

## This year...

Thank you to all the staff at the school for their hard work and dedication to the progress of the children, even with the arising challenges such as the recent hot weather. They are a very committed bunch and spend all their time working out how to help the children succeed. Below is a non comprehensive list of the things we remember happening this year:

Roving Bookshop, Year 2 Nativity Production, Year 1 Christmas Story Session, Reception Christmas Sing Song, Nursery Christmas Crafts and Sing Song, Choir Big Christmas Sing, Didcot Town Carol Concert (Choir), Musicians performance in Assembly, Year 6 PGL Residential, Year 4 Sketching trip to Didcot Railway Centre, Year 4 sketching the yellow brick road, Year 6 First Aid Training, Crochet Club, Lego Club, Year 5 Planetarium, TTRS Club, Year 5 & 6 Police Assembly, Eco Team daffodil planting at Ladygrove Park, Year 3 Magnets Workshop, Year 4 science Fayre, Year 3-5 Author visits x2, Year 4 Art Gallery, Nursery - Visit from Doctor to talk about Who helps us?, Year 1 School Nurse visit, Nursery Police Visit, Year 1 & 2 Simon Murray Author Visit, Year 1 & 2 Perform Drama Workshop, Year 1 - Local Walk- Map Work, Year 4 Swimming, Year 6 Cycle Training, Year 3 Natural History Museum Trip, Reception Phonics Session for parents, Year 6 Artwork Showcase, Year 3 Open Classroom, Drawing Club, Sing & Sign Club, Crochet Club, Year 4 Performance, Netball Club, Drama Club, Choir Club, Phonics Club, Poetry In Nature Club, Gardening Club, Year 5 Cycle Training, Year 1 Trip to Sutton Courtenay Nature Reserve, KS1 Athletics Event at Cholsey, Year 4 Ladygrove Walk, Year 4, 5 & 6 Author Visit (Fiona Dixon), School Curriculum Open Evening, Year 4 Hill End Residential, Year 6 visit to Didcot Baptist Church, Sports Day, Year 5 & 6 Period Product Workshop, Choir Big Summer Sing, Year 4 STEM Workshop, Summer Concert for LPPS Musicians, Year 2 Dance Club Performance, Year 6 Production.

## This week...

### Year 6 SATs

The provisional results were finally released today. The overall scores for all Year 6s continue to increase and are now significantly above national average. Well done to all Year 6s who should be very proud of their hard work and effort.

### Moving On Afternoon

On Monday everyone moved to their new classroom to meet their new teacher. All teachers reported being very impressed by the classes and the efforts the children put into making these new relationships, while also enthusiastically approaching the challenges set during this time.

### Year 6 Production

This year 6 have developed their confidence on stage over the years. We started the production knowing that they would be able to project their voices and be able to perform but we were really surprised by the way they were able to embody their characters. This was especially good because 'Gigglebox' spends a lot of time parodying school life. With their excellent acting, the children were able to pull off the more complex jokes! This included amazing singing and some intentionally bad singing.



Congratulations to our **Year 5 Cyclists** this term for receiving their Level 1 or 2 Cycle Training certificate. Well done to Advik, Noah, Illa, Arthur, Ewen, Ryan and Alana. We are hopeful that Cycle Training will continue into the next academic year for our Year 6's (volunteer dependant) and you will be notified if your child is invited to join the next group.

### Assembly

We held Leaver's Assembly for Year 6 and the final celebration assembly for the year this week. Congratulations to Charlotte who received the Year 6 Values Plaque and to Saib who was awarded the Year 6 Citizenship Cup. This year, through an abundance of preparation, they found their names already inscribed! Thank you to Krita, our returning Year 7 awardee, who helped to present these.

Congratulations to those who were awarded the Star Writer, Reader and Mathematician for this term:

★ **Star Writers:** Lillie, Enola, Archer, Oliver, Charlie, Finn, Evan, Zofia, Bea, Illa, Ella, Shovik, Haadiya

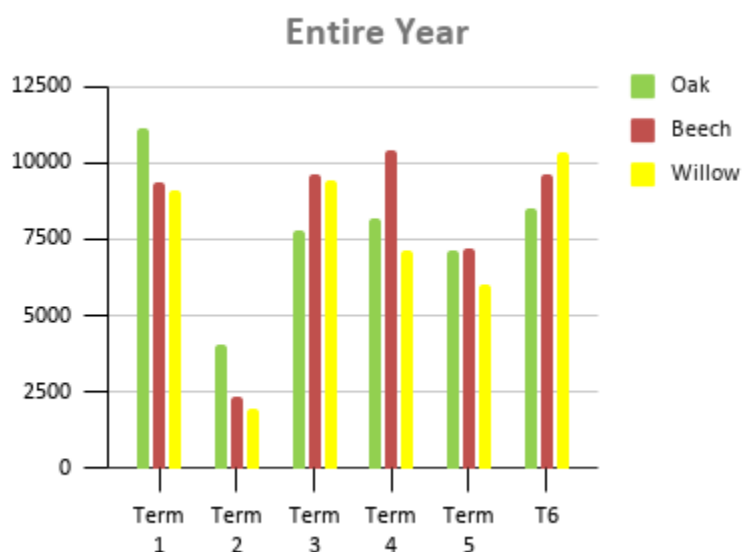
★ **Star Mathematicians:** Johannes, Isaiah, Viyansh, Alfred, Ana, Charlotte, Jack, Elijah, Antoni, Ryan, Frazer, Sophie, Sahib

