Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week we held a poignant Remembrance Service on our playground. The two minutes silence was well observed by every child in our school and our Year 6 children recited the poem 'In Flanders Fields' confidently. We also had poppy wreaths laid on our mound from each year group in the school and everyone sang 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' and 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary'. The children really understood the importance of the service and were impeccable throughout.

This week has been our first set of Parents' Evenings and we hope you found the meetings both informative and useful. It is a great opportunity to understand the progress your child/children are making at school, and we therefore ask any parent who has not had a meeting to organise this with their child's class teacher.

We held our first Whole School Readathon Fundraising Event this week and it has been a huge success. The children have enjoyed telling me about their targets and all the reading they have been doing this week. Thank you to every parent, family member and friend who has contributed to the total raised. You are able to pay the money in via Parentmail and the closing date for this is Friday 4th December. I will let you know the total amount raised for the school in the next newsletter and every penny will be put to good use.

Today is Children in Need and all the children have really enjoyed coming to school in their own clothes and wearing something spotty. Thank you to everyone for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Our first residential trip of the year is coming up at the start of December, as Year 4 head off to Ufton Court for an immersive Tudor experience. We know they can't wait and we hope the recent parents information event for this was useful for parents.

Across this week and next, Year 6 children are taking part in the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge. This is a series of engaging, problem solving tasks that promote and build children's computational thinking - the set of problem-solving skills that underpin computing. We know children are really enjoying taking part and we look forward to seeing their scores!

I would like to take this opportunity to share some information about arriving at the Hendred Way entrance to the school in the morning before the school gates open.

- Please queue on the right hand side of the drive opposite the pedestrian gate.
- Please do not allow children to run across the drive to the opposite side and play. This can be unsafe as it remains an entrance way for vehicles to enter the front of the school. This can at times be unscheduled deliveries.
- I have explained to the close neighbours that if they have any concerns about the front of the school at drop off, to contact the school directly. They must not approach parents or families or take any other action.
- For parents with bikes please try and leave them against the school railings for now. However, we are looking at options for a bike rack for this purpose.
- If you notice any other parents parking in unsafe ways (e.g. across yellow zig zags) please do not approach the car user or leave a note. Instead, contact the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) at abingdontownnhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Tonight is our school fireworks display and it promises to be another spectacular event. Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets, and I hope you and your family enjoy the evening.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable weekend as we look towards the rest of this exciting term.

Kind regards

Kristen Fawcett

Headteacher

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School Dinners

The cost of school dinners this term is **£3.00** per day. Payment for school dinners can be made via ParentMail. Meal choices must be made at least 3 days in advance.

Please see link below for latest school and ALT Trust job vacancies:
Vacancies - Rush Common School - Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Homework Champions

James	3CM	Lexie	4LB
Zoe	3CM	Isabelle	4LG
Nellie	3SC	Asiah	5SC
Margot	3SC		

Women's Wheelchair Rugby

Congratulations to Phoebe Gibbons who has been selected to represent Great Britain at the first ever Women's Wheelchair Rugby World Championship's in Paris in December. We wish her and the rest of the team lots of luck.

https://gbwr.org.uk/gb-women-set-for-historic-world-championship/





This poster and others can also be viewed on the link below:

https://www.rushcommonschool.org/information-for-parents/other-useful-information-2/online-safety-information/

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Visits, Tours and Taster Sessions - Autumn 2026

Taster Sessions

Saturday 26th September and Saturday 10th October 10.00 – 12.00

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



'Pupils thrive at this warm, ambitious and highly inclusive school'

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Open Mornings

Tuesday 29th September, Wednesday 14th October and Thursday 19th November 9.00-10.15

'Pupils are deeply engaged in their learning and show kindness and respect towards one another'

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



Individual School Visits



Arrange a time to meet with the Headteacher, before a tour of the school. Plenty of opportunities for questions.

'Pupils benefit from a rich range of opportunities beyond the classroom'

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To register your interest, email: office@rushcommon.school or phone: 01235 533 583

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Dates for your diary 2026 27

Anti Bullying Week	**Week of 16th November**
Odd Socks Day	**Monday 16th November**
Year 5 Cycle Training	**Week of the 30th November**
Year 4 Ufton Court Residental	**Monday 30th November – Wednesday 2nd December**
KS1 Nativity Performance	**Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December at 2.15pm**
Christmas Jumper Day	**Thursday 10th December**
Reception Nativity Performance	**Monday 14th December at 2.15pm and Tuesday 15th December at 9.15am**
Christmas Dinner Day	**Wednesday 16th December**
End of Term 1b	**Friday 18th December at 1.30pm**
Start of Term 2a	**Monday 4th January 2027**
Internet Safety Day	**Tuesday 9th February 2027**
End of Term 2a	**Friday 12th February 2027**
Start of Term 2b	**Monday 22nd February 2027**
World Book Day	**Thursday 4th March 2027**
Weighing and Measuring Programme (Reception and Year 6 only)	**Wednesday 10th March 2027**
Parents' Evening	**Week of the 15th March (Days and times tbc)**
End of Term 2b	**Thursday 25th March 2027 at 1.30pm**
Start of Term 3a	**Monday 12th April 2027**
Year 5 Liddington Residental	**Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th April 2027**
Vision Screening (Reception Only)	**Friday 16th April 2027**
May Bank Holiday (children not in school)	**Monday 3rd May 2027**
KS2 SATs Week	**Week of the 10th May 2027**
End of Term 3a	**Friday 28th May 2027**
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	**Monday 7th June 2027**
Start of Term 3b	**Tuesday 8th June 2027**
Phonics Screening	**Week of the 14th June 2027**
Class Photos	**Thursday 17th June 2027**
End of Term 3b	**Tuesday 20th July 2027 at 1.30pm**