

## This week...

### Year 4 Hill End

Congratulations to Year 4 for their short residential trip to Hill End. It was a very successful trip which enabled the children to spend quality time outdoors, learn much more about the environment, work further on their team building skills and their independence. Our huge thanks to all the staff who attended. Alongside the class teachers and TAs, many of the other teachers attended on different evenings to run special clubs and events. Particular thanks to Matthew Addison along with Anne Addison for staying over through the week with both classes. They lead the classes on their outdoor journey, discovering the wonderful aspects of the environment at Hill End, undertaking creative tasks and activities while learning all the way. We really appreciate the work of all the staff as they gave the children these collaborative experiences. We hope that the children share with you all their best bits. Many of these can be seen on the [school blog](#).



### Curriculum Open Evening

The second installment of parent open afternoons was very well attended. Thanks to everyone who was able to make it, we hope you found it interesting and useful to see the approaches and methods we use for the curriculum at school.

### Message from PALS

Thank you to everyone who purchased a map for the [PALS Superhero Trail](#)! We hope you all enjoyed walking/scooting around the estate, finding the letters during half term. The superheroes you were looking for were 'Batman' and 'Wonder Woman'. The trail raised a fantastic **£133.55**.

## Next week...

**Year 4** children will be sitting their statutory Multiplication Tables Check. This is a timed, onscreen check, consisting of 25 times table questions. The children have been practising for the check all year and are familiar with the format. Results will be reported to parents once the school receives them. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with the Year 4 class teachers.

## Free School Meals Eligibility Changes

The Department for Education (DfE) is introducing changes to the **national FSM eligibility criteria from September 2026**.

This currently means that children who became eligible for FSM on or after 1st April 2018 will continue to receive FSM until July 2026 even if household circumstances have changed.

From September 2026, transitional protections will end and a new National Eligibility Rules will apply to all pupils. Regular annual checks are needed to confirm eligibility. At the start of each academic year we will ask parents to complete a Google Form (link below) to ensure pupils who meet the updated criteria continue to receive their entitlement.

From September 2026, national FSM entitlement will consist of three types:

- **Targeted FSM**  
For pupils in households with earned income under £7400.  
Only this group will continue to attract Pupil Premium Funding.
- **Expanded FSM**  
For all other pupils in households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of income.
- **Universal Infant Free School Meals**  
Continuing for all pupils in Reception Year 1 and Year 2.

These categories reflect the national expansion of FSM to all families receiving Universal Credit and are intended to help schools distinguish between means tested entitlement and wider universal credit based provision.

**YOU MUST** complete this form by **Friday 12th June** if you are in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit:

<https://forms.gle/K4x97Y92Bi51q75UA>

Once checks have been made and eligibility confirmed, we will let you know.

## Dates for Summer Term 6...

*Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!*


Tuesday 9th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Year 5 Cycle Training (selected children) - remember bikes and helmets!</li></ul>
Wednesday 10th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Year 6 visit Didcot Baptist Church, <a href="#">refer to letter here</a></li><li>● PALS Committee Meeting, 7.30pm (see below)</li></ul>
Friday 12th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● PALS Non-Uniform Day (see below)</li></ul>
Monday 15th - Friday 19th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Get Active Week - activities in school</li></ul>
Wednesday 17th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Thank a Teacher Day! <a href="https://thankateacher.co.uk/thankateacherday/">https://thankateacher.co.uk/thankateacherday/</a></li><li>● <b>Sports Day</b> 9am: Nursery, Foundation Stage &amp; Year 1 (lasting no more than 1 hour) 10.45 - 11.45am: Years 2 &amp; 3 1.30 - 3pm: Years 4, 5 &amp; 6</li></ul>
Tuesday 23rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Year 5 Cycle Training (selected children) - remember bikes and helmets!</li><li>● TVP Cyber Security Talk to Parents and Carers, 5pm - more details to follow</li></ul>
Wednesday 24th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Sports Day Backup (in case of bad weather!)</li></ul>
Saturday 27th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● PALS Summer Fete, 2-5pm</li></ul>
Tuesday 30th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Year 4 STEM Workshop (in school)</li></ul>

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Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6: Aureus, DGS &amp; SBS Induction Days</li> </ul>
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Tuesday 14th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Production, 9.15am and 1.30pm - more details to follow</li> </ul>
Thursday 16th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 9.15am</li> <li><b>Last day of term - normal finish time</b></li> </ul>

