

This week...



This week, **Year 1** held a Dot Gallery! For our enquiry we have been artists, looking at the book 'The Dot' and talking about artists that used dots in their artwork. We then created our own dotty artwork and displayed them for our parents to see. Well done Year 1, your work looks fantastic!

Year 6 had the amazing opportunity to learn all about first aid thanks to the company, [Save-Yu](#), with Gemma and Gary. We had an amazing time learning about how to help people by giving CPR. It really uplevelled our knowledge about the processes and tools we can use to save lives, and also medication such as inhalers. We learnt what Dr ABC means - *Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing* and *CPR*. We also learnt about the recovery position. We had lots of fun practising how to tie bandages. We found out that defibrillators can help people with a chance of surviving up to 50-70% if used in time, and discovered what to do when someone is choking. We also learnt not to give anyone else our own medicine otherwise it could make the situation worse.

We are looking forward to our talk with trauma surgeon and consultant Mansoor Khan, later today!

Autumn, Leo, Jake, Neave, Alfie, Lilly, Jack T, Wayne, Haadiya

Today is National TA Day!

Our Teaching Assistants are the hard working and vital cogs of the school. Without our TAs, our fundamental values and systems would break down quite quickly. We would like to congratulate all our TAs for their immense levels of diligence and attention to detail when caring for, nurturing and developing our children's skills and understanding. See below for a lovely poster in celebration of our TAs!

Pupil Responsibilities

Last week the classes completed the election for the first group of Year 6 House Captains for this academic year. They created a short Ladygrove News video to introduce themselves today.

Congratulations to Hadley and Jacob in Oak, Autumn and Leo in Willow and Emelia and Alex in Beech. We look forward to having them as anchors and reporters for the *Ladygrove News* which is transmitted to the school (most) Fridays. The

Ladygrove News is a pupil-run news broadcast which covers the events of the week, celebrates the achievements and awards achieved during the week and ends with the all important house point totals.

Assembly Theme

Over the last few weeks we have been focusing on those core characteristics needed to succeed (at school and in life). We have considered what it means to be a Thinker, Collaborator and a Role Model. The children explored the wider definitions and identified how they could be actioned in life.

Celebrating Success

Over the weekend Nathan from Class 14 took part in the 8th Bluewave Taekwondo Open Poomsae Championships in Basingstoke, the second largest event in the country. He competed in 3 highly competitive events winning 2 Bronze medals in the pairs and team events. Well done Nathan!



Get Involved: Join PALS PTA!

We're excited to announce that our **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!

Tuesday 30th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle Training (selected pupils) - remember bikes and helmets! • Year 5 Planetarium Workshop, in school
Thursday 2nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School CENSUS Day - see below
Friday 3rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Poetry Day, activities in school
Monday 6th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Photos (see below)
Tuesday 7th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 and Year 3 PC Ben Talk, in school • Cycle Training (selected pupils) - remember bikes and helmets!
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.
Wednesday 15th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 Space talk, in school
Tuesday 21st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Meetings 4.30-8.00pm, in school • 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
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"> • Cycle Training TEST DAY (selected pupils) - remember bikes and helmets!
Friday 14th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Diabetes Day Non Uniform Day - more details to follow
Thursday 20th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roving Bookshop in school, 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 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.</p>
Parking around school at drop off and pick up times 	<p>We have received reports from several neighbours expressing concern regarding the parking situation around the school. Parking conditions on Avon Way are particularly problematic, involving vehicles parking across the junction with Ashburn Place. This issue has persisted since the start of the term.</p> <p>Please can we ask that you think of the safety of the children when parking and consider walking to school if you live close enough.</p> <p>A reminder that we are kindly permitted to use the Didcot Town Football Club car park which is very close to the school's side gate. You can walk safely past the surgery and across the zebra crossing to school.</p>
Autumn Term Clubs	<p>Thank you to everyone that registered their interest in a club this term. You will have received an email to confirm if your child has received a place at the club today. Our clubs are always very popular and quite often oversubscribed. If your child did not get a place this time, we will hold their name on the waiting list should a place become available. There will be more opportunities for clubs in the Spring and Summer terms too.</p>

