



# Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022



## *Dream, Aspire, Succeed*

Dear Parents/Carers

Two weeks ago, I had the pleasure of announcing the Head Girl, Head Boy and Deputies, and this week I am delighted to tell you our new House Captains and Sports Captains. After some excellent, passionate speeches to their houses, the votes were counted and our new House Captains are Lilly for Eagles, Eloise for Falcons, Harry for Kestrels and Andrew for Kites. Our new Sports Captains are Eva, Jack, Lexi and Imogen. Congratulations to you all, but we must also congratulate the many Year 6 children who had the confidence to stand up and deliver speeches.

Thank you to all the parents that attended our consultation evenings last week. It really was lovely to have these meetings back in school, and we hope it gave you a good understanding of how your child has settled into their new year group. We also know it was nice to have a good look through your child's current workbooks. If you have not had a parent consultation, it is important to book this in with your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Last week our KS2 children enjoyed competing in the locality cross country event at Tilsley Park. All the children ran with a smile on their face, and supported each other impeccably. It was a great afternoon, that again showed the brilliant competitive spirit of Rush Common pupils.

Thank you to all the parents that have accompanied their children to the book fair this week. Selecting new books can be a real pleasure, and we hope you have been enjoying getting stuck into the books at home with your children. The more sales made at the book fair, the more money the school has to spend on new books, so your generosity is really appreciated. I will be able to announce the total raised in the next newsletter.

Our wide array of enrichment activities are in full swing, and yesterday our Year 2 children had a lovely trip to the Corinium museum. It really brought the Romans topic to life for our pupils and was hugely enjoyed by all. Our Year 4 pupils have also been out to Abingdon School during this past fortnight, to engage in Science Electricity Workshops. The children had such a great time exploring and learning about electricity, and there were many 'light bulb' moments!

We also have a number of enrichment days in school, with some of these involving the pupils dressing up in clothes or outfits from a historical era. These dress up days are hugely memorable and bring learning to life, but we are also keen to make these days both cost effective for parents and sustainable. To this end please do donate costumes for these days to the school, if they are in good condition.

I am pleased to announce that FoRC were nominated in the Net Zero category at the Big Sustainability Awards in Southampton in September. They were shortlisted as a Finalist and received a beautiful award. FoRC were nominated due to reducing our waste as a charity over the past year. Amongst other things, this was achieved through reducing our use of single use plastic, using secondhand items as prizes, selling secondhand items as fundraisers, opting for selling fully recyclable materials, selling second hand uniform, Halloween costumes and Christmas jumpers, giving out plantable medals for our colour run and buying items that benefit communities. This is a great achievement and only made possible through the support of our parent community.

Finally, the school would really benefit from additional volunteer readers, therefore if this interests you, please do contact the school via email to [office@rushcommonschool.org](mailto:office@rushcommonschool.org). We are happy to be flexible to the different times in the week you may be able to offer.

This will be the last newsletter this half term, so I would like to wish you all a lovely half term when it comes.

Kind regards

*Kristen Fawcett*  
Headteacher





# Rush Common School

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## Visits, Tours and Taster Sessions - Autumn 2022

### Taster Sessions

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 15<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 Days

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 3<sup>rd</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 16<sup>th</sup> September to 9<sup>th</sup> December (excluding 28<sup>th</sup> October – half term)  
9.00 am – 10.00 am



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@rushcommonschoo.org](mailto: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](http://www.rushcommonschoo.org)

### Gymnastic Competition

Well done to Harry in Year 5 who participated in a national gymnastics competition recently. He won a gold medal for his floor routine and silver medals for the vault and parallel bars. Congratulations!



### School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is **£2.40** per day. Payment for school dinners can be made via ParentMail. Meal choices must be made at least 3 days in advance.



