



Rush Common School Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2025



Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

I must start this newsletter with our fantastic Cross Country Teams, who participated in the Vale Finals last week. They competed superbly, put huge effort into the event and enjoyed every minute! There were some incredible individual performances, and one of our teams (the Year 3 and 4 Boys Team) made it through to the Oxfordshire Finals. I will update you all on how the team get on as they compete against the very best runners from across the county.

There have been a number of Curriculum Enrichment Activities over the last fortnight. Year 6 visited the Steam Museum last Monday and had a great day, dressed as World War II evacuees, extending their understanding of this time in history. Years 1 and 3 had visits from the Police to talk about how to stay safe, and minimise risks to themselves and others. Also, this week has been Parliament Week, which started with an assembly from our School Parliament. As well as talking about the country's parliamentary system, the children shared what they will be talking about in their future meetings, so they could collect ideas ahead of time.

Last week we held our final Open Day for prospective new parents of the Reception 2026 intake, and many parents told us they have heard such great things about the school from current parents. Thank you for spreading such positivity about the school, as word of mouth is so important. We are still carrying out individual school visits until the end of this term so please do let any prospective parents know, if they haven't been able to visit the school yet.

Thank you to all the parents that bought a Christmas Jumper in the FoRC sale on Wednesday, and I am pleased to let you know that this sale, together with the Second Hand School Uniform sale, has raised almost £200. These events not only make money for the school but demonstrate FoRC's commitment to sustainability. Thank you to the whole FoRC team.

Christmas is just around the corner, and the rehearsals for our Nativity performances are well under way. We are really looking forward to these performances, and I know many of you cannot wait to see your children perform. Thank you to everyone who has made online donations in place of ticket sales – it is so greatly appreciated and every penny is put to great use!

Please may I take this opportunity to remind all parents to tell us if your child will not be in school for any reason. If your child is unwell please call or email the school office by 9.00am (01235 533583 / office@rushcommon.school). If your child will be off school for any other reason please fill out an absence request form, which can be found on the school website.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the support we receive every day, and wish you all a safe and enjoyable weekend as we look towards this festive season.

Kind regards

Kristen Fawcett

Headteacher



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School Dinners

The cost of school dinners this term is **£2.80** per day. Payment for school dinners can be made via ParentMail. Meal choices must be made at least 3 days in advance.



Parent Guidance for On Line Safety

<https://www.rushcommonschoo.org/information-for-parents/other-useful-information-2/online-safety-information/>

Homework Champions

Thomas	2LG	Lottie	4EG
Meredith	2LG	Rupali	4EG
Layla	2LG	Emily	5SC
Emma	2LG	Theo	5SC
Ben	3HC	Avalyn	5LB
Jacob	3HC	Freddie	5LB
Josie	3HC	Kaitlyn	5LB
Ellie	3CM	James	6EP
Arthur	3CM	Harley	6EP
Erin	4TJ	Libby	6EP
Rosalei	4TJ	Leopold	6EP
Faith	4TJ	Ellie	6JN
Eddie	4TJ	William	6JN
Charlotte	4TJ	Omar	6JN
Teddy	4TJ	Emily	6JN
Leo	4TJ		

Dates for your diary 2025/2026

Matt Lucas Author Visit Yr 4,5 & 6	Monday 1st December
Year 3 Ashmolean Museum Trip	Tuesday 2nd December
Year 4 Ufton Court Residential	Monday 8th – Wednesday 10th December
Year 5 Cycling Training	Monday 8th – Thursday 11th December
KS1 Nativity Performance	Tuesday 9th December 1LM/BL & 2JB at 2.15pm and Thursday 11th December 1EE & 2LG at 2.15pm
Year 6 Curriculum Assembly	Wednesday 10th December at 9.00am
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 11th December
Preschool & Reception Nativity Performance	Monday 15th December at 2.15pm and Tuesday 16th December at 9.15am
Christmas Dinner Day	Wednesday 17th December
Reception Post Box Walk	Thursday 18th December
End of Term 1b	Friday 19th December at 1.30pm
Start of Term 2a	Monday 5th January 2026
Year 4 Curriculum Assembly	Thursday 29th January 2026 at 9.00am
Year 5 Curriculum Assembly	Thursday 5th February 2026 at 9.00am
End of Term 2a	Friday 13th February 2026
Start of Term 2b	Monday 23rd February 2026
Travelling Book Fair	Tuesday 3rd – 6th March 2026
World Book Day	Thursday 5th March 2026
Year 2 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park	Wednesday 11th March 2026
Parents' Evening	Week of the 16th March (Days and times tbc)
Year 1 Curriculum Assembly	Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 9.00am
Weight and Measure Programme (Reception And Year 6 Children Only)	Wednesday 18th March 2026
Red Nose Day	Friday 20th March 2026
Year 2 Curriculum Assembly	Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 2.30pm
Year 3 Curriculum Assembly	Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 9.00am
Science Fair	Thursday 26th March 2026
End of Term 2b	Friday 27th March 2026 at 1.30pm
Start of Term 3a	Monday 13th April 2026
Year 5 Liddington Residential	Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th April 2026
Year 6 SATs Information Evening	Thursday 16th April 2026 at 5.00pm

May Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 4th May 2026
Reception Trip to Roves Farm	Wednesday 6th May 2026
KS2 SATs Week	Week of the 11th May
Whole School Picnic and Open Afternoon	Friday 22nd May 2026
End of Term 3a	Friday 22nd May 2026
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Monday 1st June 2026
Start of Term 3b	Tuesday 2nd June 2026
Class Photos	Thursday 4th June 2026
Phonics Screening	Week of the 8th June 2026
Vision Screening (Reception Children Only)	Thursday 18th June 2026
Reception and KS1 Sports Day	Friday 19th June 9.00am – 12.00pm
Reception and KS1 Back Up Sports Day	Tuesday 23rd June 9.00am - 12.00pm
Year 6 Call of the Wild Residential	Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July 2026
Reception Curriculum Assembly	Wednesday 1st July 2026 at 2.15pm
Move Up Morning	Wednesday 8th July 2026
KS2 Sports Day Tilsley Park	Friday 10th July 9.00am - 2.00pm
KS2 Back Up Sports Day Tilsley Park	Thursday 16th July 9.00am - 2.00pm
End of Term 3b	Friday 17th July 2026 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



November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

All Yours Period Boxes

2025 has flown by and we are already making plans for the Christmas period. We will be closed over the Christmas holidays to ensure that all our hard-working volunteers get a well-deserved rest.

If you would like to request an All Yours box to support you over Christmas, please could you make your request by Thursday 11th December to ensure we have time to get your box to you before Christmas.

You can request a free, confidential All Yours Box here: <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request>

We offer disposable products, reusable pads, and menstrual cups. If you're ordering for more than one person, just note this in the comments box. Boxes are prepared and delivered by volunteers, so please allow up to 21 days for delivery (though most arrive much sooner). If we can't deliver to you directly, we'll let you know how to find your nearest collection point.

All Yours will be closed between Monday 22nd December and Sunday 4th January 2026. Normal service will resume on Monday 5th January and all emails and messages received during the Christmas closure will be responded to from then.

Dads Do Pads – final 2025 workshop date!

We're excited to share our final free online sessions for dads, carers, and any men who want to better understand periods and support their young people.

Dads Do Pads: Menstrual Cycle Edition

November 18th, 7.30pm

Learn how the menstrual cycle works and how it affects those who have periods.

Book here - <https://bit.ly/DadsDoPadsMCENov2025>

The session is completely FREE, just register to secure your place.

With best wishes,

All Yours

All Yours Period Box CIC – www.allyoursbox.co.uk
Facebook & Instagram - @allyoursmonthly

Abingdon School in Partnership

HELPING YOUR CHILD'S SLEEP

Abingdon School in Partnership presents a special webinar with Dr Dimitri Gavriloff, exploring the science behind quality sleep in children and adolescents and offering practical advice on supporting your child with sleep difficulties.



Date

Wednesday 28th January



Time

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Speaker

Dr Dimitri Gavriloff

Dr Dimitri Gavriloff is a Clinical Psychologist and Sleep Medicine Specialist based in Oxford. He has extensive clinical experience, having previously led an NHS sleep medicine service, and also works in an academic capacity at the Sleep and Circadian Neuroscience Institute at the University of Oxford, where he is actively involved in teaching and research.

Open to parents/carers of children
in schools in the Abingdon area

REGISTER NOW



To sign up for this webinar, please complete this google form so that a webinar link can be emailed to you.
Please note, this webinar will not be recorded.



Dancin' Oxford & The North Wall presents

Family Dance Party

Saturday 6 December
10.30am & 1pm

A hip-hopping, toe-tapping daytime disco for all the family

Festive Family Dance Party
St John's Church, Kidlington, OX5 1DD

The North Wall Arts Centre DANCIN' OXFORD

Book Now

Lazy eye is the most common cause of vision loss in children. We are researching the condition and hope our findings will lead to better treatments.

We are looking for
5-8 YEAR OLDS
with **LAZY EYE**
and with **NORMAL VISION**

to take part in our research investigating how patching changes the brain.

To find out more or sign up, email:
koalastudy@ndcn.ox.ac.uk

Participation involves:

- 30-minutes standard eye tests
- 2 x 3-hour study visits in Headington, Oxford which both include:
 - Eye tests
 - MRI scan (safe and non-invasive brain scan)

You will be compensated for your time and expenses.

ETHICS APPROVAL REFERENCE: 23/WM/0228

TERM TIME CLASSES HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Cygnets
ART SCHOOL ABINGDON & WITNEY

Christmas Holiday Workshops

FOR AGES 5-12

Traditional Winter Wonders

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

North East Abingdon Community Association Half Day: £24 Full Day: £46

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Multi Sports Club Tilsley Park, Abingdon

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We would like to invite children in local Primary Schools to take part in a free, weekly Multi Sports Club, as part of Abingdon School in Partnership.

The club is run by Abingdon School Student Coaches and supervised by Teachers and Coaches from our Sports department. The club will run on Thursdays at Tilsley Park, 4:00 - 4.50pm starting in January and is open to children in Years 5 and 6 from local partner schools.

The aim of the club is to give opportunities to students to get active and develop an interest in and enjoyment of physical activity. It will also help our students develop skills associated with leadership, communication and coaching.

The activities for each week have been designed to be fun, active and to help develop skills associated with a wide range of sports starting with Rugby. Our student leaders have been trained and will be fully supervised.

If you would like your child to take part, please register your interest via the information form linked [here](#). **Please wait for confirmation of a space as numbers are limited.**

There are facilities for parents to stay on site if needed, along with adequate parking.

Best wishes,

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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.

Pupils will learn some beautiful carols and seasonal music from around the world, led by our regular team of expert coaches.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see www.oxbridgesingingschool.com or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

22 & 23 December 2025
St Barnabas Church, Jericho, Oxford
St Catharine's College, Cambridge

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