Parent Meetings 21st & 22nd October	Appointment times have now been allocated and slips will be sent home next week. If you have not yet returned your form, please speak directly to the school office who co-ordinate this. If you talk to the class teacher, they will need to direct you back to the office. Many thanks.
Individual & Sibling Photos Monday 6th October	Individual & Sibling (only siblings in school) school photos are taking place on Monday 6th October. <u>ALL children need to come to school in their uniform please! If it is their PE day, please bring in trainers to change into.</u>
School CENSUS Day Thursday 2nd October	<p>National School CENSUS Day is when a snapshot of school data is taken and the information is used to calculate our future funding. We would like to encourage all children in KS1 and Foundation Stage to take up a universal free school meal on this school day in order for us to get our maximum funding.</p> <p>We have swapped the Thursday and Friday menu choices for next week.</p> <p><i>On Thursday 2nd October, the menu will be:</i> Fish fingers with chips or Cheese & Tomato Quiche with chips, a cookie.</p> <p><i>On Friday 4th October, the menu will be:</i> Meatballs with rice or Veggie Meatballs with rice, Peaches & Icecream.</p> <p>Meals need to be ordered in the usual way on the day. KS2 children can also order this meal, payment made as normal via ParentPay, unless you are entitled to benefit related Free School Meals.</p>
SEND - Parent Support Webinars and Events	Please see the posters at the end of this newsletter for some parent support webinars in addition to the following links: Aspens South East delivered by Aspens Autism Central https://www.autismcentral.org.uk/hubs/south-east-delivered-aspens MIND courses including SEN group Short Courses — Oxfordshire Mind https://www.oxfordshiremind.org.uk/support-for-you/short-courses/ As always Oxfordshire Family Information Service has lots of links Family Information Service https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/home.page
Celebrating Birthday's - ditch the sweets!	Birthdays are a wonderful time to celebrate! For families that would like to bring in something to share with the class, we ask parents to skip sweets and instead bring a 'Birthday Book' for the class to enjoy and to donate to the school library. Please note that there is no expectation for this, but only for families that would like to!
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"> ★ Beezee 10 week programme for healthy living for families ★ Madden Swim School October Crash Course ★ Active Adventures Holiday Camp
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 'virtual' tours/parent meetings.

[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>



#NationalTADay
Thank you for
everything
you do!



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.



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

Open Evening

Thursday, 9th October 2025

4:30pm – 7:30pm

You're
Invited!



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Open Morning School Tours

9am-10:15am

Tues 23rd, Wed 24th September 2025

Tues 7th, Wed 8th October 2025

Wed 15th, Thurs 16th October 2025

*Our SENDCo will present about our general SEND provision at SBS
for 15 minutes at the end of the tours on **23rd September** and **7th October**.*

NB - this is not an opportunity to discuss individual student needs

To book a tour, please scan QR Code or visit

www.st-birinus-school.org.uk/openevents

We kindly request one adult per family for the tours



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 1st October 2025

5:30pm-8:00pm

Headteacher talks to take place at 6pm and 7pm

NO BOOKING NECESSARY

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WEDNESDAY WEBINAR SERIES

Wednesdays | 12:00-1:30 PM

To register for a webinar visit: <https://oxpcf.org.uk/webinars>

24 September 2025

**What to Expect from the CAMHS: NDC
(Neurodevelopmental Conditions) Service**

22 October 2025

**Supporting family member's mental health through
compassion**

26 November 2025

Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

17 December 2025

Autistic Burnout

28 January 2026

Demand Avoidance

25 February 2026

**Understanding, preventing, and supporting
meltdowns**

25 March 2026

**Support in the community for young adults
(post-18)**

These sessions, presented in partnership with CAMHS, aim to provide insights, expert guidance, and discussions on key topics related to SEND.

To learn more or register for a webinar please visit: oxpcf.org.uk/webinars

Parent Support Speaker Session

Supporting Children with Anxiety and Emotional School Avoidance: A Parent & Carer Information Session

**October
13**

4pm - 5:30pm

- Real-life experiences of managing school-related anxiety
- Practical strategies to support children and young people
- Guidance on accessing help and resources

**St Mary's Church
Refectory, Kidlington
(Parking available)**

**Guest Experts:
CAMHS Supportive
Steps Team, Nicole
Wareing & Angela
Shuck**

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Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

Supportive Steps
CAMHS
Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Service

**S - SUPPORTIVE
T - THERAPEUTIC
E - EMPATHETIC
P - PARENTING PARTNERSHIP
S - SAFE SPACE**

**FREE - scan the QR code
to book your place:**

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