## Homework Champions

Archie	2RS	Robyn	5EC
Harry	2RS	Rodrigo	5EC
Violet	2RS	Talia	5EC
Harley	3NM	Harry	5AS
Jake	3JF	Felix	5AS
Hamdan	4CM	Holly	6JN
Jen	4CM	Lexi	6JN
Heidi	4CM	Harvey	6JN
Alex	4CM		

### Dates for your diary 2022/23

<b>Author Visit - Reception, Year 1 and 2</b>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>FoRC Reception Disco</b>	<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>FoRC Yr 1 – Yr 6 Disco</b>	<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b> Year 1 and 2 4.00pm – 5.30pm Year 3 and 4 5.45pm – 7.15pm Year 5 and 6 7.30pm – 9.00pm
<b>Wear Red Against Racism</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>
<b>End of Term 1a</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>
<b>Start of Term 1b</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>
<b>Fundarising for Woodland Trust</b>	<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>FoRC Fireworks Night</b>	<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Year 3 Egyptian Day</b>	<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 3MN</b> <b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 3JF</b>
<b>Year 5 Oxford Museum Trip</b>	<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Children in Need</b>	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Flu Vaccinations</b>	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Year 6 Trip to STEAM Museum</b>	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court</b>	<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>End of Term 1b</b>	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30pm</b>
<b>Start of Term 2a</b>	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>
<b>End of Term 2a</b>	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>
<b>Start of Term 2b</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>
<b>End of Term 2b</b>	<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 @ 1.30pm</b>
<b>Start of Term 3a</b>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>
<b>May Bank Holiday (children not in school)</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023</b>
<b>End of Term 3a</b>	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>
<b>Inset Day (Children Not in School)</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>
<b>Start of Term 3b</b>	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>
<b>Year 6 Residential to Call of the Wild</b>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>
<b>End of Term 3b</b>	<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 @1.30pm</b>
<b>Inset Day (Children Not in School)</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023</b>



RUSH COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL

# **FIREWORKS NIGHT**

11th November 2022

**SAVE THE DATE!**

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## Local Community News

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

# house of fun

## October Half Term 2022

Fun for 2-5 year olds  
Ofsted-registered, fun-filled,  
holiday camp created and run by  
experienced, enthusiastic teachers.

**BOOK NOW** 24th - 28th October  
Comper Foundation Stage School, Oxford

-  sports
-  cookery
-  arts & crafts
-  fun games

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## October Half Term 2022

Fun for 4-13 year olds  
Ofsted-registered, fun-filled,  
holiday camp created and run by  
experienced, enthusiastic teachers.

-  sports
-  cookery
-  arts & crafts
-  fun games

**BOOK NOW** 24th - 28th October  
Europa School, Culham  
St Mary & John Primary School, Oxford  
Rush Common Primary School, Abingdon


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**Christ Church**  
**Cathedral School, Oxford**  
 A Boys' Prep School with co-ed Nursery






**Does your son love to sing?**  
**Be a Chorister for an Afternoon**  
**Saturday 12th November, 2.30 - 7.00 pm**  
 To register, contact [registrar@cccs.org.uk](mailto:registrar@cccs.org.uk)  
 Open to boys in current Years 2, 3, 4 & 5  
 Generous scholarships available  
 01865 242561 [www.cccs.org.uk](http://www.cccs.org.uk)  
 3 Brewer Street, Oxford OX1 1QW



**THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL**

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls aged 7 - 13 who love to sing. Established in 2013, the Singing School provides the opportunity to experience great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop confidence in singing and performing.

This Christmas we will be singing Christmas Carols from the Medieval to the modern. The course will be led by a team of exceptional tutors including Dr Edward Wickham (St Catharine's College, Cambridge), Rachel Mabey (St Barnabas, Jericho) and Henry Coop (Worcester College, Oxford).

In addition to beautiful seasonal music, we will also be learning about vocal technique, music theory, music history and appreciation. Families are most welcome to come and listen to an informal concert at the end of the day.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses this Christmas in Oxford, Cambridge and London, go to [www.oxbridgesingingschool.com](http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.com)

**21 & 22 December 2022, 9.30 am - 3.30pm**  
**St Barnabas Church, Jericho**  
**OXFORD**

[www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk](http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk)



Suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years  
 £30 per child, per day

**Glow in the Dark Science**



**FUN SCIENCE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**October Holiday Camps 2022: Venues and Dates**

Monday 24th Oct	West Oxford Primary, Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford, OX2 0BY
Tuesday 25th Oct	Stockham Primary School, Stockham Way, Wantage, OX12 9HL
Wednesday 26th Oct	Begbroke Village Hall, Begbroke Lane, Begbroke, OX5 1RQ
Thursday 27th Oct	Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN
Friday 28th Oct	St Edmund's Primary School, Radley Road, Abingdon, OX14 3PP

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £30 per child per day. Sibling discount available.

