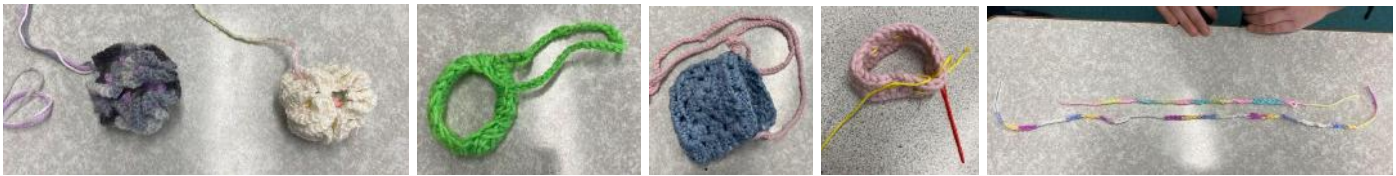


This week...

In our weekly **Year 5 & 6 Crochet Club**, the children have been creating projects at various different skill levels, to ensure everyone has the opportunity to create something, whilst being suitably challenged! From a simple chain or hair scrunchie to an amigurumi ghost, there is something for everyone. We have a range of yarn to choose from, however donations of yarn or crochet tools are always gratefully received! Here are some of the projects the children have created!



Assembly

This week we talked briefly about the excitement and the safety needs around Bonfire Night and fireworks. Related to this we went in depth on the topic of Active Listening. We explained that this was a key skill for life (and the Blue Rule at school- Focus). We described the distinction between hearing and listening, making sure that the children could identify that listening involved thinking. We listened until we started to hear background sounds we'd previously not heard. We then went on to discuss how an effective conversation involves listening and responding to another person- ie. Active Listening. We shared that an effective conversation often involves a person talking for only a quarter of the time, while they listen for the other three quarters.

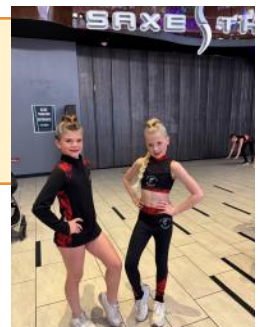
We agreed that listening was vital and to try to limit conversations in which we were only transmitting information (talking about/for ourselves) rather than responding and communicating effectively.

Pupil Responsibility Groups

The previous group of Diversity Ambassadors helped to choose the new group from Year 4 this week. The new Ambassadors will be announced officially next week and given their badges. This is a vital role as the Ambassadors undertake activities such as monitoring equality around the school and carrying out assemblies which present the richness of our demographic in terms of ethnicity, language, religion and culture. They get started next week.

Celebrating Success

Ella & Ruby from Class 13 flew to Las Vegas during half term to perform on stage at the **Saxe Theater** with Bernadine Soul School of Dance. It was an outstanding performance! Congratulations girls, what a fantastic opportunity to have taken part in!





Christmas Lunches 2025 - BOOK NOW!

For those who are new to our school, every year, children have the opportunity to have a Christmas lunch in the school hall in a festive atmosphere.

The lunch will consist of a Turkey or Quorn Roast, Roast Potatoes, Sausage, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce and Gravy. Dessert will be a Christmas themed cookie.

To ensure we can cater, the kitchen has to pre-order the food by **Monday 24th November**. (late orders cannot be catered for). Please complete the Google Form below to let us know if your child would like a Christmas meal.

[Book your Christmas Lunch here](#)

On the days that your child is **not** having a Christmas lunch, **you must provide a packed lunch as the kitchen is unable to cater for additional meals during this week (this includes Universal Free School Meals for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2).**

Dates for each year groups are as follows:

Monday 15th December - Nursery and Foundation Stage

Tuesday 16th December - Years 1 + 2

Wednesday 17th December - Years 3 + 4

Thursday 18th December - Years 5 + 6

Please note: The kitchen will not be following the normal school menu on these days. On the above days that your child is not having a Christmas lunch, **you must provide a packed lunch from home**. This applies to all, including children in Classes 1 - 7.

If your child is entitled to **Benefit Related Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)**, please indicate on the Google Form if your child would like to have a school meal on all 4 days (this will be a Christmas lunch each day).

Dates for Autumn Term...

Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!

