



Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 11th July 2025



Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

The Summer Term is always such a busy and exciting time and over the last two weeks it has been no different. I must start with our incredible Key Stage 2 Sports Day, which took place yesterday. The children competed superbly, enjoyed the event hugely, and encouraged every other competitor to the end of every race or field event. There were some very close races, with many school records broken, such was the positive competitive edge of the morning. This transferred to the final overall points tally, with just one point separating first and second place. The overall winners were Kites, who were absolutely delighted to be victorious this year! A huge thank you to Mrs Barnes for her organisation of the day, and to the large number of parents who came to cheer on their children.

Last week, Year 6 had their residential trip to Call of the Wild in Wales. It was an unforgettable experience for all of the children, and the development of independence, resilience and confidence on this trip will be invaluable. Activities included 'Wet and Wild' water activities, gorge walking, caving, climbing, waterfall walking, orienteering and much more. As you can imagine, the children were tired from all their adventures but clearly had the most enriching and rewarding experience!

This week we held two concerts in school. The first, on Tuesday, was the Orchestra Concert, which was absolutely delightful and demonstrated the musical talent of our children. It is a unique feature of our school that we have so many musically talented staff and Mrs Neal, Mrs Carr and Mrs Lipp joined the performance. The orchestra was arranged and conducted by Mrs Wallis, who has continued to volunteer at our school, and we thank her for all she continues to do for Rush Common. On Wednesday, we held our Choir Concert, which was fantastic – the children's enthusiasm, enjoyment and talent for singing shone through, and it was a pleasure to watch. A particular thank you to Mrs Lipp for preparing, arranging and leading this event.

Sticking with the theme of music, our Orchestra have been at the world renowned Birmingham Symphony Hall today to perform at Music for Youth's National Festival. For many of our children performing today, it is a 'once in a lifetime' experience, and will act as incredible inspiration to continue their musical journey. You can look up the event here <https://www.mfy.org.uk/get-involved/national-festival-2025/>

We also have a talented group of Year 4 athletes out today at the Quad Kids Oxfordshire Finals. After yesterday's Sports Day, this is another opportunity to compete against talented athletes from across the county, and we know they will represent the school impeccably.

Last week, we held our Reception Curriculum Assembly for parents. A very large proportion of the children had lines to deliver, and they did so loudly and clearly into the microphone. The confidence and enjoyment of their learning was really evident, and showed just how much they have developed across the course of the year.

On Wednesday, it was our 'Move Up' Day, where all the children spent the morning in their new classes with their new class teacher and teaching assistants. This also included our new intake into Preschool, and our Preschool children moving up to Reception. All the children enjoyed the opportunity to spend time in their new year groups, having come towards the end of their learning journey in their current class. Overall, the children have developed and achieved so much this year, and they are ready to make this next step on their journey through our school.

Finally, with this being the last newsletter of the year, I would like to thank everyone for their continual support of our school, and wish you all a lovely summer holiday when it comes.

Kind regards

Kristen Fawcett

Headteacher



School Dinners

The cost of school dinners this term is **£2.65** per day. Payment for school dinners can be made via ParentMail. Meal choices must be made at least 3 days in advance.



School Dinners – Price Increase

Please note from September 2025 (Term 1a) there will be a slight increase in the school dinner price. They will be increasing to £2.80 per day.

Treats

Thank you to The Prayer Group for providing the staff with some delicious treats.



Homework Champions

Erin 3LA
Isabel 3LA
Leo 3LA
Jerome 3LA
Robyn 3LA

Archie 4TJ
Maison-Lee 4TJ
Lydia 5SC
Freya 5SC
Emily 5SC

Dates for your diary 2025

Year 6 Production

Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th July 6.00pm

Preschool Graduation

Wednesday 16th July 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Year 6 Leaver's Party

Thursday 17th July

End of Term 3b

Monday 21st July at 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 recommendation



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KIDS SUMMER HOLIDAY MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMPS

- Different theme each week including: Survival, Space, Wellbeing, Adventure & Science
- 8:30am - 6:00pm each day
- 5-13 year olds
- 28th July - 29th August

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED **HAF PLACES AVAILABLE** **£49 PER DAY**

Activities

- ✓ Cookery
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Sports
- ✓ Themed activities

Rush Common Primary School
Hendred Way
Abingdon
OX14 2AW

visit house-of-fun.co.uk, or call 07762 944204

Thames Vale Intermediate Orchestra



Calling for young* musicians to join the **Thames Vale Intermediate Orchestra TVIO** a new feeder orchestra for the Thames Vale Youth Orchestra TVYO.

Starting date 15 September 2025
Mondays 6:15 - 7:45pm
Larkmead School, Abingdon
Grade 3 - 5+ No audition required
<https://www.tvyo.org.uk/join-us>

***Ages c.8-15 years**



Suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years
Check our website for dates and venues



SUMMER HOLIDAY SCIENCE CAMP

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We're in Abingdon this Summer

Caldecott Primary School, Abingdon, OX14 5HB

Monday 4th to Friday 8th August

Wacky Weather	How can we predict the weather when it changes so often? What is climate change? From a storm in a bottle, cloud in a cup and devastating earthquakes to acid rain, edible hailstones and fire tornadoes. Prepare to be blown away!
Prehistoric Life	What was life like of Earth millions of years ago? Journey through the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous period, excavating dinosaurs, uncovering fossils and exploring ancient animals. Come and find out who ruled the Earth for millions of years.
Mad About Mini-Beasts	Creepy crawlies might make you wriggle and squirm, but we think they're amazing! Discover how our world depends on these unique creatures and find out what insects live on our doorstep on the big bug hunt.
Geo-logic	Time to rock out! Uncover the cause of earthquakes, natural faults in the Earth's crust and even how mountains and volcanoes are formed. Explore the formation of rocks and minerals, erupting volcanoes and even grow your own crystals!
Transportation Technology	Technology leads the way to help develop new forms of transport to travel across land, water and air. From a horse drawn cart, steam powered boats and hot air balloons to combustion engines in cars, hovercrafts and aeroplanes!

