

This week...

Starlight Images were in school on Monday to take individual and sibling photos. Every child has been given a card with their name on it with details on how to order. Photographs are now available to view online and order from and the deadline for any orders is **Sunday 26th October**. Delivery is free to school if ordered before this date, however, any late orders will incur a delivery charge.

Year 1 and 3 enjoyed a visit from PCSO Sue Haynes this week. In Year 1 she showed us photos of the police horses and the police dogs. We couldn't believe how tall the horses were. We asked lots of questions and we found out that being a police officer is not just about catching bad guys.

Year 3 heard the story of PC Ben and The Clown Who Took Flight. This talk was to discuss bullying, what it can look like and what to do if you think it could be happening to you.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for the **Year 4** Science Fair this week. The children were incredibly proud to share their projects exploring this term's enquiry question: "What is sound?" They worked brilliantly in their groups to present their findings, and we hope you enjoyed seeing the results of their hard work and curiosity.



Year 3 took part in the Life in Britain Workshop this week, supporting this term's enquiry question 'How can we find out about people in the past'. We had a great time exploring many different artefacts, photographs and written records of mystery people from the past we had to investigate. We finished by creating and sharing our own mini museum displays.



To support our enquiry this term, 'What are we?' **Year 1** had an exciting visit from one of our parents, John, who brought along his impressive 6-foot-long, 23 year old Brazilian rainbow boa and a baby dart frog for a special talk! The children enjoyed touching real snake skins and learning all about amphibians and reptiles. They were especially fascinated to discover that the snake needed a hot water bottle to stay warm because it's cold-blooded! A very big thank you to John for coming to share your knowledge with us.



Celebrating Success

Hadley from Class 14 is proud to be starring in the Cornerstone Christmas pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' as part of the dance chorus after her successful audition. She is performing on selected dates over Christmas. A very well done Hadley and we hope it all goes well!



Parking Concerns

This week, we have received several complaints from parents, staff, and members of the public about unsafe and inconsiderate parking during drop-off and pick-up times.

For example, one driver recently parked on the zebra crossing on Tyne Avenue to let out a late pupil — a serious safety hazard and a clear breach of the Highway Code - <https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/pedestrian-crossings.html>. In another case, a car blocked a resident's driveway on Ashburn Place, causing delays for the homeowner (this isn't the first instance).

Can we remind parents that unlike other local schools, we are very fortunate to have permission to use the Didcot Town Football Club car park at these busy times. Using this facility helps reduce congestion that helps keep children safe when crossing the road.

Please remember: It is never worth risking a child's safety to save a minute of your time. Let's all do our part to park responsibly and respectfully.

Dates for Autumn Term...

Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!

Year 6 Liddington Residential


3 more sleeps for Year 6 before they go on their Liddington Residential on Monday. Please refer to the email reminder that was sent on Monday this week about where to drop off suitcases and medication at 8.35am on Monday.

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| Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 PGL Residential |
| Tuesday 14th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 3, 4 & 5 Author Visit and workshop, Sue Palmer - Refer to letter here Year 2 Lego Club (Group 1, selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm Year 3 & 4 TTRS Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm |
| Wednesday 15th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Space talk, in school |
| Thursday 16th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 Author Visit, Kieran Larwood - refer to letter here |
| Tuesday 21st October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Meetings 4.30-8.00pm, in school Year 6 Cycle Training (selected pupils) - remember bikes and helmets! |
| Wednesday 22nd October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Meetings 3.30-6.30pm, in school |
| Thursday 23rd October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Term 1 |

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| Monday 3rd November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Start of Autumn Term 2 |
| Tuesday 4th November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 5 & 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4.15pm |
| Wednesday 5th November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm |
| Monday 10th November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Flu Immunisations for all children in Reception - Year 6 |
| Tuesday 11th November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 6 Cycle Training TEST DAY (selected pupils) - remember bikes and helmets! ● Year 2 Lego Club (Group 2, selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm ● Year 3 & 4 TTRS Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm ● Year 5 & 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4.15pm |
| Wednesday 12th November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm |
| Friday 14th November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● World Diabetes Day Non Uniform Day - more details to follow |
| Tuesday 18th November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 2 Lego Club (Group 2, selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm ● Year 3 & 4 TTRS Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm ● Year 5 & 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4.15pm |
| Wednesday 19th November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm |
| Thursday 20th November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roving Bookshop in school, more details to follow |
| Tuesday 25th November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 2 Lego Club (Group 2, selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm ● Year 3 & 4 TTRS Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm ● Year 5 & 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4.15pm |
| Wednesday 26th November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm |
| Wednesday 3rd December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm |
| Friday 5th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Big Christmas Sing (Choir pupils) - more details to follow |
| Monday 8th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 2 Production, 9.15am and 1.30pm - details to follow |
| Wednesday 10th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Didcot Town Carol Concert (Choir pupils) - more details to follow |
| Thursday 11th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christmas Jumper Day |
| Monday 15th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nursery and Reception Christmas Lunches - details to follow |
| Tuesday 16th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 1 & 2 Christmas Lunches - details to follow |
| Wednesday 17th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 3 & 4 Christmas Lunches - details to follow |
| Thursday 18th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 5 & 6 Christmas Lunches - details to follow |
| Friday 19th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last day of Term 2 |

Notices

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| Attendance | 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 |
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| | <p>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> |
| Lost Property | <p>There have been several unnamed, unclaimed uniform items (mainly ks2) jumpers which have been placed in the lost property box outside the Year 5 classrooms. Please ensure to check this if you are missing any clothing. Many thanks!</p> |
| External Clubs and Activities | <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"> ★ The North Wall October Half Term Workshops ★ Matrix Music School - Music Open Day - Sunday 12th October |
| SJ Multisports - October Half Term | <p>SJ Multisports is running a multi sports holiday camp in the October half term for Ladygrove Park Primary School children in Years 1 - 6. This will take place at school on various dates throughout the October half term. To book a place, scan the QR code in the poster at the end of this newsletter or visit https://sj-multisports.classforkids.io</p> <p>If you have queries, please email sjmultisportscamp@gmail.com</p>  |

Admissions to Secondary School (Academic Year 26/27)

Year 6 parents can now apply online for secondary schools and the closing date is **31st October 2025**. To ensure your child transfers to the school that you consider most appropriate, you must apply before the closing date.

