

This week...

As part of our **Year 5** enquiry topic, "What does Earth look like from the Solar System?", Science Oxford visited us with their inflatable planetarium for an immersive experience that was truly out of this world. We saw exactly how the sun appears to move across our sky throughout the day, took a virtual trip to every single one of the eight major planets, and looked closely at all the amazing stars. It was a brilliant, hands-on way to explore our universe and bring this enquiry question to life!



Today all pupils enjoyed an action-packed **Fitness Fun Day**! Each class joined Mr Humphries for the 'Ladygrove Park Run': a run, jog, or walk around the entire perimeter of the playground before diving into a variety of exciting games. From parachute fun and cone flip challenges to dodgeball, traffic lights, and rock-paper-scissors showdowns, there was something for everyone. The day was filled with energy, teamwork, and laughter, and it was wonderful to see every child taking part in so many different activities led by our brilliant teachers.

Pupil Responsibilities

The House Captains recorded their first Ladygrove News today. It included the usual updates about the activity around school, celebration of the Honours Awards (purple and gold stars), achievements outside of school and reminders about next week. They also added a weather report for next week, so the children might think about whether they need a coat or otherwise! (It's sunny and cloudy next week.)

Celebrating Success

Amélie (Class 15) recently won the annual Yamaha UK Composition Competition in the under-11s category for a song that she composed called Alien Adventure. Feedback from one of the judges, composer Neil Brand, included "beautifully developed, full of pictures that conjure up alien life, but lots of internal variety, both in texture and harmony." Amélie was presented with her prize (a Yamaha bluetooth speaker and ear buds set) by her teacher from the Matrix Arts Centre. Congratulations Amélie!



Get Involved: Join PALS PTA!

A reminder that the PALS **AGM** will take place on **Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm at the school**. We're looking for enthusiastic parents to join our PALS PTA committee!

PALS play a key role in organising fun events for the children and families, including the school disco, summer fete, and non-uniform days. All the money we raise goes directly back into the school for exciting projects that benefit every child.

This is a great opportunity to get more involved in our school community and help shape its future. We're looking to fill key roles like **Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee**, and we'd also love to have more members join us. Meetings are always friendly and informal, and you can give as much or as little time as you like. We typically meet in person for the AGM and then hold one or two virtual meetings a year to plan upcoming events.

No experience is necessary - just a willingness to contribute some of your time and ideas. We believe that every parent has something valuable to offer, and your unique perspective is what makes our community great.

If you're interested in learning more or would like to join, please email ladygrovepals@gmail.com / join our Facebook group - Parents at Ladygrove School (PALS) PTA / or come along and join us at the AGM, we'd love to see you there!

Dates for Autumn Term...

Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!

Remember that individual and sibling photos are being taken next Monday 6th October. ALL children need to come to school in their uniform please! If it is their PE day, children are to come in their normal school uniform and will need to bring in trainers to change into.

Monday 6th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual Photos (see above)
Tuesday 7th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1 and Year 3 PC Ben Talk, in school• Year 6 Cycle Training (selected pupils) - remember bikes and helmets!• Year 4 Science Fair, 2.30 - 2.50pm - details below• Year 2 Lego Club (Group 1, 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 8th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3 Oxford Museum Workshop, in school - refer to letter here• Year 1 Snake & Frog visit, in school• Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm• PALS AGM, 7.30pm at school
Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 6 PGL Residential
Tuesday 14th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Years 3, 4 & 5 Author Visit and workshop, Sue Palmer - Refer to letter here• Year 2 Lego Club (Group 1, selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm• Year 3 & 4 TTRS Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Wednesday 15th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 5 Space talk, in school
Thursday 16th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3 Author Visit, Kieran Larwood - refer to letter here
Tuesday 21st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Meetings 4.30-8.00pm, in school• Year 6 Cycle Training (selected pupils) - remember bikes and helmets!

Wednesday 22nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Meetings 3.30-6.30pm, in school
Thursday 23rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Term 1
Monday 3rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of Autumn Term 2
Tuesday 4th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 & 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4.15pm
Wednesday 5th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Monday 10th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu Immunisations for all children in Reception - Year 6
Tuesday 11th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Friday 14th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Diabetes Day Non Uniform Day - more details to follow
Tuesday 18th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Thursday 20th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roving Bookshop in school, more details to follow
Tuesday 25th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Wednesday 3rd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
Friday 5th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Christmas Sing (Choir pupils) - more details to follow
Wednesday 10th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Didcot Town Carol Concert (Choir pupils) - more details to follow
Thursday 11th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Term 2

Notices

Attendance	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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	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.
Parent Meetings 21st & 22nd October	Appointment times have now been allocated and slips have been sent home today with your eldest child, so please check bags! If you have yet to return your slip, please speak to the school office as soon as possible and you will be allocated the next available time. If you talk to the class teacher, they will need to direct you back to the office. Many thanks.
Year 4 Science Fair Tuesday 7th October	Year 4 parents and carers are invited to come along to our Science Fair on Tuesday 7th October, 2.30pm until 2.50pm to share the children's enquiry work as we finish our first topic of ' <i>What is Sound</i> '. Please come along to the main Reception <u>promptly</u> for 2.30pm. We hope to see you there!
Donation Request!	We are hoping to find a small sofa for the lodge and wondered if any parents might have one they'd be willing to donate. The sofa will need to come from a smoke and pet-free home and meet the required fire safety standards. Please contact the school office if you think you might be able to help. Many thanks!
Short Breaks Update	The October edition of The Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People are now available, please click on the links below: Upcoming Activities / Regular Activities / 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Natural History Museum - Relaxed Family Drawing Workshop, 29th October ★ Make and Move Arts and Movement Sessions ★ Angels Performing Arts - Halloween Workshop, 30th October
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



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>

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.

Open Evening

Thursday, 9th October 2025

4:30pm – 7:30pm

You're
Invited!



Aureus School

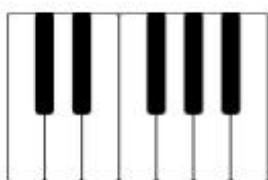
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Music Open Day

Come and try our engaging music courses
on Sunday 12 October - book now!

Children start their music journey with us between
the ages of 2 - 7 and can continue through to 18



Matrix Arts Centre
Sutton Courtenay OX14 4UA
www.matrixartscentre.org.uk





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!**



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

October dates:

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