## Club Dates this term (selected pupils)

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

## Notices

<p><b>Attendance</b></p> <p><b>Please email the school office.</b> <b><u>Do not email the year group.</u></b></p>	<p>If your child is not in school, you must notify us by leaving a message on our answer phone or by <b>emailing</b> <a href="mailto:office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk">office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk</a> before 9am on each day of their absence. <b><u>Email is preferable as we are finding it increasingly hard to understand due to unclear messages and poor telephone signal.</u></b></p> <p>Please state clearly and concisely your <b>child's full name, class and their reason for absence</b> - <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><b>Pupil Email Accounts</b></p>	<p>Just a reminder that parents should not use their child's school Gmail account to send emails or register for external websites or services. When communicating with the school via email, please ensure that you are using your own personal email account. Thank you for your cooperation.</p>
<p><b>Water Safety Advice from Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service</b></p> 	<p>Spending time near water can be fun, especially in warm weather, but open water can be dangerous even if you are a strong swimmer. Rivers, lakes, canals, quarries and reservoirs can be much colder than they look, with hidden hazards and strong currents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not jump, dive or swim in open water unless it is a supervised, designated place.</li> <li>Never go near water alone - stay with friends and make sure someone knows where you are.</li> <li>Be aware that cold water shock can affect anyone, even strong swimmers, and can make it hard to breathe or move.</li> <li>Rivers, canals and lakes may have hidden dangers under the surface such as rocks, rubbish, weeds, fishing line or sudden drops.</li> <li>Do not take risks to impress others, including dares, bridge jumps or entering the water for social media content.</li> <li>If you fall in, try to stay calm, float on your back, keep your airway clear and control your breathing.</li> <li>If you see someone in trouble, call 999 or 112, shout for help, and throw something that floats. Do not go in after them.</li> </ul>

- If possible, choose supervised swimming venues or pools instead of unsupervised open water.

Remember: Enjoy the good weather, look out for your mates, and stay safe around water.

**Sports Day - Wednesday 17th June (backup in case of bad weather is Wednesday 24th June)**

We would like to confirm our timings for Sports Day this year. *Please note that our Nursery children will be taking part too!* Please enter school **promptly** at the start time via the Main Reception.

- ★ 9am: Nursery, Foundation Stage & Year 1 (lasting no more than 1 hour)
- ★ 10.45 - 11.45am: Years 2 & 3
- ★ 1.30 - 3pm: Years 4, 5 & 6

Remember, parents can earn House Points too! Wear your house colours proudly, bring your banners, and get ready to cheer as loudly as you can!


**Donation Requests!**

Mrs Irving-Gordon is looking for donations of the following items. Please let the school office know if you are able to help! Many thanks.

- ❖ Brio - Wooden trainset
- ❖ Dressing up clothes
- ❖ Baby dolls - no small bits
- ❖ Trolley - one with the compartments

In week 4, Year 2 will begin their final enquiry and would like to ask for donations of toy cars and car magazines (that will be used for art projects) to support their learning.

**SEND**



[Upcoming Parent Carer Events](#)

Join one of our relaxed, drop-in sessions. See topics and dates, below.

Child Development: OT, Play and Nutrition  
 Wed 10 June 2026 | 7pm - 8:30pm  
 Online via Microsoft Teams  
 Register - <https://tinyurl.com/oxpcf-childdev>


Child Development: OT, Play and Nutrition  
 Wed 17 June 2026 | 7pm - 8:30pm  
 Benson Village Hall, Benson, Wallingford OX10  
 Facebook event - <https://fb.me/e/byFFQudbg>

Transitions, Primary to Secondary  
 Wed 24 June 2026 | 11am - 1pm  
 Abingdon Carousel, Caldecott Chase, Abingdon OX14 5GZ  
 Facebook event - <https://fb.me/e/9BWtK97Fj>

Advocating for Your Child  
 Wed 8 July 2026 | 7pm - 8:30pm  
 Abingdon Carousel, Caldecott Chase, Abingdon OX14 5GZ  
 Facebook event - <https://fb.me/e/6ZVG3C4Xc>

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[Join our SEND Room](#)



Our Oxfordshire SEND Room is a private Facebook group, managed by OxPCF. It offers peer to peer support for parent carers of a child with special educational needs and/or disabilities, with or without a diagnosis. Now at 3,000 members, the group offers a non-judgmental and welcoming space to share experiences, and air concerns, queries and thoughts on any issues involving caring for your child/young person.

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[SEND Local Offer](#)

**New Terminology Guide**

Did you know? Oxfordshire has a dedicated SEND Local Offer website, which is continuing to develop as part of ongoing improvement work. The aim is for it to become an increasingly helpful place for families, young people, and professionals to find information about support available across education, health, social care, and community services.

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## SEND local offer



What's new? A guidance document on common SEND terminology. The Terminology guide for the SEND Local Offer explains some of the terms and abbreviations often used when talking about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

[See the guide](#)

### [We are With You \(Parent and Carer Support\)](#)

Meetups, webinars and more! Please visit our website to see all our upcoming dates and sessions (both in person and online). These are for any parents or carers of young people up to the age of 25, and do not need to be open to CAMHS. We run these sessions with both our trained staff and our parent peer support workers, who have lived experience.