Monday 10th November	- Flu Immunisations for all children in Reception - Year 6 - letter here - Year 6 Cycle Training (2nd group) - remember bikes and helmets
Tuesday 11th November	- Remembrance Day - Year 6 Cycle Training (1st group) TEST DAY - 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 CANCELLED
Wednesday 12th November	Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Friday 14th November	World Diabetes Day - see Notices section below
Tuesday 18th November	- Year 6 Cycle Training (2nd group) - 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 19th November	Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Thursday 20th November	Roving Bookshop in school, see Notices section below
Tuesday 25th November	- Year 6 Cycle Training (2nd group) - 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 26th November	Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Tuesday 2nd December	Year 6 Cycle Training (2nd group) Written Test - remember bikes and helmets
Wednesday 3rd December	Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Friday 5th December	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 (2nd group) TEST DAY - remember bikes and helmets
Wednesday 10th December	Didcot Town Carol Concert (Choir pupils) - more details to follow
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day - more details to follow
Friday 12th December	- Year 4 Art Gallery for parents - more details will be shared on Google Classroom - PALS Christmas Raffle Draw on KS1 Playground
Monday 15th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Lunches - see above
Tuesday 16th December	- Reception Sing Song to parents and carers, 2.30pm - Year 1 & 2 Christmas Lunches - see above
Wednesday 17th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Lunches - see above
Thursday 18th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Lunches - see above
Friday 19th December	- Year 1 Christmas Story for parents and carers, 8.45am 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.
World Diabetes Day Friday 14th November	Next Friday 14th November, we will be supporting World Diabetes Day. Children are invited to wear, if they would like to, a blue accessory <i>with</i> their uniform such as a hair scrunchie, blue socks, blue trainers, blue nails! We won't be collecting donations for this,

	but if you would like to donate to the Diabetes UK Charity, click on the link below. https://www.diabetes.org.uk/support-us/world-diabetes-day
Donation Request: iPhones	Do you have any old working iPhones that you might be willing to donate to school? We are looking for some that we can use in school as cameras. Preferably iPhone 7 or newer. If you think you might be able to help, please contact the school office. Many thanks!
Year 2 Production Monday 8th December 	The Year 2 production - <i>Tickets and Tea Towels</i> will be taking place on Monday 8th December. There will be 2 showings at 9.15am and 1.30pm. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 17th November, 7.30am from the school office. Tickets cost £2 each, cash only please! There is a maximum of 2 tickets per child per performance. Any unsold tickets will be available the following Monday 24th November.
Extended Schools Fees – Term 2 (3 November – 19 December 2025)	Please note that Extended Schools Attendees – Term 2 (3 November to 19 December 2025) fees have now been debited to your ParentPay account. As per our Terms and Conditions, we kindly ask that these fees be paid promptly. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and timely payment.
The Roving Bookshop Thursday 20th November 	On Thursday 20th November, The Roving Bookshop will arrive at school in the morning and shop assistants will transform The school hall into a bookshop for the day! The shop sells over 3000 high-quality and critically acclaimed books from a whole host of publishers, ensuring we are providing our children with the best titles out there. Each class will have a 15 minute slot at the bookshop to browse and buy a book of their choice. Leaflets and money envelopes for cash will go home soon, so keep an eye out for these! Prices of books range from approximately £3-£10 and familiar adults will be on hand to help your child choose an appropriate book. The bookshop will be open before (8.30am) and after (until 4pm) school for parents and carers to browse and buy; a perfect chance to buy Christmas presents for loved ones. You can enter via the car park hall doors. Parents/carers are welcome to pay with cash, cheque or card. As with the previous book fair, the bookshop runs on a commission basis; the more money our families spend, the more money the school has to spend to buy high-calibre resources for our children to use. We appreciate all your support with this!
Term Dates 2026-27 - Amendment	Please note that we have amended one of our INSET Days on our 2026-27 Term Dates. Friday 2nd July 2027 has been changed to Friday 9th July 2027. A new version of the dates can be downloaded from our website here - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/term-dates
Poppy Appeal 	A reminder that you now purchase poppy related items from the school office now. Children (and parents/carers) can purchase a poppy or other accessories from the school office. Items include paper poppies, festival bracelets, reflectors and stickers. Suggested donation of £1 for a poppy and £2 for other items (cash only please!)
SEND November Short Break Update	Please click on the links below for the most recent Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People: Upcoming Activities Regular Activities Other Information Parent Carer Support Groups
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:

- ★ Premier League Kicks Football
- ★ Messy Church - Saturday 15th November



Autism in Oxfordshire

Share your views!

Are you autistic (with or without a diagnosis)?

Do you support an autistic person?

Do you work in autism services?

Join us on Thursday 4th December

Kings Centre, Oxford

- Share your experiences of the services that matter most to you
- Tell us what the draft strategy gets right and what could be better
- Find out how your feedback will help shape the strategy and services in Oxfordshire

When: Thursday 4th December 2025, 9.30 to 2.30pm

Where: The King's Centre, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0ES

Scan the QR code or visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/OxAutismStrategy>
to find out more and sign up

SCAN HERE



*If you need more information or support to sign up, please contact
Customer Services on 01865 519800 or email
consultations@oxfordshire.gov.uk*



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

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.

Baby Week Special Webinar



Are you a parent or carer looking for reliable advice on essential topics for your child's health and development?

We are developing a pre-recorded webinar featuring a panel of experts ready to guide you through the journey of parenthood and into early years.

Our specialists will address key areas and answer your questions about:

🦷 Oral health | 🍼 Infant feeding | 🧠 Mental wellbeing for all parents |
👩 Bonding | 🌈 SEN | 🎒 School readiness | 💬 Parental support |
🚭 Quitting smoking

Submit Your Questions and/or sign up to receive a copy of the webinar:



Empower yourself with new knowledge and together we can give every child the best start in life!