

Friday 16th January 2026

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[\*\*Standard Termly Information\*\*](#)

## This week...

### Assembly

This week we held the hustings for the Spring Term **House Captains**. The Year 6 candidates gave speeches to the school over two assemblies. We are proud of them for doing this- it takes courage to stand up and speak to such a large group of people. It also takes courage to put yourself up for a vote, especially if it's your second attempt. This helps build great resilience needed for the challenges in life. The House Captaincy is very popular, most of the Year 6s put themselves up for the 18 places through the year. This is because we have added many responsibilities for House Captains over the years, including: chairing other pupil groups, presenting to governors in the evening, the Ladygrove News weekly broadcast (my favourite) and counting the house points (their favourite). Children across the school are now voting and the results will be announced very soon.

### Pupil Responsibility Groups

The main responsibility groups are now fully up and running. This week we held meetings with the Eco Warriors, the Diversity Ambassadors and the Peer Mentors. They are all working on their own projects. We will keep you updated as these are finalised.

### Outdoor Learning

This week we saw the upgraded Outdoor Classroom working to its purpose. Mrs Addison led a Forest School class in the pouring rain. The class were perfectly dry behind the new walls and lengthened roof. Mrs Addison also made use of our newly acquired resources gathered following the sad closing down last summer of Westminster College/Brookes Harcourt Hill teacher training premises. The children benefited from lots of bug collecting equipment, the same equipment that is used at Hill End.

## Coming Up

As a perfect segue, this is a reminder that the **Year 4** Hill End presentation takes place for parents on Wednesday 28th January at 3.15pm in the School Hall. Entry will be via the school hall doors (car park side).

Next week, don't forget that it is **Break The Rules Day** on Friday 23rd. The 'rules' you can break are listed in the Notices section below.

## Dates for Spring Term 1...

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

Tuesday 20th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets!</li> <li>Reception Drawing Club (selected pupils), 3-4pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 21st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reception and Year 1 PERFORM Drama Workshop, in school</li> <li>Year 1 Sing &amp; Sign Club (selected pupils), 3.10-4pm</li> <li>Year 5 &amp; 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10-4.15pm</li> <li>PALS Committee Meeting, 7.30pm on Zoom (see Notices section below)</li> </ul>
Friday 23rd January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PALS Break the Rules Day, see Notices section below</li> <li>Class 10 Swimming, remember towels and costumes!</li> </ul>

Tuesday 27th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets!</li> <li>Reception Drawing Club (selected pupils), 3-4pm</li> <li><b>Year 4 Hill End Parent Meeting, 3.15pm, details to follow - Moved to 28/01</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday 28th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 Sing &amp; Sign Club (selected pupils), 3.10-4pm</li> <li>Year 5 &amp; 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10-4.15pm</li> <li>Year 4 Hill End Parent Meeting, 3.15pm, in the school hall</li> </ul>
Thursday 29th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 &amp; 2 Poet visit (Simon Murray), in school</li> </ul>
Friday 30th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class 10 Swimming, remember towels and costumes!</li> <li>PALS Quiz Night - see Notices section below</li> </ul>
Tuesday 3rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets!</li> <li>Reception Drawing Club (selected pupils), 3-4pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 4th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 Sing &amp; Sign Club (selected pupils), 3.10-4pm</li> <li>Year 5 &amp; 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10-4.15pm</li> </ul>
Friday 6th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class 10 Swimming, remember towels and costumes!</li> </ul>
Tuesday 10th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets!</li> </ul>
Friday 13th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PALS Dress Up Day, details to follow</li> <li>Class 10 Swimming, remember towels and costumes!</li> <li><b>Last Day of Term 3 - normal finish time</b></li> </ul>

## Notices

<b>Attendance</b>  <b>Please email the school office.</b> <b>Do not email the year group.</b>	If your child is not in school, you must notify us by leaving a message on our answer phone or by <a href="mailto:office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk">emailing 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>  Please state clearly and concisely your <b>child's full name, class and their reason for absence</b> - <b><u>being specific about the illness or medical needs</u></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.
<b>Parking at drop off and pickup</b>	Please can we remind parents that no matter how much of a rush or how late you are, always park <b>safely</b> and with <b>consideration</b> for other road users and pedestrians. We say it regularly, but we are still witnessing dangerous parking around the school zebra crossings. A reminder that we are very lucky to be able to use the Didcot Town Football Club car park during drop off and pick up, which is just a short walk to the school. Many thanks.
<b>After School Club on Wednesday 28th January</b>	Please note that on Wednesday 28th January, children will need to be collected from ASC from the Nursery door (to the right of Reception Main Entrance) due to a Year 4 Hill End Parent Meeting taking place in the hall. Many thanks.