[See what's on](#)

### [Support for Parent Carers in Oxfordshire](#)

Did you know? Carers Oxfordshire has a dedicated [parent carer information page](#).

Carers Oxfordshire is a free service for unpaid carers aged 18+ who support someone living in Oxfordshire. This includes parents who support a child alongside everyday family life where there are additional or ongoing needs. We offer practical advice, talk things through with you, and help you understand what support you could access. We can also help you connect with others and feel less alone.

#### **Apply for a Max Card**

Parent carers can apply for a Max Card for their child through Carers Oxfordshire, giving families access to discounts and free entry at attractions across the UK. To find out more or apply, visit [www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk/max-card](http://www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk/max-card).

Find out more or get in touch with Carers Oxfordshire by calling 01235 424 715 or visit [www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk)

### **PALS - Upcoming Events**

#### **PALS Committee Meeting, Wednesday 10th June, 7.30pm**

Please join us for our next Committee Meeting, where you can meet the team, find out how fundraising is spent, and our plans for the rest of the year. The meeting will be held on Zoom (link to follow).

#### **Non-school uniform day on 12th June**

On the 12th June, we welcome children to come to school wearing non-school uniform. Always a fun day in the diary for the children. PALS would love donations in the way of sweets/chocolate/biscuits for the treat tombola, wine for the water/wine stall or please do leave a money donation and we will buy these on your behalf. All the donations and proceeds go into the running of the school fete which is happening on 27th June.

#### **Summer Fete, Saturday 27th June, 2-5pm**

We're excited to announce that our Summer Fete is coming soon! This is one of the highlights of the school year and a wonderful opportunity for families, friends, and the wider school community to come together for an afternoon of fun. There will be games, activities, refreshments, stalls, prizes, and plenty of entertainment for all ages. The fete also plays an important role in raising funds to support school resources and enrichment opportunities for our children. We'd love your help to make the event a success — whether by volunteering some time, donating raffle prizes or cakes, or simply coming along and joining in the fun. More details will be shared soon, and we hope to see you there!

### **External Clubs and Activities**


























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>

New additions this week:

- ★ Long Wittenham Fun Run - Sunday 14th June 2026
- ★ YouMove - Make and Move Didcot, Weekly Movement and Craft Sessions
- ★ YouMove - Early Years sessions

# SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 13.04.26 04.05.26 01.06.26 22.06.26 13.07.26	<b>Option One</b>	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
	<b>Option Two</b>	Tomato Pasta	Mexican Bean Roll with Potato Wedges	 Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Vegan Bolognaise	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips	
	<b>Sides</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>NEW</b> Banana Mousse	Orange Drizzle Cake	 Fruit Platter	 Apple Flapjack 	 Cookie	
	<b>WEEK TWO</b> 20.04.26 11.05.26 08.06.26 29.06.26	<b>Option One</b>	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	
<b>Option Two</b>	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	<b>NEW</b> Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips		
<b>Sides</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		
<b>Dessert</b>	Vanilla Sponge	Ice Cream	 Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	 Oaty Cookie 		
<b>WEEK THREE</b> 27.04.26 18.05.26 15.06.26 06.07.26	<b>Option One</b>	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	
	<b>Option Two</b>	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Quorn Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Pasta in Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Spinach Whirl	
	<b>Sides</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	<b>Dessert</b>	Peach Cake	Cheese & Crackers	 Fruit Medley	Apple Cake 	 Vanilla Shortbread	
<b>AVAILABLE DAILY:</b>		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.



**Menstrual Health and  
Period Education Advocates**

June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

**DADS DO PADS IS BACK!**

Calling all dads and male carers! These free online workshops are packed with everything you need to feel confident supporting a young person who's about to start, or already having, their periods.

Two sessions cover **Period Products** and the **Menstrual Cycle**. Come to one or come to both!  
1st & 8th July - 7.30pm, Online

Sign up on our events page: <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/events>

**NEW: PERIOD BOX COLLECTION POINTS**

From 1st June, we're swapping home deliveries for handy community collection points. This helps us make the most of our wonderful volunteers' time and keeps our service going strong for years to come.

Just pick up a range of free period products whenever suits you and some collection points even stock period pants to try!

Find your nearest point: <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/box-collection-points>

Prefer reusables? You can still order those online anytime:  
<https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request>

**Can't get to a collection point?** No problem, just drop us a line at [allyours@allyoursbox.co.uk](mailto:allyours@allyoursbox.co.uk) and we'll send you information on how to access our special delivery service.

With best wishes,

*All Yours*