



# Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023



## *Dream, Aspire, Succeed*

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a fantastically busy and hugely successful end to the Summer Term at Rush Common School.

I must start by sharing the incredible achievements of our Year 6 children who are soon to move on from our school. We received the SATs results on Tuesday and we have achieved even more highly than last year. All results are well above the national averages and it is particularly pleasing to see that over half of our children achieved the Greater Depth standard in Reading and Maths! The results also give us a good understanding of the progress made from Year 2 to the end of Year 6, and initial and provisional calculations show we are likely to be within the top 10% of all schools! This is a phenomenal achievement!

We all know there is more to school than results in English and Maths, and our Year 6 children have demonstrated this superbly with their production of 'Olivia'. The performances this week have been so immaculate and polished, and really demonstrate the confidence, passion and talent of children across the year group. Some of the solo singing and duets were a joy to hear, and the leavers song and powerpoint meant there were many tears from parents at the end! Our Year 6 pupils have set such a high bar, and we know they go forward with confidence having fully grasped all the opportunities offered at Rush Common School. We all wish them well for the future.

The musical performances have kept on coming this week! On Monday our wonderful Choir gave a lovely concert to parents, in which they sung their hearts out with some classic and even humorous songs! On Wednesday our woodwind group, assembled by Mrs Andrews, gave a beautiful performance to parents. This was really impressive, and demonstrated the dedication to practice and love of music required to perform to such a good standard. On the same day we had a group of Year 10 musicians from Larkmead Secondary School play for us in the school hall. Drummers, guitarists, pianist and singers took to the stage and played some crowd pleasing tunes, with an unforgettable rendition of 'Sweet Caroline' whilst everyone danced along!

Our Reception children have made a flying start to their journey at Rush Common School, and this was demonstrated in their Curriculum Assembly this week. Parents were treated to a scamper through the entire year by this brilliant group of children. The confidence to speak loudly and perform in front of an audience was evident for all to see. We can not wait to see how this group develop and grow as they move through our school.

This week we competed in the Oxfordshire County Finals of the Quad Kids Athletics Event. The children competed with every ounce of effort and came third place, winning bronze medals. What a fantastic achievement for this group of talented athletes.

We hope that parents enjoyed reading pupil reports this week and are proud of all they have achieved this year. Included in the report was a feedback form. If you have completed the form, please pass this to your child's class teachers, as it is useful feedback for us. The reports preceded our 'Move Up Day' in which children were so excited to get to know their new teacher and teaching assistants. It was a really successful day, and we know many children can now not wait to get started with their new year groups and are ready for all the new challenges ahead!

With this being the last newsletter of the year, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our school community this academic year. I wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer break.

Kind regards

*Kristen Fawcett*

Headteacher



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# Rush Common School

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## Visits, Tours and Taster Sessions - Autumn 2023

### Taster Sessions

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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'*

*Ofsted Nov 2021*

### Open Mornings

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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'*

*Ofsted Nov 2021*



### Head's Breakfast and Pupil-led Tours

Every Friday from 15<sup>th</sup> September to 9<sup>th</sup> December 9.00 am – 10.00 am

(excluding 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 27<sup>th</sup> 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'*

*Ofsted Nov 2021*

### Individual School Visits

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

To register your interest, email: [office@rushcommonschool.org](mailto:office@rushcommonschool.org) or phone: 01235 533 583

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

[www.rushcommonschool.org](http://www.rushcommonschool.org)

### Girls Football

Well done to our Girls Football team who played a fantastic match against St Nicolas on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July and won 2-1. The girls all played well and we had some great goals from Isla and Emily. This game was our 4th win in the league and has put us joint league winner with Long Furlong.



### Quad Kids

Well done to our pupils who competed in the Quad Kids event on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. They showed true team spirit, encouraging each other through challenges. The hard work and determination paid off and they came away with a Bronze Medal. Congratulations!



## Homework Champions

Isla	1NDBL	Alfie	4CM
Jules	1NDBL	Jen	4CM
Lucas	2RS	Oliver	5EC
Evie	3NM	Sam	5EC
James	3NM	Becca	5EC
Lucy	3NM	Adam	5AS
Sonya	3NM	Annabel	5AS
Roman	3NM	Harry	5AS

### Prayer Group

Thank you to the Prayer Group who provided the staff with delicious end of term treats this week.