★ **Star Readers:** Niamh, Jasmine, Patrick, Diana, Harper-Grace, Jaden, Adan, Alanna, Lucas, Ashleigh, Nicole, Lola, Jake

### House Points

Here is a breakdown of the house points for the year. Well done to **Beech** who are the overall winners for the year!

| House  | Total |
|--------|-------|
| Beech  | 48586 |
| Oak    | 46775 |
| Willow | 44019 |



### Pupil Responsibility Groups

A very big thank you to our Year 4 Diversity Ambassadors for attending and presenting at the Festival of Cultures event last weekend at Cornerstone in Didcot. Dr Anand, who organised the event commented:

*"The children were truly **outstanding**. Their confidence, enthusiasm and maturity which they demonstrated when sharing their thoughts and poems were remarkable. All of them spoke with such clarity and passion, representing our school community with pride and showcasing the importance of diversity, inclusion and belonging.*

*Their confidence in addressing an audience made a lasting impression. Both the MP, Olly Glover, and the Deputy Lieutenant were extremely impressed by the quality of your presentations and the way they conducted themselves. They commented on how articulate and engaging the children were.*

*The children, Y4 staff and you should all be very proud of what you achieved. Many thanks to the parents for taking time to come over to Cornerstone and participate in this event."*

We also had a lovely email from Elizabeth Paris; Deputy Lieutenant for Oxfordshire, and a member of the Didcot Festival of Cultures organising committee:

*"I would just like to add my thanks for the outstanding performance of the year 4 Diversity Ambassadors.*

*We were all so impressed by their poise, their confidence and their sincerity. Please pass on our warmest thanks to them for giving up their Saturday to join us."*

Well done Diversity Ambassadors, we are all very proud of you!



## Dates for Autumn Term

Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!

|                                       |                                                                                                                               |
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| Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>INSET DAYS - School Closed to children; Staff Training</b></li> </ul>               |
| Thursday 3rd September                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Start of Autumn Term 1 - All children start school: 8.40am FS-Y6</b></li> </ul>     |
| Friday 4th September                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 Farm2Ewe Visit, in school (rescheduled from last academic year)</li> </ul>      |
| Monday 14th September                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reception-Year 6 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations</li> </ul>                               |
| Wednesday 23rd September              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TVP Cyber Security Talk to Parents and Carers, 5pm - more details to follow</li> </ul> |
| Monday 5th October                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual Pupil Photos</li> </ul>                                                     |
| Wednesday 7th October                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 &amp; 3 PC Ben Talk, in school</li> </ul>                                       |
| Thursday 15th October                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 &amp; 2 PERFORM Drama Workshop, in school</li> </ul>                            |
| Thursday 22nd October                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Last day of term - normal finish time</b></li> </ul>                                |
| Monday 2nd November                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Start of Autumn Term 2 - All children start school: 8.40am FS-Y6</b></li> </ul>     |
| Thursday 19th November                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roving Bookshop in school</li> </ul>                                                   |
| Friday 18th December                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Last day of term - normal finish time</b></li> </ul>                                |

## Notices

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| <b>Attendance</b><br><br><b>Please email the school office.</b><br><b>Do not email the year group.</b> | <p>If your child is not in school, you must notify us by leaving a message on our answer phone or by <b>emailing <a href="mailto:office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk">office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk</a></b> before 9am on each day of their absence. <b>Email is preferable as we are finding it increasingly hard to understand due to unclear messages and poor telephone signal.</b></p> <p>Please state clearly and concisely your <b>child's full name, class and their reason for absence</b> - <b>being specific about the illness or medical needs.</b> 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> |
| <b>Extended Schools Price Increase</b>                                                                 | <p>From September, the pricing for our Extended Schools services will be:</p> <p>Breakfast Club - £6.25</p> <p>After School Club - £14.50</p> <p>Nursery wraparound sessions - £3.00</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Year 5 - Kilvrough Residential 2027</b>                                                             | <p>A gentle reminder to keep up with your payment plan for the Kilvrough Residential. By the end of June, the suggested amount paid was £216. The next recommended payment of £27 is due by 31st July, with the remaining balance due by 31st January.</p> <p>If you are not making regular monthly payments, please be aware that a larger balance will be payable in January. To help secure your child's place on the residential, we kindly ask that payments are kept up to date, as outstanding balances may unfortunately put a place at risk. Thank you for your continued support.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>School Meals Price Increase</b>                                                                     | <p>A reminder that from September, the price of our school meals will increase to <b>£3.50</b>. Our current menu will continue into the start of next academic year and this can be found on our website here - <a href="https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/school-lunches">https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/school-lunches</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>Outstanding ParentPay Balances</b> | Please remember to login to ParentPay and make any outstanding payments for trips, lunches and extended schools. Many thanks!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>External Clubs and Activities</b>  | <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 - <a href="https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/external-clubs-activities">https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/external-clubs-activities</a></p> <p>New additions this week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Play and Learn in Didcot - Fun, free sessions for babies, toddlers, children and their adults</li> </ul> |