Daily - 9.00am to 3.30pm.
£35 per child per day.
Sibling discount available.




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SUMMER CAMPS 2025

Every day at Tech Camp is an adventure with hands-on **tech fun**, **iPad creativity**, and **take-home inventions!**

WEEK 1 / WEEK 3				
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
KINETIC K'NEX	LEGO MACHINES	SmartBee Inventors	3D CREATIONS	LASER TAG
MICRO ROBOTS	COOL CODING	MOVIE MAKING	AUGMENTED REALITY	MINICRIBT ROCKET
Take Home Inventions: Electric, Conductive, Magnetism, Aquatics, Wind				

WEEK 2 / WEEK 4				
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
COOL ROBOTS	LEGO CONTRAPTIONS	LIFEBOAT INVENTION	VIRTUAL REALITY	SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
BIG BOTS	VIDEO GAME DESIGN	AMAZONIA	MINICRIBT VS MARVEL	STEM CHALLENGES
Take Home Inventions: Electric, Hydraulics, Magnetism, Solar, Paper				

PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE SCHEDULES ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY - PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR THE ACCURATE SCHEDULE OF YOUR LOCAL CAMP.

WHAT TO EXPECT:
At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future.
Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders. Led by DBS checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids will explore STEM through exciting activities and challenges.

★★★★★
"The best camp we've tried! A perfect mix of fun and learning!"

★★★★★
"My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"

★★★★★
"Fun, engaging, and educational - highly recommend!"

Only **£199** for 5 DAYS
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Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Rush Common School** if they sign up by Monday 22nd September 2025. Parents should quote RUSH220925 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#).

The nearest classes to Rush Common School are as follows (please click for a map and further details):

Perform Abingdon (Drama for 4-7s)
(0.5 miles)
Saturdays at 9.30am

The Northcourt Centre
Northcourt Rd,
OX14 1NS

Perform Abingdon (Drama for 4-7s)
(0.5 miles)
Thursdays at 4pm

The Northcourt Centre
Northcourt Rd,
OX14 1NS

Perform Abingdon (Drama for 7-12s)
(0.5 miles)
Saturdays at 11.15am

The Northcourt Centre
Northcourt Rd,
OX14 1NS

Perform Abingdon (Drama for 7-12s)
(0.5 miles)
Thursdays at 5.05pm

The Northcourt Centre
Northcourt Rd,
OX14 1NS

Perform Oxford (Drama for 4-7s)
(5 miles)
Wednesdays at 4pm

West Oxford Community Centre
Botley Road,
OX2 0BT

There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](#) or view a list of all areas.

TRY A CLASS FOR FREE



Now showing, **CONFIDENCE!**

Drama, dance & singing classes designed to help 4-12 year olds shine

**** My son has adored his first term at Perform. He has blossomed and I've seen his confidence grow every week. ****
Pippa Wotton



Play is a **POWERFUL THING**

Perform classes help boost children's **confidence, concentration, coordination and communication** skills, as well as being lots of fun.

Our expertly designed drama, dance and singing sessions for 4-7s and 7-12s are run by experienced teachers, hand-picked for their warmth and approachability. They'll be with your child every step of the way – inspiring and encouraging them to develop vital life skills as they discover the joy of performing.

What does Perform offer?

- Performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps
- End of term presentation for family and friends

**** Perform helps develop all key areas of a child in a fun, supportive and engaging way. It gives my daughter a brilliant sense of fun, community, purpose and pride in her achievements. ****
Begum Bari

Ready to try for free?

Your child's first class is free, so why not give it a go? Classes take place all over, have a look online or call us:



perform.org.uk/try 020 7255 9120

WILDCATS AT THE NORTHCOURT !
NEXT SESSION 21st JULY, 6-7PM
FREE TO PLAY, AGES 5-11
 EMAIL abingdonunitedu17@gmail.com TO SIGN UP

11TH SEP
4:30PM - 8PM

NEW SCHOOL THURSDAYS
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Venue: Aureus School, Harwell, Didcot, OX11 6FF

Early Stages: 4-6 yo 4:30-6pm
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**Menstrual Health and
Period Education Advocates**

July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

All Yours Period Boxes

Over this academic year we have provided over 5000 period boxes to individuals and families. Many of those supported have been part of the school community and we are pleased to be able to continue this support as we enter the summer holidays. If you require period products for yourself or your young people, please do not hesitate to let us know what you need. If you could place your request as soon as possible, it will enable us to deliver them before the holidays start, ensuring everyone has what they need for the summer break.

All requests are free and confidential.

You can request your All Yours box here: <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request>

All our boxes are prepared by volunteers, and most boxes are delivered by volunteers as well. Where we are not able to hand deliver a box, we use 2nd class Royal Mail to send our boxes. We ask that you allow at least 21 days for delivery, but we do aim to drop off boxes far quicker than this.

Summer Holiday Support

You are welcome to request period products via our website during the summer holidays, but our volunteers typically take time off to be with their families and sometimes delivery is a little slower than normal.

If you need period products urgently over the summer, please visit our website to find a list of our local collection points. This will be the quickest and easiest way to get the products that you need: <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/box-collection-points>

If you would like to find out more about All Yours, or learn about the different ways you can support our work, please visit our website: <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/>

Thank you to everyone for their support during the school year and we would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer break.

With best wishes,

All Yours
