



Newsletter #12

Friday 28th November 2025

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This week...

Pupil Responsibility Groups

A group of **Year 5s** ran a **fundraiser** on Monday after school. They sold a range of hand made items including crocheted octopuses (yes, it is the correct plural), loom bands and more. They made an incredible £127 for the school. They will be working with me in the coming weeks to jointly decide which new school resources they would like to buy with the donation. Well done for such a well planned event!

Congratulations to our new Year 5 Peer Mentors: Serina, Ashleigh, Arthur, Maisie Honey, Hannah, Thandi, Amy, Rosella, Sophia, Nicole and Isabella. This was the hardest decision ever. Everyone wrote incredibly thoughtful applications according to the 'person specification' we talked about in the assembly about the role. It's really hard to not let everyone do the role but we are proud that those who are disappointed are able to pick up and aim for the next opportunity.

Dates for Autumn Term...

Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!

Tuesday 2nd December	Year 6 Cycle Training Written Test - remember bikes and helmets
Wednesday 3rd December	Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4.15pm
Friday 5th December	- Year 1 Hat Day - refer to email sent 26/11 - Big Christmas Sing (Choir pupils) - refer to letter here
Monday 8th December	Year 2 Production, 9.15am and 1.30pm - see Notices section below
Tuesday 9th December	Year 6 Cycle Training TEST DAY - remember bikes and helmets
Wednesday 10th December	- Nursery, Class 1 Christmas Craft & Sing Song 1.30 - 2.30pm. Refer to email sent 14/11 - Didcot Town Carol Concert (Choir pupils) - refer to letter here
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day - £2 donation split between Save the Children and PALS charities
Friday 12th December	- Year 4 Art Gallery for parents - more details will be shared on Google Classroom - PALS Christmas Raffle Draw on KS1 Playground, 3.15pm
Monday 15th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Lunches - all other year groups require a packed lunch
Tuesday 16th December	- Year 1 & 2 Christmas Lunches - all other year groups require a packed lunch - Reception Sing Song to parents and carers, 2.30pm
Wednesday 17th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Lunches - all other year groups require a packed lunch
Thursday 18th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Lunches - all other year groups require a packed lunch

Friday 19th December	• Year 1 Christmas Story for parents and carers, 8.45am - refer to letter sent 19/11 • Last day of Term 2 - normal finish time
Monday 5th January	• Start of Term 3

Notices

Attendance Please email the school office. <u>Do not email the year group.</u>	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 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. 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.
Christmas Lunches	Thank you to all those that have completed the Google Form to order your child's Christmas Lunch. The deadline has now passed and we will not be accepting any further requests. Packed lunches will need to be provided on all days of the Christmas Lunches - Monday 15th - Thursday 18th December. Many thanks.
Year 4 Swimming	A reminder that Year 4 start swimming lessons the first week in January. Thank you to all who have completed the Google form detailing your child's swimming ability. If you have yet to do this, please can you do this over the weekend. A copy of the letter can be found here with a link to the Google form. Many thanks
Year 5 Kilvrough Residential June 2027	Just a reminder that the deposit for this trip is due on Sunday 30th November 2025. A copy of the letter can be found on our website here.
PALS Raffle Tickets - Reminder!	We have some brilliant prizes this year including 4 tickets for Reading Winter Wonderland! See the poster at the end of the newsletter for all the prize sponsors! Tickets are £1 each. Please return the tickets stubs and cash in a sealed envelope to class teachers or the school office. Please write your details clearly on the stubs and please, for licensing reasons, do not put your child's name on the ticket. Extra books can be obtained from the school office.
Year 2 Production Monday 8th December	The Year 2 production - <i>Tinsel and Tea Towels</i> will be taking place on Monday 8th December. There will be 2 showings at 9.15am and 1.30pm. Extra tickets are now available from the school office. Tickets cost £2 each, cash only please!
SJ Multisports Christmas Camp	SJ Multisports will be running their Christmas Camp on 22nd and 23rd December. Booking information will be shared and leaflets will be handed out to children next week - keep an eye out for these in bags! If you have any queries, please contact sjmultisportscamp@gmail.com
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: ★ Didcot United Rugby Free Taster Session / Children's Open Morning - 7th December 2025 ★ Madden Swim School - Term Time Swimming Lessons ★ The Snowman Live at Beacon, Wantage - 6th and 14th December

Admissions to Primary School - Apply Now!

Admissions to Primary School (Academic Year 26/27): If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 (inclusive), you need to apply for a primary school place for September 2026. You can now apply online. Please visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions for further information. NB The deadline line date for online applications is 15th January 2026.

Please remember the following:-

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2026
- If your child is attending nursery classes within a primary school, you must still apply for a place in the main school
- You can list three different schools in order of preference. We strongly advise you to use all three preferences
- We advise you to enter your catchment (or designated) school as one of your preferences
- Attending your catchment school does not entitle you to free home to school transport if it is not your closest school and / under 2 miles away
- If your application is late, you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

Didcot Phoenix Drama Group - Competition!

Calling all artists – it's competition time! Colour in your copy of Didcot Phoenix Drama Group's poster for the pantomime The Little Mermaid. Send it to us at didcotphoenixdrama@hotmail.co.uk for your chance to win a family ticket to one of our shows worth £38. Make sure you also send us your name, the age and first name of the child and contact number or email so we can let you know if you are the lucky winner.

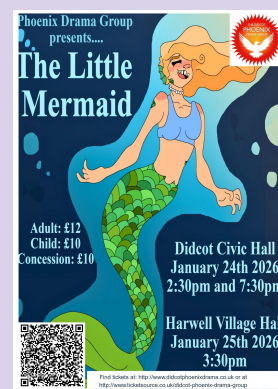
There are two age categories – 4-7 and 8-11, and two family tickets available

This is the link to the poster -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1clqPGATEQrDHoQrUwWPYNLOFF7rtwQr/view?usp=sharing>

The Little Mermaid is on at Didcot Civic Hall Saturday January 24th at 2.30pm and 7.30pm and Harwell Village Hall Sunday 25th January at 3.30pm. Tickets are available from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/didcot-phoenix-drama-group from £12 adults, £10 concessions and £38 family ticket.



You're Invited!

★ Y5 ★
Masterclasses

Every Wednesday from:
7th January - 29th April 2026
3:30 - 4:30pm

Aureus School
Rated 'GOOD' in ALL areas by Ofsted

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Science	7th January 2026	Drama	4th March 2026
Modern Foreign Languages	14th January 2026	History	11th March 2026
Art	21st January 2026	Geography	18th March 2026
Dance	28th January 2026	Music	25th March 2026
English	4th February 2026	Computing	15th April 2026
Maths	11th February 2026	PE	29th April 2026
Catering & Hospitality	25th February 2026		

This is a great chance for your child to explore our school and its educational approach by booking classes to experience life at Aureus while learning from our subject leaders. Please share this with families with Year 5 children.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE SPONSORS

