

## This week...

We were pleased to have PC Mike Dix return on Wednesday for the annual talk to **Year 5** and **6** about safety in the community, and about their own responsibilities both when out and about and when online. As well as outlining all the ways he helps people to stay safe, and how the children can stay safe themselves, he also pointed out that, of all the equipment he carries, the most effective one is the use of his own voice.

*I enjoyed learning about all his equipment and what happens to children if they don't behave responsibly* - Rosh

*When he was showing us what was on his utility belt, the equipment was very different to what I thought.* - Kai

*I was interested to learn that when a police constable uses something on their equipment belt, they have to justify why this was necessary. I didn't know that pepper spray was so effective and that people normally stop poor behaviours before equipment needs to be used* - Niamh

*I didn't know they had a camera on their chest which records everything they do!* - Autumn



This morning, **Years 4, 5** and **6** welcomed Ben and Helen from a company called *Pixel Puppets Ltd* who are working with SODC and Didcot Garden Town on an art project called *ROUTES*; a light art piece to be installed in the Cow Lane underpass as part of SODC's Connecting Communities Project. They wanted to connect with local communities, particularly young people, to engage them and families in the planned project. The children have gone home today with a postcard and are invited to contribute their unique maps or stories about Didcot, which will then be used in the final piece. Please return completed postcards to the class teacher or school office by **Friday 3rd October**. We do have some extra postcards available in the office should siblings wish to take part too!

### Year 6 Parent Information

The Year 6 Parent Information slides can be found on our website [here](#). This includes information about the SATs, general timetable and clerical points and a complete run down about the Liddington Residential in October. Hopefully, you will find answers to any of your questions in the slides. If not, please contact the office.


## Dates for Autumn Term...

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

Tuesday 23rd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycle Training (selected pupils) - remember bikes and helmets!</li> </ul>
Thursday 25th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 First Aid Training, in school - <a href="#">refer to letter here</a></li> </ul>
Friday 26th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 First Aid Training, in school - <a href="#">refer to letter here</a></li> </ul>
Tuesday 30th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycle Training (selected pupils) - remember bikes and helmets!</li> </ul>
Thursday 2nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School CENSUS Day - see below</li> </ul>
Friday 3rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Poetry Day, activities in school</li> </ul>
Monday 6th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual Photos</li> </ul>
Tuesday 7th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 1 and Year 3 PC Ben Talk, in school</li> <li>• Cycle Training (selected pupils) - remember bikes and helmets!</li> </ul>
Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 PGL Residential</li> </ul>
Tuesday 14th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years 3, 4 &amp; 5 Author Visit and workshop, Sue Palmer.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 21st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Meetings 4.30-8.00pm, in school - letters</li> <li>• Cycle Training (selected pupils) - remember bikes and helmets!</li> </ul>
Wednesday 22nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Meetings 3.30-6.30pm, in school - letters to follow</li> </ul>
Thursday 23rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Last day of Term 1</b></li> </ul>
Monday 3rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Start of Autumn Term 2</b></li> </ul>
Monday 10th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flu Immunisations for all children in Reception - Year 6</li> </ul>
Tuesday 11th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycle Training TEST DAY (selected pupils) - remember bikes and helmets!</li> </ul>
Friday 14th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Diabetes Day Non Uniform Day - more details to follow</li> </ul>
Thursday 20th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roving Bookshop in school, more details to follow</li> </ul>
Thursday 11th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Jumper Day</li> </ul>
Friday 19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Last day of Term 2</b></li> </ul>

## Notices

<b>Attendance</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</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>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> - <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>
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<b>Parent Meetings</b> <b>21st &amp; 22nd October</b>	<p>Thank you to those that have returned their preference slips for parent meetings. Appointment times will be allocated over the next week and there will be an update in next week's newsletter. If you have not returned your slip and would like to arrange an appointment, please hand this directly to the school office as soon as possible.</p>
<b>Student Update Forms</b>	<p>Student Update Forms have gone home today so please check your child's bag. Please check the details and make amendments if necessary, before signing and returning the form by next <b>Friday 26th September</b>. Thank you.</p>
<b>School CENSUS Day</b> <b>Thursday 2nd October</b>	<p><b>National School CENSUS Day</b> is when a snapshot of school data is taken and the information is used to calculate our future funding. We would like to encourage all children in KS1 and Foundation Stage to take up a universal free school meal on this school day in order for us to get our maximum funding.</p> <p><b>We have swapped the Thursday and Friday menu choices on this week.</b></p> <p><b>On Thursday 2nd October, the menu will be:</b>  Fish fingers with chips or Cheese &amp; Tomato Quiche with chips, a cookie.</p> <p><b>On Friday 4th October, the menu will be:</b>  Meatballs with rice or Veggie Meatballs with rice, Peaches &amp; Icecream.</p> <p>Meals need to be ordered in the usual way on the day.  KS2 children can also order this meal, payment made as normal via ParentPay, unless you are entitled to benefit related Free School Meals.</p>
<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>★ Messy Church - Saturday 20th September</li> <li>★ Angels Performing Arts - BRAND-NEW ACRO CLASS!</li> <li>★ Rugbytots Free Taster Session</li> <li>★ Premier Football October Half Term Holiday Course</li> </ul>
<b>SJ Multisports - October Half Term</b>	<p>Mr Humphries 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 <a href="https://sj-multisports.classforkids.io">https://sj-multisports.classforkids.io</a></p> <p>If you have queries, please email <a href="mailto:sjmultisportscamp@gmail.com">sjmultisportscamp@gmail.com</a></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 'virtual' tours/parent meetings.

