



Rush Common School Newsletter



Friday 10th November 2023

Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

We are well into the Autumn Term and there is a real buzz in the school both from learning energy and thoughts of Christmas on the horizon!

Before half term we received a visit from a National Leader of Education, who carried out a full review of the quality of education in the school. He spent a lot of time in classrooms throughout the day, and spoke to a range of school staff. He provided an absolutely glowing report of the school, sharing that the education we provide is well above that of a typical 'good' school. We are really proud of this outcome and know it reflects the effort our staff put in to provide the very best educational experience for your children.

The brilliant outcome above sits very well alongside the extremely pleasing national analysis of our KS2 results.

- For Reading progress we are in the top 8% of all schools in the country
- For Maths progress we are in the top 8% of all schools in the country
- For Writing progress we are in the top 15% of all schools in the country
- For the percentage of children that reached greater depth in Maths, we are in the top 3% of all schools in the country.

We continue to provide some fantastic enrichment experiences, and our recent KS2 author visit from Louie Stowell really brought children's understanding of 'the craft of writing' to life. She really helped children understand her inspirations and motivations, and how she had generated ideas for her stories.

On the same topic of books, our recent book fair was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents who accompanied their children to choose a new book. Every book purchased provides funds to the school. I am pleased to share that we raised £783 in total for the school to spend on books to further enhance our school library and reading corners in classrooms.

Earlier today, we held our Remembrance Service in the school hall. This was a poignant service, which included some beautiful artwork from across the school and some lovely poetry readings from our Year 6 children.

Members of FoRC and their chair, Rebecca Strugnell, have been very busy during this Autumn Term, and the recent discos were a great success. They were enjoyed by all, and over £1000 was raised for the school. We are all set for the FoRC fireworks tonight and it promises to be a lovely evening. I look forward to seeing many of you at the school later on!

The Preschool refurbishment is on course to be ready for January 2024, and we are all excited by this prospect. As part of this, we are installing a new exit mechanism with a key pad, that is both secure and user friendly. I know the temporary measure of a push button and a key safe has caused some difficulties - thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please can I ask all parents to adhere to the following safe parking guidelines

- Please do not park opposite the diagonal yellow lines at the end of the drive. Many children cross the road there and it is unsafe to park and pull away from there.
- Please do not drop off in the actual drive of the school
- Please do not park up on curbs and grass verges.

It is every parents responsibility to ensure we keep drop off and pick up safe for children, and sacrificing a little time (for example by parking further up the road) can make a big difference to children's safety.

I would like to wish you all a very safe, and happy weekend ahead.

Kind regards

Kristen Fawcett

Headteacher





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Visits, Tours and Taster Sessions - Autumn 2023

Taster Sessions

Saturday 23rd September and Saturday 7th October 10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Your children will experience our Reception classrooms and outdoor area with a wide range of fun, educational activities led by our brilliant Reception teachers.



'Children in early years get off to a flying start'

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Open Mornings

Tuesday 26th September, Wednesday 11th October and Thursday 9th November 9.00 am

See children learning across the school, meet our school staff and ask plenty of questions.

'Happiness is all around. It is as if pupils have an extended family at school'

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Head's Breakfast and Pupil-led Tours

Every Friday from 15th September to 9th December 9.00 am – 10.00 am

(excluding 22nd September, 6th October, 27th October)



Have a tea or coffee and a pastry with the Headteacher, before a pupil-led tour of the school.

'Pupils love coming to Rush Common School'

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Individual School Visits

We are also happy to provide individualised school visits and tours for parents and children.

To register your interest, email: office@rushcommonschoo.org or phone: 01235 533 583

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook, or visit our website to find out more.

www.rushcommonschoo.org

Homework Champions

Emily	2RS	Talulah	5AS
Megan	2RS	Sophie	5AS
Millie	3LG	Jessica	5AS
Beth	4LR	Vincent	5AS
Sophie	4CM	Ada	5AS



RUSH COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL

FIREWORKS NIGHT

Friday 10th November 2023

GATES OPEN: 5.45pm, LAST ENTRY 6.45pm
FIREWORKS START: 7 pm

Glow sticks, refreshments, hot dogs, sweets & more!!

Tickets in advance only: £6 per person / under 3s free.

