



# Rush Common School Newsletter



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

*Dream, Aspire, Succeed*

Dear Parents/Carers

There is only one place to start this newsletter, with our brand new on-site Preschool. It has been lovely to welcome all the Preschool children and families onto the school site, and it has been a really smooth start to this new era. The children have really enjoyed the new environment, complete with a range of indoor and outdoor learning areas and new interactive whiteboard. This week they have been making ice mobiles using natural materials to great effect. The children have also enjoyed exploring different areas in the rest of the school, and having their lunch in our BASC building. We are now offering hot lunches and wrap around care from 7.30am to 5.00pm. It really is exciting times for the Preschool!

We pay great attention to children's personal development at Rush Common School and have a full programme of rich experiences across the year that allow children to develop their talents and interests, gain a deep appreciation of themselves and others and develop confidence and resilience. Two such activities have already taken place this term – our DRME (Diet, Resilience, Mind and Exercise) Workshops, and 'Reflection or Prayer Space'. Both activities complemented each other really well, and helped children develop really positive ways of thinking.

Thank you to all the parents that completed our annual parents survey. The results were really pleasing and there was some very useful feedback. Some highlights from the results of the survey are below.

*100% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child is happy at this school.  
100% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child is safe at this school.  
100% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that the school is welcoming.  
99% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that the school makes sure it's pupils are well behaved.  
97% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child does well at this school.*

One theme that came up from the survey was whether parents could gain a greater understanding of how their child was progressing mid-way through the year. We are considering this as a Leadership Team and will update you with any changes that result from this.

Thank you for the overwhelming support we have received for our involvement in Oxtrail 2024. We are aware of a lot of sponsorship money that has already been committed, and the children can not wait to carry out their sponsored walk or run in school next week. Sobell Hospice is such a worthy cause, so please sponsor your child if you have not already done so.

We are really pleased to share some upcoming parent webinars provided by the School In-Reach Team from CAMHS. They contain useful information about how to support children with commonly seen emotional and mental health concerns. If you are interested in joining one of the webinars, please follow the link below.

[Parent webinars | Oxford Health CAMHS Oxford Health CAMHS](#)

I would like to take this opportunity to share two important reminders

- Please do not park on the yellow diagonal lines or opposite the yellow diagonal lines near the entrance to the school at any time or for any period of time. This is for children's safety.
- If you are communicating on social media or group messaging (such as Whatsapp), please do not refer to incidents in school or use any other children's names. Please contact the school to discuss any incidents.

Finally I would like to wish all of our children and families a happy and fulfilling 2024, as we look forward to the many exciting activities during the rest of this school year.

Kind regards  
*Kristen Fawcett*  
Headteacher



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### School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is **£2.60** per day. Payment for school dinners can be made via ParentMail. Meal choices must be made at least 3 days in advance.



## Homework Champions

<i>Rupali</i>	2RS	<i>Cattaleyah</i>	5AS
<i>Teddy</i>	2JM	<i>Abigail</i>	6JN
<i>George</i>	4CM	<i>Nevaeh</i>	6JN
<i>Libby</i>	4CM	<i>Becca</i>	6EW
<i>Shreya</i>	4LR	<i>Talia</i>	6EW

### Dates for your diary 2024

Year 6 Curriculum Assembly	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January @ 9.00am
Rec and Year 6 National Weight and Measure programme	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February
Year 4 Curriculum Assembly	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February @ 2.30pm
M&M Production	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
4LR Cycling Training	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Books At Bedtime	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February Preschool and Reception 4.00pm – 4.40pm Year 1 and Year 2 5.00pm -5.40pm
FoRC Book Sale	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 3.00pm
4CM Cycling Training	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Inside Out Day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
FoRC Non-School Uniform Day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February

<b>End of Term 2a</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Start of Term 2b</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Year 1 Crocodiles of the World</b>	<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Year 3 Ashmolean Museum Trip</b>	<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Book Fair</b>	<b>Week of the 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>World Book Day</b>	<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Year 5 Curriculum Assembly</b>	<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.00am</b>
<b>Red Nose Day</b>	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Parents Evening</b>	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>
<b>Year 2 Curriculum Assembly</b>	<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.00am</b>
<b>End of Term 2b</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March @ 1.30pm</b>
<b>Start of Term 3a</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Year 5 Residential Kingswood</b>	<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Year 2 Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip</b>	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>
<b>May Bank Holiday (children not in school)</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Year 6 SATs</b>	<b>Week of the 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Year 1 Curriculum Assembly</b>	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May @ 2.30pm</b>
<b>End of Term 3a</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Inset Day (Children Not in School)</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>
<b>Start of Term 3b</b>	<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Class Photos</b>	<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Year 3 Curriculum Assembly</b>	<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June @ 9.00am</b>
<b>Year 2 Abingdon Museum Trip</b>	<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2JM Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2RS</b>
<b>Reception Curriculum Assembly</b>	<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June @ 2.15pm</b>
<b>Year 6 Residential Call of the Wild</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Year 6 Performance</b>	<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July @ 6.00pm Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July @ 6.00pm</b>
<b>Year 6 Leavers Assembly</b>	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July @ 9.00am</b>
<b>End of Term 3b</b>	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July @1.30pm</b>

