

This week...

Year 6 Liddington Residential

What a very intense and very enjoyable time. The Year 6s motored around a week's worth of activities in 3 days. They learnt **archery** skills and had a points competition, climbed a 3 storey **climbing wall** and accumulated their heights to compare to international landmarks, heard pirate **stories** and joined in with their **songs** around a camp fire, competed against each other throwing balls into hoops on trampolines in **Aeroball**, learnt how to **canoe** on a bright green lake, got harnessed up to a 2 storey **swing** and had their team mates pull them up, climbed a 2 storey **pole** and jumped off a platform trying to grab a **trapeze**, tried to protect a water balloon so it wouldn't break when thrown on the floor in **Balloon Splash**, worked together in their teams to solve problems and did 9 holes of **disc golf** through the forest.

Freetime was timetabled but there didn't seem to be any time leftover! The food was unlimited and hugely varied with the breakfast feeling very much like being at a Premier Inn. In fact, the children often referred to their accommodation as the hotel with its up to 5 person rooms with ensuite bathrooms. The activity leaders were really energetic, engaging the children with the exhilaration of the activity, songs between activities and chatting about life (and co-incidentally all but one was from Australasia). 3 days certainly felt like a week, especially on the journey home. We hope the children all had an enjoyable time and a huge thanks to all the staff who gave up their time to look after all the children throughout the trip.

Here are a small selection of photos - more can be found on our school blog - <http://ladygrove-park.blogspot.com>



On Tuesday, pupils in **Years 3, 4, and 5** enjoyed an engaging workshop with author Sue Palmer. She introduced her new book, [*The Shell Secret*](#) - an exciting adventure and mystery set on the Cornish coast - and captivated the children with fascinating facts about the unusual creatures that inhabit our local rock pools.

"I enjoyed learning about the author's history and that her great great grandparents opened one of the first bakeries in Cornwall!" Alana, Year 5. *"We learnt all about sea creatures, like the starfish and about all the different types of seaweed"* Khaleel, Year 4.

Year 5 had an out-of-this-world experience on Wednesday! The Space Store in Oxford delivered an amazing assembly, thrilling children about the *wonders of space*, and they even learned about Jupiter's own Northern Lights. The children also got to see a space suit up close (modelled by Mr Francis!) and explored its features, design, and why it's absolutely essential for astronaut survival.



Year 3 were lucky to have another visit from Author, Kieran Larwood on Thursday to celebrate the release of his new book, ***Dungeon Runners: Ocean Chase***. He led an engaging and interactive talk and the children were really excited to hear about the book and how he became an author himself. If you would like to order a book, you can purchase one [online here](#).

Pupil Responsibility Groups

This week Mrs Clarkson was overwhelmed with applications from Year 3 to be Eco Warriors, Year 5 to be Enquiry Ambassadors and Year 6 to be Book Nook Monitors. She read through each and every application and after careful consideration, the following children were successful in securing the roles:

Eco Warriors: Emma, Reid, Mila, Alissia, Olivia, Daisy, Charlie, Rebecca, Fran, Maisie, Kinan

Enquiry Ambassadors: Alana, Om, BB, Ruby, Mehrana, Savannah, Ewen

Book Nook Monitors: Reva, Lola, Thea, Lilly

Thank you to all of those who applied and although you may not have been successful this time, there will be further opportunities in the future.

Celebrating Success

We are excited to share with you that Mehrana, Class 13, was recently awarded the 6th Kyu rank (Green Belt) in Karate. The grading session was held by GKR Karate at Reading on 29th September. The senior instructors on the grading day made the decision that Mehrana has demonstrated the required physical, mental and technical development expected for this level and she was awarded the rank 6th Kyu in accordance with the grading syllabus of Go-Kan-Ryu Karate Do. Congratulations Mehrana!



Dates for Autumn Term...

Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!

REMINDER: There are no clubs running next week due to parent meetings (this does not apply to apply to Extended Schools After School Club)

Tuesday 21st October	- Parent Meetings 4.30 - 8.00pm, in school - Year 6 Cycle Training (selected pupils) - remember bikes and helmets!
Wednesday 22nd October	Parent Meetings 3.30 - 6.30pm, in school
Thursday 23rd October	Last day of Term 1
Friday 24th October	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 3rd November	Start of Autumn Term 2
Tuesday 4th November	Year 5 & 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4.15pm

Wednesday 5th November	Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Monday 10th November	Flu Immunisations for all children in Reception - Year 6 - letter here
Tuesday 11th November	- Year 6 Cycle Training TEST DAY (selected pupils) - 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 12th November	Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Friday 14th November	World Diabetes Day Non Uniform Day - more details to follow
Tuesday 18th November	- 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, more details to follow
Tuesday 25th November	- 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
Wednesday 3rd December	Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Friday 5th December	Big Christmas Sing (Choir pupils) - more details to follow
Monday 8th December	Year 2 Production, 9.15am and 1.30pm - details to follow
Wednesday 10th December	Didcot Town Carol Concert (Choir pupils) - more details to follow
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Lunches - details to follow
Tuesday 16th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Lunches - details to follow
Wednesday 17th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Lunches - details to follow
Thursday 18th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Lunches - details to follow
Friday 19th December	Last day of Term 2

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
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	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.
Flu Vaccinations Monday 10th November	Flu Vaccinations will be taking place in school for children in Years Reception to Year 6 on Monday 10th November. A letter has been sent home on ParentPay this week containing further information and a consent form. Please complete the consent form whether you wish for your child to have the vaccine or not by Thursday 6th November. A copy of the letter can be found here.
Poppy Appeal 	 From Monday 3rd November, 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!)
Year 4 Swimming	A letter has been emailed to Year 4 parents this week regarding swimming lessons starting in January. Please complete the Google Form link in the letter to confirm your child's swimming capability and confidence in the water, by Thursday 23rd October. It is vital that we receive this information to ensure they are put in the correct swimming ability group. <u>Payment is due by 31st December.</u> A copy of the letter can be found here.
Year 6 Cycle Training Term 2	A letter has gone home today to the next group children for Term 2 Year 6 Cycle Training, starting after half term. Please ensure to complete the consent form in the letter by next Tuesday 21st October. Many thanks.
SJ Multisports - October Half Term	SJ Multisports 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 https://sj-multisports.classforkids.io If you have queries, please email 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: ★ Little Legends Soccer School ★ Xplorer - Halloween Fun Family Challenge

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 open events/tours.

[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>

Thank you for being our guest!

We were absolutely thrilled to welcome so many families to our recent Open Events. We sincerely look forward to collaborating with you in the upcoming year, as your children make the transition from primary to secondary education.

Please note that the deadline for applications this year is during the half-term break, specifically on Friday, 31st October.

For more information about our school's admissions, please visit our website: www.aureusschool.org



Aureus School

Rated 'GOOD' in All areas by **Ofsted**



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.



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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

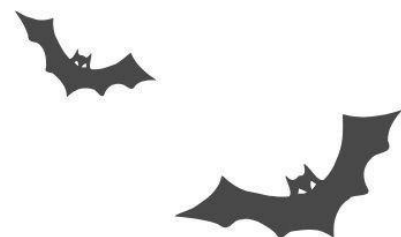
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PER DAY!**

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(No nuts)
- Water bottle
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October dates:

Tuesday 28th October
Wednesday 29th October
Thursday 30th October