**Friday 23rd January 2026 is Break the Rules Day!**

Choose which rules to break (see list below). Suggested donation of 50p for each rule broken. Simply hand your donation to your teacher on the morning of Break the Rules Day.

- ★ Put squash in your water bottle
- ★ Bring in an unhealthy snack
- ★ Wear trainers for the day
- ★ Style your hair in a crazy style
- ★ Wear a temporary tattoo
- ★ Wear nail polish
- ★ Wear a hat in the classroom
- ★ Change your name for the day
- ★ Call your teacher by their first name
- ★ Bring in a cuddly toy

**The Ladygrove PALS Quiz night is taking place on Friday 30th January.**

Arrival from 7.30pm, Quiz starts 8pm

£5 per person

Bring your own snacks and alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks (and glasses!)

Please complete and return the quiz entry form along with your cash payment for the whole team, in a sealed envelope to the school office post box. Please mark your envelope as "PALS Quiz Night"

Teams can be a maximum of 8 people, 18s and overs only please. Smaller teams may be asked to combine. £5 per person. Cash prize for the winning team!

You will find the team entry form at the end of this newsletter and a paper copy will come home next week.

**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 include:

- ★ Scout Adventures Youlbury - Holiday Activities
- ★ Oxford University Science Bazaar
- ★ Didcot Cricket Club Join Our Juniors
- ★ Premier Football February Half Term Holiday Course

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK ONE

03/11/25  
24/11/25  
15/12/25  
19/01/26  
09/02/26  
09/03/26

Option One

Creamy Coconut &  
Chickpea Curry  
Served with Rice

Beef Lasagne with  
Garlic Bread

Roast Chicken, Roast  
Potatoes and Gravy

BBQ Chicken  
Pasta

Fishfingers  
with Chips

Option Two

Vegetable Curry served  
with Rice

Vegetable Lasagne with  
Garlic Bread

Quorn Roast with Roast  
Potatoes and Gravy

BBQ Quorn  
Pasta

Cheese and Bean Pasty  
with Chips

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

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Baked Beans

Dessert

Cheese and Crackers

**NEW** Apple Crumb Cake

Fruit Medley

Jelly with Mandarins

Cookie

WEEK TWO

10/11/25  
01/12/25  
05/01/26  
26/01/26  
23/02/26  
16/03/26

Option One

Classic Cheese and  
Tomato Pizza  
with Wedges

Spaghetti  
Bolognese



Roast Chicken or  
Quorn Roast Potatoes  
and Gravy

Meatballs in Tomato  
Sauce with Rice

Fishfingers  
with Chips

Option Two

Vegetable Pizza with  
wedges

Vegan Spaghetti  
Bolognese

Vegetables of the Day

Plant Balls in a Tomato  
Sauce with Rice

Cheese Whirl  
with Chips

Vegetables

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Peas

Dessert

**NEW** Gingerbread  
Cookie

Chocolate and Beetroot  
Brownie with Chocolate  
Sauce

Fruit Salad

Sticky Toffee Apple  
Crumble

Vanilla Shortbread

WEEK THREE

17/11/25  
08/12/25  
12/01/26  
02/02/26  
02/03/26  
23/03/26

Option One

Jacket Potato served  
with Cheese

Beef Pasta  
Bolognese

Roast Chicken with  
Roast Potatoes and  
Gravy

Mild Caribbean Chicken  
with Rice

Fishfingers  
with Chips

Option Two

Jacket Potato served  
with Baked Beans

Tomato Pasta

Quorn Roast and Roast  
Potatoes and Gravy

Caribbean Stew with  
Rice

Cheese Omelette  
with Chips

Vegetables

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Baked Beans

Dessert

Oaty Cookie

Pear Crumble

Fruit Salad

**NEW** Jamaican Ginger  
Cake

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 to 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.



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£5 per person

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alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks  
(and glasses!)

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Team Captain Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain's Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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