[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>

Autumn Term 1  
2025

## WEEK ONE

01/09/25  
22/09/25  
13/10/25

### MONDAY



Macaroni  
Cheese

Tomato and  
Lentil Pasta

Vegetables of the Day

Apple  
Flapjack

Option One

Option Two

Vegetables

Dessert

### TUESDAY

BBQ Chicken Pizza

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Vegetables of the Day

Summer Lemon  
Cake

### WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken, Roast  
Potatoes & Gravy

Quorn Roast, Potatoes,  
& Gravy

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit  
Platter

### THURSDAY

Spaghetti  
Bolognaise

Vegan Bolognaise

Vegetables of the Day

Chocolate Brownie

### FRIDAY

Fish fingers with Chips

Cheese & Bean Pasty  
with Chips

Vegetables of the Day

Cookie

## WEEK TWO

08/09/25  
29/09/25  
20/10/25

Mexican Chilli and Rice

Lentil and Sweet  
Potato Curry  
with Rice

Vegetables of the Day

Vanilla Sponge

Option One

Option Two

Vegetables

Dessert

Pasta Bolognese

Vegan Bolognaise

Vegetables of the Day

Jelly

Roast Chicken, Roast  
Potatoes, & Gravy

Quorn Roast,  
Potatoes & Gravy

Vegetables of the Day

Freshly Chopped  
Fruit Salad

Meat Balls served with  
Rice

Vegi Meatballs with  
Rice

Vegetables of the Day

Peaches and  
Ice Cream

Fish fingers with Chips

Cheese and Tomato  
Quiche with Chips

Vegetables of the Day

Vanilla  
Shortbread

## WEEK THREE

15/09/25  
06/10/25

Smokey Bean Burger  
with Potato Wedges

Cheese Slice with  
Potato Wedges

Vegetables of the Day

Pear Cake

Option One

Option Two

Vegetables

Dessert

**NEW** Green Thai Chicken  
Curry  
with Rice

Five Bean Curry  
With Rice

Vegetables of the Day

Cheese and Crackers

Roast Chicken, Roast  
Potatoes & Gravy

Quorn Roast  
Potatoes & Gravy

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Medley

**NEW** Greek Macaroni  
Pastitsio

Broccoli Vegetable Pasta

Vegetables of the Day

Jam and Coconut Sponge

Fish fingers  
and Chips

Vegetarian  
sausage with  
Chips

Vegetables of the  
Day

Oaty  
Cookie

### MENU KEY



Added Plant Protein



Wholemeal



Vegan



Chef's Special

### ALLERGY INFORMATION:

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.





Scan to book



## **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%**

**DBS CERTIFIED  
FIRST AID TRAINED**

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINED**

#### **What to bring:**

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

**MAX 30 SPACES  
PER DAY!**



[sj-multisports.classforkids.io](https://sj-multisports.classforkids.io)



[sjmultisportscamp@gmail.com](mailto:sjmultisportscamp@gmail.com)



**07572240036 / 07875102598**



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

#### **October dates:**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October



## CHILDREN'S COURSE:

# Learn to Ride a Bike

### THIS COURSE IS SUITABLE FOR:

Children with motor co-ordination difficulties (Developmental Coordination Disorder/ dyspraxia) aged 7-16 years who have struggled to learn to ride a two-wheeled bike.

The course includes up to 12 children, so it is only suitable for children who do not have behavioural or emotional difficulties that would impact on their ability to work in a group setting and with different volunteers helping them learn to ride during the course.

### WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The course takes place indoors, in a large event space. See this link to the '[Learn to Ride a Bike](#)' video that we made a few years ago that shows our approach.

### COST?

The course is free of charge to participants.

