Sires Hill Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

14TH SEPTEMBER 2026

I hope that you have all had a chance to read our fantastic Ofsted report now. The team and I are very proud of the outcome, and will continue to strive to provide the very best for your children.



Benedict's Law

Every child has the right to a safe to learn and within every class, there is likely to be between one and two pupils who have allergies. Extremely serious allergic reactions, like anaphylaxis can happen in minutes and can be fatal. Over the past few years, all our staff have received allergy training so that children can feel assured that their safety is paramount to all. During the inset day, all our staff were trained to look out for signs of anaphylaxis, but also considered what we need to do in order to keep our school environment as safe as possible.

- If your child has serious allergies and has an adrenaline pen prescribed, please **ensure that they have two in date devices at all times in school.**
- We do hold spare adrenaline pens in school and staff are trained to use them.
- We take every allergy seriously

The next two weeks Please check the diary at the end of the newsletter for future dates to keep ahead.	
14th September	
15th September	Phonics workshop for parents 9am. Come and find out how to support your child as they are starting to read.
16th September	Choir starts tonight for Year 3 children 3:30pm - 4:30pm
17th September	
18th September	
21st September	
22nd September	
23rd September	
24th September	

Phonics Workshop for parents and carers - Tuesday 15th September at 9am

Read Write Inc. Phonics

Mrs Bennett will be leading a workshop for parents and carers on Tuesday to support you to help your child to learn to read successfully. Reading opens up the world of learning to children and we aim for children to learn to read as fast as possible, but as slow as they need to! This means that we will be teaching children new sounds every day, consolidating these sounds and then beginning to blend the sounds together to form words. Some children pick this up really quickly and other need time to grasp this concept - we work alongside your child to find the pace that is right for them and supporting them to build up their knowledge. This workshop will enable you to find out what you can do to help.



Autumn 1 2026-27

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Date	Who	What
15th September	Reception parents	Phonics workshop at 9am
16th September	Year 3 families	Choir starts 3:30-4:30pm
23rd September	Year 1	School Workshop: Toys and games, a visit from the Oxford Museum Service.
7th October	Whole school	Individual Photographs taken (no family groups)
8th October	Year 2	Trip to Didcot Railway Centre
9th October	Whole school	Inset Day- school closed to children
16th October	Whole school	Wear red - Show Racism the Red Card day
19th October and 21st October	Whole school	Learning reviews: Make an appointment via Arbor to meet your child's teacher and find out how your child has settled into their new class.
22nd October	Reception	Flu Vaccination programme
26th October-30th October	Whole school	Half term holidays. School Closed.

Autumn 2 2026-27

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Date	Who	What
2nd November	Whole school	Autumn Term 2 Starts
16th November	Whole school	Wear odd socks for Anti-bullying day
7th December	Pre-School	Christmas Craft afternoon and sing along 2:15pm. Come and join your child to make some Christmas decorations.
9th December	Reception	Christmas Nativity Play 2:30pm Please note that children under 5 will not be admitted into the audience
11th December	Year 2	Christmas play 2:30pm Please note that children under 5 will not be admitted into the audience.
14th December	Year 1	Christmas Craft afternoon and sing along 2:15pm. Come and join your child to make some Christmas decorations.
17th December	Reception to Year 3	Christmas Concert 9:15am. Come and join us for a musical festive celebration - be prepared to join in!
17th December	Whole school	End of term at 12 noon. Gates will open at 11:50am.

Spring 1 2026-27

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Date	Who	What
4th January 2027	Whole school	Term starts 8:40am (Reception to Year 3) 9:30am (Nursery and pre-school)
22nd January	Young Voices Choir	Opportunity to join a choir of 7000 children to sing at the O2 Arena. Open to Year 3 children only (10 places)
8th February and 10th February	whole school	Learning reviews. Make sure you make an appointment via Arbor to meet your child's teacher and find out how your child is progressing academically.
15th - 19th February	Whole school	Half term - school closed to children .

Spring 2 2026-27

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Date	Who	What
22nd February	Whole school	Term starts 8:40am (Reception to Year 3) 9:30am (Nursery and pre-school)
24th March	Nursery and pre - school	End of term for Nursery and pre-school (usual time)
25th March	Whole school	End of term at 12 noon (gates will open at 11:50am)

Summer 1 2026-27

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Date	Who	What
12th April	Whole school	Term starts 8:40am (Reception to Year 3) 9:30am (Nursery and pre-school)
26th May	Whole school	Sports Day and family picnic- timings will be sent out nearer the time
28th May	Whole school	End of Summer 1
31st May - 4th June	Whole school	Half term

Summer 2 2026-27

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Date	Who	What
7th June	Whole school	Term starts 8:40am (Reception to Year 3) 9:30am (Nursery and pre-school)
11th June	Whole school	Inset Day - school closed to children
19th July	nursery and pre-school	End of term (usual session times 12:30 or 3:30pm)
20th July	Whole school	End of term at 12 noon (gates will open at 11:50am)