



NEWSLETTER

15TH SEPTEMBER 2025



As we head into the second week of term, it's been wonderful to see our school community full of energy, curiosity, and smiling faces. A very warm welcome to pupils in Owlets, Duckling and Dragonfly Classes, who have completed their very first week with us. It's been a joy to see how quickly they've settled in — exploring their new environment, making friends, and joining in with enthusiasm. Their confidence is already growing, and the classrooms are filled with happy chatter and eager learners.

PHONICS PARENT WORKSHOP

Tuesday this week is our phonics workshop for parents which is held in the hall at 9.00am. This is aimed at our Reception parents to aid you to effectively support your child in learning phonics and applying it to their reading and writing. The workshop is being run by our Early Years Leader and Phonics Lead Mrs Shelley Bennett. Parents have previously fed back that they found the workshop extremely helpful. We look forward to all those able to join us.

Looking ahead	
16th September	Phonics workshop for parents (9:00am)
23rd September	Year 1 Toys & Games Workshop (in school)
24 th September	Flu vaccinations
26th September	World Celebration Day
8th October	Individual School Photos
10th October	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
14th October	Year 2 trip to Didcot Railway
17 th October	Wear red for Show Racism the Red Card Day
21 st October	Reception Class local area walk

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

We are often asked how you as parents can support your child's learning at home. What we always encourage is daily reading. This includes your child reading their school books but also you reading to your child. You should have received a login for our online reading journal "boom reader", please use this to inform us about reading that happens at home. Helpful things to include:

- If they enjoyed the book
- Any interesting discussions that stemmed from reading the book
- Any particular words or sounds they found tricky
- What they could recall after they read the book
- Anything you would like the teacher to know



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LIBRARY AND BOOK DONATIONS

We are thrilled to announce the opening of our newly built school library! This bright, welcoming space will be filled with a wide range of books to inspire young readers. It provides a quiet, comfortable environment where pupils can explore, learn, and develop a lifelong love of reading.

In the near future, we will be creating an online book wishlist so we can fill our library with fantastic, high-quality texts. If you would like to contribute to this, watch out for the wishlist link that we will be sending out in the coming weeks. We are politely asking for no other book donations at this time.



BIKES AND SCOOTER ON SCHOOL GROUNDS



Could we politely remind pupils and parents not to ride bikes and scooters within the school grounds to ensure everyone's safety.

We ask that the bikes and scooters are dismantled before the grey pathway that leads to the school gate.

WHY NOT PARK AND STRIDE?

We are a school that strongly promotes active travel, including walking, cycling, scooting and park & stride to arrive at school. Over the course of the year there will be a number of activities, competitions and events that they can get involved in. All children who travel to school by walking, cycling, scooting or park and stride will get a point each day. Just 1 active travel journey per week will not only earn them a WOW travel award badge each month, presented in assembly, but will also help in reducing congestion and air pollution in and around the school



PARKING IN AND AROUND SCHOOL

As we all settle into the new term, I have noticed that there are a large number of cars being parked outside the school. Please ensure that you park in the drop-off bays and not on the pavements. If you do need to park along the road, please can you ensure that you are not blocking pedestrians ability to walk past or utilise the drop curbs. Please DO NOT park in the staff car park or at its entrance, blocking vehicle access. Access to the staff car park is used throughout the school day, including by large vehicles. There are a number of parking bays along Huxley Drive which can be used.

FRIENDS OF SIRES HILL

Friends of Sires Hill (FOSH) is a dedicated group comprising of parents and members of our community. As part of their commitment to fostering a strong partnership between the school and families, FOSH plays a crucial role in raising vital funds in order to further enrich the educational experience of every child at Sires Hill Primary Academy.

Their aim is to compliment the school's plans to provide a fun, vibrant and supportive environment where your child can thrive. To achieve this, FOSH has big plans to raise funds for various initiatives over the coming years, including an outdoor classroom facility and books for the new school library. These contributions will directly benefit the pupils and enhance their educational journey.

How can I get involved?

You don't need to attend meetings to be part of FOSH. Helping before events is hugely appreciated. You can volunteer your time, your ideas, or just lend a hand from home. Every little bit helps. Volunteer opportunities include: event prep and support, setting up and running stalls, donations, spreading the word about events.

For more details and updates why not join the Friends of Sires Hill Facebook group or email the committee: friendsofsirehill@gmail.com

2025/26 Autumn Term

Dates and events are subject to changes. Correct at time of writing.

When	Who	What...
16 th September	Reception	Phonics workshop for parents 9:00am
23 rd September	Year 1	Year 1 Toys & Games Workshop (in school)
24 th September	Whole School	Flu vaccinations
26 th September	Whole School	World Celebration Day
8 th October	Whole School	Individual School Photos
10 th October	Whole School	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
14 th October	Year 2	Trip to Didcot Railway Centre
17 th October	Whole School	Wear red for Show Racism the Red Card Day
21 st October	Reception	Reception Class local area walk
22 nd & 23 rd October	Pre-school to Year 2	Learning review meetings
27 th - 31 st October	Whole School	Half Term - school closed to pupils

When	Who	What...
10 th - 14 th November	Whole School	Anti-Bullying Week Monday 10 th November Odd Socks Day
9 th December	Year 1	Christmas Craft Afternoon with family 2:15pm
11 th December	Pre-school & Owlets	Christmas Craft Afternoon with family 2:15pm
12 th December	Year 2	Christmas Performance 2:15pm (no under 5's to attend)
16 th December	Year 1 & 2	PCSO Visit for Key Stage 1
16 th December	Reception	Christmas Performance 2:15pm (no under 5's to attend)
17 th December	Owlets & Pre- school	last day of term
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...
6 th January	Whole School	Term starts at 8:40am
30 th January	Year 2	School trip to Hampton Court Palace
3 rd February	Whole School	Circus Skills Workshop
10 th February	Whole School	Safer Internet Day

When	Who	What...
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

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
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

When	Who	What...
12 th June	Whole School	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
30 th June	Year 2	Trip to Hengistbury Head
10 th July	Whole School	Annual Reports will be emailed out to you
16 th July	Owlets & Pre-school	Last Day of Term for Owlets & Pre-school
17 th July	Reception - Year 2	End of term at 12 noon. Gates open at 11:50am