

This week...

On Monday, **Year 4** went to the Didcot Railway Centre to carry out some sketching. The children have been looking at how to create perspective in their drawing and so used the railway tracks as inspiration for their sketches. It was a beautifully sunny (but cold!) day. Since coming back to school the children have perfected their perspective drawings as shown here.



Our **Nursery** children have been busy practicing their culinary skills this week! They brought in a variety of vegetables from home; including carrots, sweet potatoes, leeks, garlic, and potatoes, then worked together to chop, cook, and blend them into a delicious soup. They finished the activity by enjoying a warm bowl of their homemade creation with a slice of crusty bread and even had enough to take some home!



Over the last two weeks, **Year 5** transformed our Forest School into a Mayan kitchen! Children helped to cook the traditional 'Three Sisters' stew, using staple ingredients including corn, black beans and butternut squash, just as the Maya did thousands of years ago. A huge thank you to Mrs. Addison for leading these fascinating and delicious sessions!



On Thursday, our school was buzzing with excitement as the school hall transformed into a vibrant Book Shop, thanks to the fantastic **Roving Bookshop**! A huge thanks to everyone who visited and picked up a book — we hope you're already enjoying your new reads.

The gentleman who runs the book shop told us that he really likes coming to Ladygrove because the children have the greatest interest in books and motivation to read! This year's event was our most successful ever, with record-breaking sales! Thanks to your incredible support, we've earned an amazing £560 worth of brand-new books for our school.

Pupil Responsibility Groups

Thank you to Class 13 who have sent in their applications for the Peer Mentor role. Class 12 have yet to start their applications so to make it fair we are giving Class 12 the following week to complete their applications while Class 13 application deadline has now passed. We will announce the new Peer Mentors next Friday.

Year 5 Fundraiser! On **Monday 24th November**, Ella, Illa, Mehrana, Ruby, Alana and Claudia from Year 5 will be fundraising on the playground for the school. You can buy:

- ★ Bracelets - £1
- ★ Necklaces - £1.50
- ★ Fidgets - £2
- ★ Crochet Octopuses - £2

Payment by cash only. Thank you for your support!



Christmas Lunches 2025 - LAST CHANCE TO ORDER!

DEADLINE MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER

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, Seasonal Veg 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!

Tuesday 25th November	- Year 6 visit Didcot Library (am) - Year 6 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets - Year 2 Lego Club (Group 2, selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm (last one!) - Year 3 & 4 TTRS Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm (last one!) - Year 5 & 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4.15pm (last one!)
Wednesday 26th November	Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir Club (selected pupils), 3.10 - 4pm
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 - 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 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. Do not email the year group.	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.
Social Media	This is an extract from our 'Standard Termly Information' document, reprinted here as a reminder: Any inappropriate or disproportionate comments regarding the school or any of the pupils, parents or staff, on social media sites such as Facebook are not in the best interests of the whole school community. Parents should be aware that even flippant comments can be vastly misinterpreted when in print and are often shared beyond your online friendship groups, negatively affecting others. Any concerns you may have should always be sent through the appropriate channels by speaking to the classteacher, senior leaders, headteacher or office staff, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.
PALS Raffle Tickets	Raffle tickets have gone home this week. 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 - Reminder to purchase your tickets! 	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. We have allocated 2 tickets per child, per performance., to purchase from the school office. Any tickets not collected by the end of the day next Thursday 27th November, will then be made available for those that would like extra from Friday 28th. Tickets cost £2 each, cash only please!
SEND Witherslack Group Webinar: Autism and ADHD Strategies to Improve Sleep	
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: ★ Oxfordshire Wildlife Sanctuary Christmas Fayre - Sunday 30 November ★ Premier Football Christmas Course

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.

Autumn Winter
2025 2026

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

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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
Bolognaise



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
Bolognaise

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
Bolognaise

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 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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE SPONSORS