Remember to:

- **Apply online and on time.** Without an on time application you will not get an offer on national offer day on the 2nd March 2026. It will also reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school in the 2nd allocation. Deadline for applications is 31st October 2025.
- **Addresses:** If you are moving house or have recently moved please make sure you upload proof of address – tenancy agreement or a contract of exchange document.
- **Preferences:** Provide more than one preference.
- **Remember to add details of siblings.** Please note that if you are applying for a place at DGS and have a son at St Birinus, this counts as a sibling and vice versa.

Please visit secondary schools websites for information about open events/tours.

[Click on this link for easy access to the OCC website.](#)

For transport information click on this link <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/travelling-school>

Didcot Town Council Events

Christmas Card Competition – Deadline 1st December

We would love it if students could help us design a Christmas Card for the Mayor of Didcot to send out. We welcome entries from all ages and abilities, and the design can be digital, on paper, 3D..you name it.

The winning entry will be chosen by the Mayor and then sent to his correspondence list which includes Mayors in neighbouring towns, Didcot councillors and one is even sent to The King.

Entries can be sent to events@didcot.gov.uk or dropped off at Didcot Civic Hall or Willowbrook Leisure Centre.

Didcot Town Council Awards – Deadline 17th November

We are looking for nominations for our Awards . This could be a teacher, a student, a school staff member or any other member of the public.

If someone at school has gone above and beyond, we would love to hear about it. The categories are Sporting Achievement,

Service with a Smile, Young Volunteer/Charity Fundraiser, Lifetime Achievement. Unsung Hero and Voluntary Service .
To nominate, simply email events@didcot.gov.uk



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SBS Clubs Fair 2025



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Discovery Evening

An opportunity to experience and be welcomed into our school culture and communities.

Wide range of clubs and activities present to experience.

Competitions to get involved in with a range of prizes for creativity and skill.

Meet with other year 7 families to build connections with.

Food and refreshments available on the evening.

Wednesday 15th October 2025

5pm - 7pm

Main Hall

All Y7 AND their families are invited

Please confirm attendance by scanning the QR code



www.st-birinus-school.org.uk

Didcot and surrounding areas major infrastructure scheme (HIF1)



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Public information roadshow

Oxfordshire County Council is delivering a highway scheme to support new housing and employment sites, improve pedestrian and cycling connectivity for work and leisure trips, reduce congestion, and enable more reliable journey times.

The scheme will involve 4 elements:

- The creation of a dual carriageway east of Milton Interchange
- A new single-carriageway road and bridge over the A4130, Great Western Main Line, and Milton Road
- A new single carriageway link road connecting Didcot and Culham, including a new bridge over the River Thames
- A new bypass to the north of Clifton Hampden village

We are hosting a series of drop-in information events where you can view the designs for the scheme and learn about our emerging construction programme. The events will also provide an opportunity to ask questions and discuss any concerns you may have with our project team.

- **Wednesday 15 October**, 3:30pm – 8pm, District Community Centre, Gentian Mews, OX11 6GR
- **Friday 17 October**, 2pm - 8pm, Clifton Hampden Village Hall, Abingdon Rd, OX14 3EG
- **Saturday 18 October**, 11am – 4pm, Cornerstone Art Centre Didcot, 25 Station Rd, OX11 7NE
- **Wednesday 22 October**, 2.30pm - 8pm, Sutton Courtenay Village Hall, Hobbyhorse Ln, OX14 4BB
- **Thursday 23 October**, 2pm - 8pm, Appleford Village Hall, Main Rd, OX14 4PF

No need to book – just drop in and you can attend any event!



If you are unable to make the events and have any questions, please feel free to contact us by email at HIF1project@Oxfordshire.gov.uk.



Keep up-to-date with project progress on www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/didcot

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MULTISPORTS CLUB LADYGROVE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

TIME SLOTS & PRICING

8:30-15:30 (£25)

8:30- 16:30 (£27)

FOR ALL GENDERS

KS1 & KS2

LPPS PUPILS ONLY

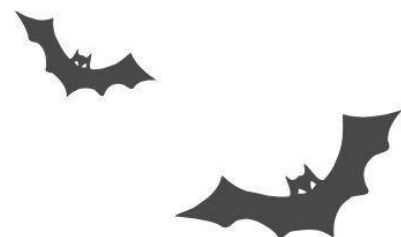
SIBLING DISCOUNT 10%

What to bring:

- Packed lunch
(No nuts)
- Water bottle
- Sports wear

**MAX 30 SPACES
PER DAY!**

**DBS CERTIFIED
FIRST AID TRAINED
SAFEGUARDING TRAINED**



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**Ladygrove Park Primary School
Entrance & exit via hall doors**

October dates:

Tuesday 28th October
Wednesday 29th October
Thursday 30th October