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# AUTUMN MENU 2026

|                                                     |                   | MONDAY                                                                                                                          | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                          | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                              | MENU KEY:                                                                                                  |
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| <b>WEEK ONE</b><br>01.09.26<br>22.09.26<br>13.10.26 | <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                                                                                                                                                              | <br>Whole grain         |
|                                                     | <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><br>08.09.26<br>29.09.26<br>20.10.26 | <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                                                                                                                                                       | Fishfingers with Chips                                                                                                                                                              | <br>Plant based         |
|                                                     | <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><br>15.09.26<br>06.10.26           | <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                                                                                                                                                              | <br>Added plant protein |
|                                                     | <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                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                            |
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|                                                     | <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                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                     | <br>Chef's Special      |

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.

FREE  
EVENTS

The

Library

Didcot

# Summer Events

at Didcot Library in July

**BOOKING  
REQUIRED**

## Peter Rabbit Workshop

When: Tuesday 4th July, 2.30-3.10pm

Ages: 0-9 years

Music and singing for young children and their families, using songs from Peter Rabbit's Musical Adventures

WATERPERRY  
OPERA FESTIVAL



**DROP  
IN**

## Sounds of Nature

When: Wednesday 22nd July, 10.30-11.30pm

Ages: 4-10 yrs

Interactive craft activities exploring the sounds of nature

Wild  
Oxfordshire

**BOOKING  
REQUIRED**

## Monster Soup

When: Thurs 23rd July 2-3.30pm & 3.30-5pm

Ages: 4-10 year olds

Learn about shadow puppets, then create your own monster!



Puppet Theatre Barge

**DROP  
IN**

## Hachette Craft & Stories

Every Thursday from 30th July, 2-5pm

Ages: All Ages

Make your own musical craft and enjoy some stories with the Hachette volunteers



## Stay & Play

Thurs 9.30-11am



babies & toddlers

**Don't Forget Lego Club and Stay  
and Play are on EVERY WEEK  
throughout the summer**

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## Lego Club

Tues 3.30-5pm



4 yrs and up

Where booking is required tel. 01865 815140

**FREE  
EVENTS**

The

**Library**

Didcot

# Summer Events

at Didcot Library in **August**

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## Hachette Craft & Stories

Every Thursday from 6th August, 2-5pm

Ages: All Ages

Make your own musical craft and enjoy some stories with the Hachette volunteers



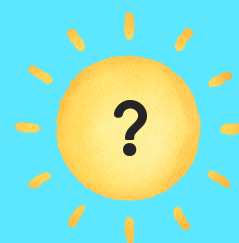
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REQUIRED**

## Summer Science Fun with Science Sam

When: Friday 7th August, 10.30am-11.30am

Ages: 4-10 yrs

Learn all about UV protection and make pictures with sun paper



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IN**

## Sounds & Scents of Nature

When: Friday 14th & 18th August, 10.30am-11.30am

Ages: 4-10 yrs

Interactive craft activities exploring the sounds and scents of nature



**BOOKING  
REQUIRED**

## Explore Learning Event

When: Friday 21st Aug 10am-12pm

Ages: 5-11yrs

Activities linked to the Summer Reading Challenge and a fun learning session



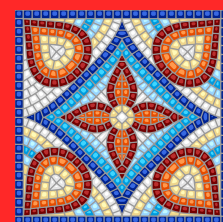
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## Magnificent Mosaics

When: Monday 24th August, 2.30pm-3.30pm

Ages: over 5yrs

Let your imagination and creativity run wild making some magnificent mosaics



## Stay & Play

Thurs 9.30-11am



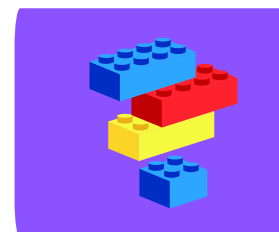
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Child  
communication



School  
readiness



Back to  
work



Money or  
housing worries



Becoming  
a parent



**WHEN:**

**10am – 12noon**  
on Thursdays:

**30 July**  
**6 August**  
**20 August**  
**27 August**



**WHERE:**

**Southern Community Centre  
(Main Hall)**

Sorrel Crescent  
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**WHO:**

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and their grown-ups



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