**Glow in the Dark Science**

Investigate the science behind things that glow in this exciting activity day. Featuring spooky science tricks, mysterious fog, glow in the dark objects, fluorescing chemicals, slime, UV face painting, bubbling potions, a laser light show, fun games and plenty of science crafts to make and take home. With safe practical investigations, fun craft activities and some great WOW moments, it'll be unforgettable!

Call a member of our team or visit our website for more details  
 To book, please go to the 'Science Holiday Camps' tab on our website, and click 'Register Now'. All bookings are processed through Active Network.  
 Suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years. Spaces are subject to availability.

**Call: 01865 522 775**  
[www.brightsparksevents.co.uk](http://www.brightsparksevents.co.uk)

**OSA October Football Camps**  
For all ages & abilities 4-12 years

[www.osaacademy.co.uk](http://www.osaacademy.co.uk)

<https://app.joinin.online/#/joinin/organisation/shop/aacec8d2-69aa-4d46-9521-27ff620b542>

<p><b>Monday 24th - Thursday 27th October</b> Yarnton FC, Littlemarsh Playing Fields, OX5 1QE Eynham Sports Pavilion, Oxford Road, OX29 4HC Kennington, Forest Side Road, OX1 3LQ</p>	<p><b>On camp</b> UEFA Qualified Coaches Fun games improving techniques Spot the coach World Cups And lots more...</p>	<p><b>Benefits of Camp</b> Gain Confidence Make New Friends Develop New Skills Have Fun Stay Active</p>	<p><b>Don't Forget</b> Suitable Clothing Packed Lunch Plenty to Drink Shin Pads Suitable Footwear</p>
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10am-3pm - £20 per day/£60 for full 4 day course  
9am-3pm - £25 per day/£80 for full 4 day course  
\*OSAA member discounts & siblings discount available

For more information, an application or to book a space on any of our camp days please get in touch at [info@osaacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@osaacademy.co.uk), [abowerman@osaacademy.co.uk](mailto:abowerman@osaacademy.co.uk), visit our website or follow the booking link above.

**open day** DOWNLAND DANCE  
29 & 30 OCTOBER '22

**FREE dance classes**  
Children, Teens & Adults  
Ballet & Contemporary  
Any or no experience welcome

Abingdon Coxeter House  
Didcot Girls' School  
Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

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**JUNIOR STREETZ** 7 TO 11 YEARS  
**TEEN STREETZ** 12 YEARS +

"My daughter has been attending MF Dance for three years, her confidence has grown and she has loved every minute of every class! I cannot recommend MF Dance enough!"  
*Lettie's mum*

"Harry loves coming to his classes, he has really found his confidence and his behaviour has noticeably improved since finding an outlet for all his energy!"  
*Harry's mum*

**ALL OF OUR INSTRUCTORS ARE DBS CHECKED**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK IN  
Or visit [www.mfdance.co.uk](http://www.mfdance.co.uk)

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Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group presents

# ALADDIN

A Pantomime  
By Dave Crump



**Thurs 17th November - Sat 19th November 2022**

Thurs 17th Nov (7.30pm), Fri 18th Nov (7.30pm) & Saturday 19th Nov (2pm & 6.30pm)  
Southmoor Village Hall (doors open 30 minutes before)

Earlybird ticket prices available until 15th September:  
Family (2 adults & 2 children under 16) £30 (standard price £35)  
Adult £10 (standard price £12)  
Child £6 (standard price £7)

Book online at: [ticketsource.co.uk/Kingston-Bagpuize-Drama-Group](https://ticketsource.co.uk/Kingston-Bagpuize-Drama-Group)  
or use the QR code at the bottom of the page (booking fee applies)  
TicketSource box office 0333 666 336 (£2 charge)

See [www.kbdramagroup.co.uk](http://www.kbdramagroup.co.uk) for more information


*Let's play the recorder, TooT or flute!*

*Would you like to learn the recorder, TooT or flute?*

**Lessons for children in  
Years 1 – 6**

*(Y1 if there is a group of 2, 3 or 4 children.)*

are available from after half-term.

*Lessons take place in school  
on Wednesdays and Thursdays.*

£7.50 per lesson (3/4 students per group)

£10.00 per lesson (2 students per group)

£12.50 per lesson (Individual lessons)

***Please contact me by email or phone (see below) for further details.***

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