where do we go?

Please press the intercom buzzer on the main gate and make your way to Reception where you will be asked to sign your child in and a member of staff will walk them to their classroom.

### Our child will be absent from school what do we need to do?

Please refer to our Attendance Policy which can be found on the school website (*visit the tab Key Information>School Policies*) and request a copy of either a Medical or Non-Medical Absence form from the school office.

## LAST FEW DAYS TO APPLY FOR RECEPTION 2026!

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

- **THIS THURSDAY 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>
- **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT DOWN MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL AS A CHOICE.** If this is the case and your child does not get in to that school they will be placed anywhere that has space.

**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> February	Year 1	Geography Fieldwork - walk of local area
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

**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>Spring 1</b>	<b>5th January 2026-13<sup>th</sup> February</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>

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