### WHO RUNS THE COURSE?

Mainly experienced volunteers, with leadership from the Fire Service (who are responsible for road safety in Oxfordshire), in collaboration with Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust and Oxford Brookes University.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Children on the course must bring their own bike and helmet and be accompanied by an adult at all times.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKING

Email: [learntrabike@gmail.com](mailto:learntrabike@gmail.com)



### Next date:

Mon 27th Oct to Fri 31st Oct 2025

(1-2 hours every morning)

### Venue:

Cowley, Oxford  
(Free parking)



\*Learn to Ride a Bike video  
QR Code and webpage  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZ6BHC-W5Q0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZ6BHC-W5Q0)

# WEDNESDAY WEBINAR SERIES

Wednesdays | 12:00-1:30 PM

To register for a webinar visit: <https://oxpcf.org.uk/webinars>

24 September 2025

**What to Expect from the CAMHS: NDC  
(Neurodevelopmental Conditions) Service**

22 October 2025

**Supporting family member's mental health through  
compassion**

26 November 2025

**Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA)**

17 December 2025

**Autistic Burnout**

28 January 2026

**Demand Avoidance**

25 February 2026

**Understanding, preventing, and supporting  
meltdowns**

25 March 2026

**Support in the community for young adults  
(post-18)**

These sessions, presented in partnership with CAMHS, aim to provide insights, expert guidance, and discussions on key topics related to SEND.

To learn more or register for a webinar please visit: [oxpcf.org.uk/webinars](https://oxpcf.org.uk/webinars)



# Open Evening

Thursday, 9th October 2025

4:30pm – 7:30pm

You're  
Invited!



**Aureus School**

Cultivating ambition; high standards for all.

*You're Invited!*

# Open Mornings

September 2025 & October 2025



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# ST BIRINUS SCHOOL

*Inspiring Excellence through Care, Courtesy and Commitment*

Ridgeway  
Education  
Trust  
Excellence Through  
Partnership



## Open Morning School Tours

9am-10:15am

*Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wed 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025*

*Tues 7<sup>th</sup>, Wed 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025*

*Wed 15<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025*

*Our SENDCo will present about our general SEND provision at SBS  
for 15 minutes at the end of the tours on **23<sup>rd</sup> September** and **7<sup>th</sup> October**.*

*NB - this is not an opportunity to discuss individual student needs*

To book a tour, please scan QR Code or visit

[www.st-birinus-school.org.uk/openevents](http://www.st-birinus-school.org.uk/openevents)

We kindly request one adult per family for the tours



## OPEN EVENING

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

**5:30pm-8:00pm**

Headteacher talks to take place at 6pm and 7pm

NO BOOKING NECESSARY

admissions@st-birinus.oxon.sch.uk • 01235 814444 • [www.st-birinus-school.org.uk](http://www.st-birinus-school.org.uk)





## Open Evening 2025

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September: 4:30pm - 7:30pm

*No booking necessary*

## Open Mornings 2025

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October: 9:15am

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October: 9:15am & 10:15am

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October: 9:15am & 10:15am

Duration: approximately 1 hour

***Booking essential***

*We look forward to seeing you*

**Didcot Girls' School, Manor Crescent, Didcot, Oxon, OX11 7AJ**

To book a place please  
scan the QR code



# LEARN TO PLAY THE GUITAR

with Oxfordshire County Music Service

Families on certain benefits can apply for free music lessons by completing the 'help with payment' section of the sign-up form.

From  
**£7.00**

per lesson  
(depending on  
group size)



Sign up or find more  
information at  
**[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest)**  
**[/musicinterest](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest)**



# Piano lessons by Melia Music

[meliamusic.co.uk](http://meliamusic.co.uk)



## Why learn the piano?

First off; **FUN!!!**

Piano is a fantastic instrument that combines musical enjoyment with cognitive development. Playing the piano encourages the use of mathematics in a creative environment, while listening to and learning music helps reduce stress and anxiety.

Individual lessons foster a strong rapport between myself and the student, building confidence and motivation. Performance opportunities such as school assemblies and graded exams further enhance self-assurance and provide a sense of achievement. These valuable skills are transferable to many areas of life, including future job interviews.

Research shows that piano playing enhances coordination—initially using one hand, then both together—building over time.

## Who is 'Melia Music'?

I'm Tarn, a local piano teacher with a primary teaching degree and 20 years of experience working in schools. My passion is sharing the joy of music-making with students of all ages. I tailor each lesson to suit the individual, ensuring an engaging and enjoyable learning environment.

## Why in-school lessons?

In-school lessons help improve focus and concentration, benefiting other academic subjects. I use a flexible rolling timetable to minimise disruption to your child's school day and being in school means their learning has no impact on your family schedule.

Your child will have opportunities to perform in front of peers and collaborate with others, fostering a love for sharing music and creating a supportive musical community.

## Ready to start?

Head on over to [meliamusic.co.uk](http://meliamusic.co.uk)

or send me an email at

[tarn@meliamusic.co.uk](mailto:tarn@meliamusic.co.uk)

I look forward to hearing from you.