## Local Community News

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

### Tops Tips for Managing Screen Time

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/managing-screen-time>

***Abingdon School in Partnership presents***

# Supporting ourselves & our children in managing difficult feelings



Join Mary Taylor, Head of Parent Programmes at the Centre for Emotional Health, who will discuss ways we can support our children's difficult feelings at home.

***Please note that this will not be recorded.***

**[SIGN UP HERE](#)**

**THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY**

8:00pm - 9:00pm





**Abingdon Youth under 10 girls are looking to expand our fantastic squad as we look to move to 9 a side. All abilities welcome, we focus on including everyone, progressing players with their football skills and knowledge as well as creating a close team bond through optional extra activities/opportunities together. Player enjoyment and happiness is massively important and is key to a successful team.**

**We train Monday evenings and play matches Saturday mornings in the Oxfordshire girls league. Our age group is year 5. If interested and for more information please contact Becky at [beckyponting1992@outlook.com](mailto:beckyponting1992@outlook.com)**



@cygnetsartschool



# Cygnets Art School

Fine art for children aged 5+

Weekly classes at Ladygrove Community Centre, Didcot & Northcourt Centre, Abingdon.

Suitable for children aged 5-13 of all abilities!

## Term Time Classes

After School & Saturdays for Ages 5+

## Holiday Workshops

Every Half Term & School Holiday for Ages 5+

## Private Tuition

1-1 or Group Classes at Your Home

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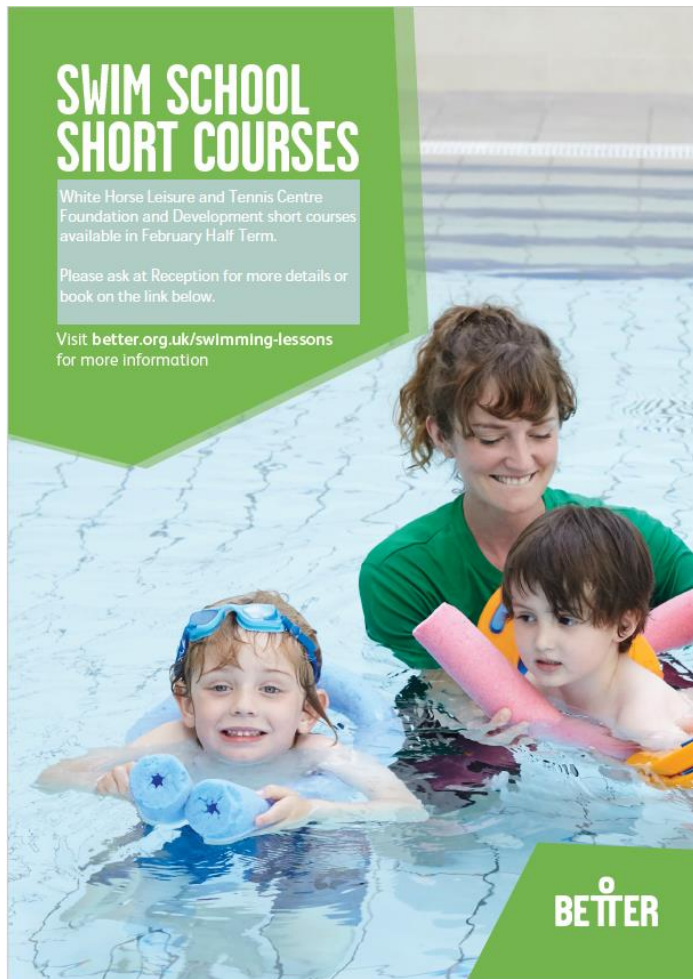
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## SWIM SCHOOL SHORT COURSES

White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre Foundation and Development short courses available in February Half Term.

Please ask at Reception for more details or book on the link below.

Visit [better.org.uk/swimming-lessons](http://better.org.uk/swimming-lessons) for more information



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