### Dates for your diary 2023

Year 6 Leavers Party

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 5.00pm – 7.30pm

End of Term 3b

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July @1.30pm

Inset Day (Children Not in School)


Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

## Local Community News


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

Marsh Tompsett School of Dance presents a triple bill of performances


**Act 1** **OZ!**



**Act 2** **ORIGIN**




**Act 3** **Century**



AMEY THEATRE, Park Rd., Abingdon, OX14 1DE  
Saturday 15th July 1 pm & 6pm  
Sunday 16th July 1pm  
Scan QR code to book  
OR contact box office at 01235849063  
boxoffice@abingdon.org.uk

Proceeds go to



**JULY 24 - SEPT 1**

**ACTIVE COMMUNITIES**

# summer OF FUN

- ✓ Outdoor activities
- ✓ Interactive games
- ✓ Treasure hunts
- ✓ Yoga

We have such a busy summer of activities planned for children (and some activities for adults) over the summer holidays. Scan QR to see what we have planned






## OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOLIDAY EVENTS!


21st July - 1st September 2023

### WEEKLY TIMETABLE



Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays
<b>11 - Rhymetime</b> <b>11:30 - Stay and Play</b> <b>3:15 - Lego Club</b>	<b>10:30 - Storytime and Crafts</b>	<b>11 - Rhymetime</b> <b>11:30 - Stay and Play</b> <b>2:30 - Art Club</b>
Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
<b>2:00 - Giant Colouring</b>	<b>11 - Rhymetime</b> <b>11:30 - Stay and Play</b>	<b>11 - Origami Club</b> <b>2:30 - Storytime and Crafts</b>

All events are drop in!  
 Scan this QR code for more information on our Eventbrite page!  
 All children must be accompanied by an adult.



**ABINGDON VALE SWIMMING CLUB**


**PENTATHLON GB**

Calling all swimmers who run and runners who swim...

### AVSC biathlon

Sunday 15 October 2023 at Radley College, Abingdon, OX14 2HR

School year 3-13 and teacher categories

Qualifying event for the British Schools' Modern Biathlon Championships

More details at: <https://www.avsc.co.uk/biathlon-2023.html>

Summer Reading Challenge 2023



# Ready, Set, Read!



Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

## What's on at Abingdon Library this Summer?

- **Wednesday 9th Aug 10-11am**- Illustration workshop with Rob Jones, creator of Where's Brian's Bottom? Age-range: 5-11
- **Thursday 10th Aug 2-3pm** - Incredible Forces - Science Oxford's fun, interactive family show. Age range: 4-8
- **Wednesday 16th Aug 2.30-3.00pm** - Activators event - Story-based activities with Activate Oxford. Age-range: 4-8
- **Monday 21st Aug 10.30am-11.30am** - Author event with Kevin Thomson, creator of Willy and Wally the Windscreen wipers. Age-range: 4-8
- **Friday 26th Aug 10.30-11.30am**- Twine Interactive Story Writing Age-range: 9-11

**PLUS** - every week we will have a new craft and activity on offer and games for you to play in the library

**ASK AT THE LIBRARY COUNTER FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO SIGN UP**



**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**



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## Low cost and free activities for families to enjoy together!

YouMove is brand new for Oxfordshire, providing low cost and free fun activities for families including weekends & school holidays.

Enjoy a fantastic range of activities including swimming, badminton, activity packs, children's holiday activities & so much more!

Find out more here:



YouMove is here to offer free and low cost activities for children on benefit related free school meals and their families.

**YOU MOVE**



## WARRIOR CAMP



### Holiday club at Hill End

Role Play adventures

Week 1  
Mon 24th July - Wed 26th July

Week 2  
Mon 31st July - Wed 2nd August

Week 3  
Mon 7th August - Wed 9th August

email [info@greendragons.org.uk](mailto:info@greendragons.org.uk)  
for more details text  
07830084877



Fantasy adventures for children aged 7 to 14 years old

9:30am - 3:30pm

Single day £35.00

Early Drop-off £10.00

Late Pick-up £10.00



## New U11 Girls team!

Are you interested in joining a girls football team?

Play at school?

Looking to move team?

We are looking for players to join our new U11 Girls team for the 2023/24 season.

No trials, any ability welcome!

Training is on Wednesdays, 5-6pm

Matches on a Saturday morning in the Oxfordshire Girls Football League.

If you will be in year 5 or 6 in September 2023 & are interested, please email [Stacey.AYFC@gmail.com](mailto:Stacey.AYFC@gmail.com)

# Family Tennis

Join our new tennis session open to non members to get playing this Spring!

## Wednesdays

### 4 - 5 pm

Starting 19 April  
**FREE** for YouMove  
Cardholders or £3

**Wantage Tennis Club,  
Memorial Park, Manor Rd,  
Wantage OX12 8DW**

Booking in advance advised

For more information and to book contact Andy  
Aitken [andy@aatennis.co.uk](mailto:andy@aatennis.co.uk)



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