

This week...

Let's start with a big thank you to Mr Froud who planned and implemented **Get Active Week** for us. He took our models from previous years and did a great job of creating the 2026 version. The activities included Cricket with Queentor Abel from the Kenyan women's team, Yoga with parent Louise, Ballet, Kung Fu, Badminton with parent Kimberley, Netball, Running, Lacrosse, Football, Disc Golf and Multi Sports. The children reported that they learnt a lot and staff saw a great increase in motivation from children when they saw the passion brought to the sports by those demonstrating. Thank you to parents Kimberley and Louise for coming in too! In the middle of the week, **Sports Day** had a lovely energy to it. Well done to all the parents, carers and relatives for encouraging the children and adding to the atmosphere. The motivational house points certainly have a good impact. You can view the winning parent house group below.

Congratulations to **Beech** as the overall winners of Sports Day. But don't be despondent if you belong to another House. These points are added to the overall points for the year and it is still 'all to play for'.



2026 Results	<u>Beech</u>	<u>Oak</u>	<u>Willow</u>
Nursery, Reception and Year 1	675 (1)	627	657
Year 2 and 3	784 (1)	628	677
Year 4, 5 and 6	701	863 (1)	739
	2160 (1)	2118	2073
Parent Points!	284	278	309 (1)

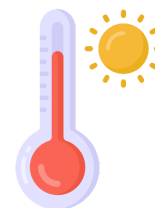


Thank a Teacher Day

It was Thank a Teacher day on Wednesday. There is a national website which allows people to send a message of appreciation to a teacher. Thank you to the 5 people who have made teachers' days here by sending a message. It's still open if you'd like to contribute <https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form>. It's always uplifting for us to receive a nice message every now and again.

Hot Weather

Next week is forecast to see a return to hotter weather (Amber Alert- South East), we will apply our risk assessments to ensure the children are appropriately catered for. If on the field, the staff will use areas of shade for pupils but they will also continuously make professional judgements on limiting timings and activity types, at times of extreme temperatures. We also spend extra time ensuring the provision is correct: that children are using their water bottles, they have sunscreen and hats (when needed) and are monitored closely while outside. The design of the school is effective, to a large extent, at resisting the heat, but we always continue to monitor and would inform you in advance if ever we felt that we should close any part, or all, of the school.



In short, be assured that we approach heat waves with the same rigour of assessment and the same close monitoring of the children as we do during storms or snow. There is no national upper operating limit for temperatures in schools. Therefore we use risk analysis to decide if levels are too high. With the mitigating actions, we have not seen the need to close the school in the past.

PALS Summer Fete - Saturday 27th June, 2-5pm

We have lots of exciting stalls and activities planned, including refreshments, Name the Sloth, Wine or Water, glitter tattoos, Hoop a Duck, Lucky Lollies, the Teddy Tombola, Treat Tombola, Beat the Goalie and more – so there will be plenty of fun for everyone to enjoy!

As always, events like this can only happen with the support of our wonderful parents, carers and staff. If you can spare just an hour to help on the day, we would be incredibly grateful. Please sign up using this link - <https://volunteersignup.org/3ECJL>

Dates for Summer Term 6...


Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!

Friday 19th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Period Product Workshop, in school
Tuesday 23rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Farm2Ewe Visit, in school Year 5 Cycle Training (selected children) - remember bikes and helmets!
Thursday 25th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Period Product Workshop, in school
Saturday 27th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PALS Summer Fete, 2-5pm
Monday 29th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Production Tickets on Sale - Box Office open from 7.30am
Tuesday 30th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 STEM Workshop (in school) Year 5 Cycle Training (selected children) - remember bikes and helmets!
Wednesday 1st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Music Concert for LPPS Musicians, 9.15am (selected pupils) - more info to follow
Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6: Aureus, DGS & SBS Induction Days
Tuesday 7th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Cycle Training Test Day (selected children) - remember bikes and helmets!
Tuesday 14th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Production, 9.15am and 1.30pm - see below
Thursday 16th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 9.15am Last day of term - normal finish time


























Club Dates this term (selected pupils)

Year 3 & 4 Drama Club (Mr Mackriell), Monday, 3.10 - 4pm	8th, 22nd and 29th June
Year 5 & 6 Netball Club (Mrs Clarkson), Wednesday, 3.10 - 4pm	10th, 17th, 24th June and 1st July