Book your tickets at:
www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/forcfireworks

Rush Common Primary School, Hendred Way, Abingdon. OX14 2AW
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Dates for your diary 2023/2024

FoRC Firework Night	Friday 10th November
Odd Socks Day	Monday 13th November
Year 3 Egyptian Day	Monday 13th November 3NM Tuesday 14th November 3LG
Year 5 Oxfordshire Museum Trip	Wednesday 15th November
FoRC Christmas Jumper Sale	Thursday 16th November
Children In Need	Friday 17th November
Year 5 Cycling Training	Week of the 20th November and week of the 27th November
Year 6 Trip to STEAM Museum	Tuesday 21st November
Reception and KS1 Beep Beep Day	Wednesday 22nd November
Year 2 Roman Day	Tuesday 28th November
Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court	Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th December
KS1 Nativity Performance	Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December @ 5.00pm
Reception Nativity Performance	Monday 11th (RHJ) and Tuesday 12th December (RLHBL) @ 2.15pm
Christmas Dinner Day	Wednesday 13th December
Reception Craft Afternoon	Friday 15th December
End of Term 1b	Wednesday 20th December @ 1.30pm
Start of Term 2a	Tuesday 9th January 2024
End of Term 2a	Friday 9th February 2024
Start of Term 2b	Monday 19th February 2024
End of Term 2b	Thursday 28th March 2023 @ 1.30pm
Start of Term 3a	Monday 15th April 2024
Year 5 Residential Kingswood	Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th April 2024
May Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 6th May 2024
End of Term 3a	Friday 24th May 2024
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Monday 3rd June 2024
Start of Term 3b	Tuesday 4th June 2024
Year 6 Residential Call of the Wild	Monday 24th – Friday 28th June 2024
End of Term 3b	Tuesday 23rd July 2024 @1.30pm

Local Community News

Please note items and events detailed below are for information purposes only. Rush Common School do not endorse or make recommendations



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RUSH COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL

INSET DAY LEGO CAMP

MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024

CREATE, INSPIRE, PLAY!

BOOK NOW AT house-of-fun.co.uk



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**RUSH COMMON SCHOOL
IBRICK CAMPS**

**BOOK FOR FESTIVE FUN AT OUR UPCOMING
CHRISTMAS IBRICK CAMPS**

Thursday 21st December 2023
Friday 22nd December 2023
Thursday 4th January 2024
Friday 5th January 2024
Monday 8th January 2024
(Inset Day)



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CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



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**CUMNOR SCHOOL
IBRICK CAMPS**

**BOOK FOR FESTIVE FUN AT OUR
UPCOMING CHRISTMAS IBRICK CAMPS**

Thursday 21st December 2023
Friday 22nd December 2023

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ACCREDITED CLUB
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

Does your daughter like Football
and want to play?
NEW PLAYERS WANTED
For Under 9's > Year 4

Training 5 - 6pm @Tilsley Park Abingdon
Matches played on Saturday mornings

For Further information please contact
Lee Boorer at
ayfcplayers@gmail.com





MAKE FRIENDS
HAVE FUN
KEEP FIT
LEARN NEW SKILLS
BE PART OF A TEAM

ABINGDON RUGBY CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR
BOYS (5 - 17 YRS) AND GIRLS (5 - 10 YRS)
TO JOIN OUR CLUB.

RUGBY IS A FUN GAME AND INCLUSIVE OF ALL
ABILITIES. IT'S ALSO A GREAT WAY TO KEEP FIT,
LEARN NEW SKILLS AND MAKE AWESOME FRIENDS.
WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN RUNNING AROUND
IN THE FRESH AIR WITH YOUR MATES?



PLAY RUGBY
COME ALONG AND GIVE IT A GO
YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT

COME AND JOIN US ON SUNDAYS FROM 10.30AM - STARTING SEPTEMBER

CLUB INFO
ABINGDON RUGBY CLUB
LAMBRICK WAY
ABINGDON
OXFORDSHIRE
OX14 5TJ
TEL: 01235 553210

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CLUB MARK
CERTIFIED LICENSING ORGANISATION

OXFORD BOTANIC GARDEN

Christmas Fair

2ND & 3RD
DECEMBER FROM 10AM

SCAN HERE TO
BUY TICKETS



Enchantingly Festive

Drayton Players present

Away with the Fairies this Christmas
A play by Sue Hadley

THE BIG CHRISTMAS SHOW It's full of fun and madness!
Being senior doesn't mean you can be exploited. Even if your DIY man is an Elvis Impersonator. A unique and inspiring Christmas story, where good triumphs over evil at "The Foresters" sheltered accommodation. One act tells it all! This is an ADULT SHOW where grown ups have fun and laughter.
SPECIAL: Stay and meet the cast this Christmas show- bar open after the show. Raffle and fun.

Fri 8th December at 8.00pm (doors 7.30)
Sat 9th December at 7.30pm (doors 7pm)
Steventon Village Hall, The Green, OX13 6RR
Tickets: £7.50

In person from Vickerys Hardware Store, Drayton
In person from 40 Castle St, Steventon, OX13 6SR
From www.trybooking.co.uk/CTER (Booking fees apply)
Tel 01235 821351 or on the door