



# NEWSLETTER

13TH OCTOBER 2025

I am delighted to see our pupils continuing to learn with such enthusiasm and curiosity. It has been wonderful to observe how quickly they have settled back into school routines, showing confidence and growing independence each day. Classrooms are filled with purposeful learning, and children are engaging positively with their lessons, eager to share ideas and build on their skills. Equally heartening is the way pupils are forming and strengthening friendships across the school. Kindness, respect, and cooperation are evident in classrooms and on the playground, creating a warm and inclusive atmosphere.

Last week Rocksteady were invited in to perform in assembly and run workshops for Reception-Year 2. They provide in-school band lessons for children. Please speak to the office if your child is interested in lessons.



Looking ahead...	
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr 2 Trip to Didcot Railway Centre
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Wear red for Show Racism the Red Card Day
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Reception class local area walk.
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Learning Review meetings
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## Reflector Shop

With dark evenings and foggy mornings approaching, please remember to keep safe when you are walking/cycling/scootering about! To help this, we encourage to BE BRIGHT AND BE SEEN!

SHPA have a shop in our school office where you can purchase different reflectors to hang on bags, coats, lunchboxes, bikes or scooters. All payments are made through Arbor, please do not bring cash.



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## SPOTLIGHT ON UNIFORM



white polo shirt with or without logo



purple sweatshirt or cardigan with logo



dark grey skirt, shorts or trousers



Black shoes or black trainers (no sandals)

dark grey, purple or white socks and tights



House colour PE top - your child will be allocated a house: Red (Mars), Green (Venus), Blue (Saturn), Yellow (Jupiter)



Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms

Plain black hoodie with or without logo. (School sweatshirt may also be worn)



trainers

Please name EVERYTHING!



Long hair must be tied up every day.



Plain headbands, clips or small bows only. **No novelty hairbands.**



No jewellery to be worn apart from small stud earrings which must be removed for PE.



## HEALTH VISITING & SCHOOL HEALTH NURSING MESSAGE SERVICE

All families at Sires Hill Primary Academy have access to the both the Health Visitor and School Nursing Team. They can be contacted for advice on many different issues to support you and your child as they grow. They have a website which has some fantastic resources for families to refer to and they also have a messaging service called Parentline which is free to access and can signpost, advise, refer and work with you on issues such as;

- Sleep
- Diet & healthy lifestyles including tips for fussy eaters
- Toileting
- Support with emotional health and wellbeing

Health Visiting / School Health Nursing message service:

**ParentLine 0-4 years. Text: 07312263081**

**ParentLine 5-11 years. Text: 07312263227**

Or visit their website: <https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/cyp-0-19/>



### ParentLine 0-4 years

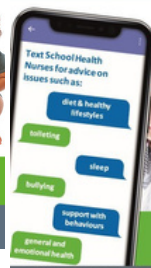
New Health Visiting messaging service for parents and carers of children 0-4 years in Oxfordshire

Text **07312 263081**  
to message a health visitor



### ParentLine 5-11 years

School Health Nursing messaging service for parents and carers of children 5-11 years attending state schools or home educated in Oxfordshire



Text **07312 263227**  
to message a school health nurse

## GROUNDS WORK

You may have seen some work being done to the grounds around school. The work being done is preparing our grounds to be fully useable and replanting trees that died, this is part of the snagging process.



## POPPIES

Poppies are now at the school main office to purchase for a donation of £1. Come by the office to see what is on offer.



## WHO ARE THE DIDCOT FOODBANK?



Every day, people in the UK go hungry for many reasons. The foodbanks provide emergency food and support to people experiencing food poverty in the UK.

Did you know that in 2022/23 approximately 2.99 million people used a foodbank in the UK?

Foodbanks, such as the one in Didcot really rely on the support of local communities and donations such as ours at Sires Hill Primary Academy.

The Didcot Foodbank serves Didcot and the immediate surrounding villages and is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11am to 1pm at Didcot Baptist Church, Wantage Road, Didcot. Families can access the Foodbank, by referral from any of the following: Citizens Advice, schools and nurseries, medical practices and agencies, health visitors, housing associations, charities, support workers, SODC Housing and Community Hub, or any professional/agency.

**If you are able and wish to make a donation, boxes will be placed outside classrooms on Tuesday 21st October and we will make a drop off to Didcot Foodbank later that week.**

### **PARKING AND DRIVING**

**This is a polite reminder to all families that arrive by car to please be as kind and considerate to pedestrians around them as they possibly can.**

**School drop off and pick up times are extremely busy but it is vitally important to remain patient to ensure everyone's safety. Please DO NOT drive up on to curbs to avoid parked vehicles.**

To be ready for the disco after school, pupils are free to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation (paid through Arbor). Please ensure appropriate footwear is worn and children do not wear anything that will distract them from their learning.

### **EXTENDED HOURS**

**Our extended hours opens at 8:15am to allow an earlier drop off for pre-booked pupils. Extended hours can not let in children past 8:30am however, as they have already started to pack up and make their way to classrooms. If you have arrived past 8:30am, please wait for the main gate to be opened at 8:40am. Thank you for your understanding.**

**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>
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2	Trip to Didcot Railway Centre
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27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Whole School	Half Term - school closed to pupils

10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School	Anti-Bullying Week Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November Odd Socks Day
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School	Christmas Fayre
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)
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2	PCSO Visit for Key Stage 1 (date changed from 16th)

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16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception	Christmas Performance 2:15pm (no under 5's to attend)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Owlets & Pre-school	last day of term
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception - Year 2	No pre-school sessions. School closes at 12 noon. Gates open at 11:50am.

<b>2025/26 Spring Term</b> 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	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

**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