Notices

<p>Attendance</p> <p>Please email the school office. Do not email the year group.</p>	<p>If your child is not in school, you must notify us by leaving a message on our answer phone or by emailing office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk before 9am on each day of their absence. Email is preferable as we are finding it increasingly hard to understand due to unclear messages and poor telephone signal.</p> <p>Please state clearly and concisely your child's full name, class and their reason for absence - <u>being specific about the illness or medical needs</u>. You must inform the school in advance by email above, if you need to take your child for an educational setting visit, religious observance or similar. These absences will need to be pre agreed by us. No birthdays, cheaper holidays, altered holiday arrangements or similar will be agreed. In line with strict government legislation, they will be recorded as unauthorised on your child's attendance record.</p>
<p>Year 6 Production - Gigglebox</p> 	<p>Our Year 6 Production this year is Gigglebox! The Box Office (aka the school office!) will be open for ticket sales on Monday 29th June from 7.30am. Tickets cost £2 each (<i>cash only please!</i>) A maximum of 2 tickets per child per performance. We will let you know if there are any extra tickets available.</p>
<p>Extended Schools - Payment Reminder</p>	<p>We are still awaiting payments for Breakfast and After School Club from a number of families. Please login to Parent Pay to make your payment as soon as possible, as per our terms and conditions. Many thanks.</p>
<p>SEND</p>	<p><u>Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum</u> New blog: Summary of proposed 'Oxfordshire SEND Reform Plan' published Read the blog here</p>
<p>PALS - Raffle</p>	<p>A reminder to return your raffle tickets! There are some great prizes to be won including vouchers for days out and family fun! The draw will take place at the Summer Fete on Saturday 27th June. Please return your completed ticket stubs with money (cash please) in a sealed envelope to the school office. Additional tickets are also available at the office too.</p>
<p>External Clubs and Activities</p>	<p>If you are looking for external clubs and activities taking place in the local area, or for any upcoming holiday camps, please visit this page on our website - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/external-clubs-activities</p> <p>New additions this week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ YouMove Oxfordshire ★ Oxfordshire Play Association - Summer Play Activities ★ Target Netball Academy - Performance Training ★ Didcot 5 Mile and Fun Run - Sunday 5th July

SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
WEEK ONE 13.04.26 04.05.26 01.06.26 22.06.26 13.07.26	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	 Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	 Spaghetti Beef Bolognaise	Fishfingers with Chips	 Whole grain  Plant based  Added plant protein  Chef's Special
	Option Two	Tomato Pasta	Mexican Bean Roll with Potato Wedges	 Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Vegan Bolognaise	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	NEW Banana Mousse	Orange Drizzle Cake	 Fruit Platter	 Apple Flapjack 	 Cookie	
	WEEK TWO 20.04.26 11.05.26 08.06.26 29.06.26	Option One	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad 	 Beef Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa 	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice & Salad	
Option Two	Rainbow Pizza With Summer Mixed Salad 	Mild Mexican Quorn Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	 Quorn Roast Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice & Salad	NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips		
Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		
Dessert	Vanilla Sponge	Ice Cream	 Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	 Oaty Cookie 		
WEEK THREE 27.04.26 18.05.26 15.06.26 06.07.26	Option One	Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	 Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Roast of the Day, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	 Beef Pasta in Tomato Sauce 	Fishfingers with Chips	
	Option Two	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Quorn Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Pasta in Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Spinach Whirl	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Peach Cake	Cheese & Crackers	 Fruit Medley	Apple Cake 	 Vanilla Shortbread	
AVAILABLE DAILY:		Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar					

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.



SAVE THE DATE! 🗓️

Didcot Festival of Cultures

🗓️ **Saturday 11th July 2026** 🕒 **10:00 AM – 3:00 PM** 📍 **Cornerstone Arts Centre**

Get ready to experience something truly special — the **first ever Didcot Festival of Cultures!**

Brought to you by the Didcot Interfaith Group, with support from Deputy Lieutenant Elizabeth Paris, the Mayor of Didcot Town Council, and the Cornerstone Arts Centre, this vibrant celebration highlights what makes Didcot unique.

Didcot is a town full of stories, shaped by its incredible growth and the rich mix of cultures from across the UK and around the world. This festival is a chance to **celebrate our diversity, share traditions, and come together as one community.**

🎵 **What to Expect:**

- 🧘 Turkish Marbling (Ebru) Workshop (booking required) *Booking link:* [Ebru for Beginners Workshop \(Turkish Marbling\) | Cornerstone Arts](#)
- 🖋️ Henna stalls
- 📿 Jewellery & art stalls
- 🥁 African drumming workshop (booking required) *Booking link:* [African Drumming Workshop | Cornerstone Arts](#)
- 🎭 Live music and cultural dance performances (including Maypole!)
- 🍴 Delicious food stalls featuring flavours from around the world
- ✨ Plus culture, creativity, and community spirit!

🌟 **FREE entry – everyone is welcome!**

(Workshop registration required where applicable)

👉 For updates and more info:

[Didcot Festival of Cultures | Cornerstone Arts](#)

The Bounce Park

Didcot Residents!

50% OFF 
Entry This Weekend

Enjoy 50% off this weekend: 20th & 21st June 2026 at The Bounce Park Didcot. A perfect way to keep the kids active with our brand new inflatable castle and high energy fun, it's the ultimate weekend plan.

Weekend Entry Code:
DIDCOT50 

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BOOK YOUR SPOT:

SCAN ME!

