



# Rush Common School Newsletter



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

*Dream, Aspire, Succeed*

Dear Parents/Carers

We are well underway with the Summer Term and so many exciting events have happened already! I must start with the extremely enjoyable visit that took place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – we were visited by the Gruffalo himself! The Reception and KS1 children gathered in the hall to have the story of the Gruffalo read to them, before being wowed when he made an appearance. Many of the children were able to meet the Gruffalo (who was incredibly life like) with a hand shake or hug, and he did a tour of the school to ensure all children were involved. The staff did not miss out on the photo opportunity either! Thank you to Mostly Books and to Mrs Neal for organising this event.

Over the last fortnight, both Year 2 and Reception have been out on animal-inspired school trips. Year 2 had a lovely day at the Cotswold Wildlife Park, where children really enjoyed seeing and learning about a wide range of animals. This week Reception went to Farmer Gows for the full farm experience, which the children really loved. Both trips were a huge success!

Sticking with the animal theme, the decoration of our Mini Ox is almost complete and we are really looking forward to it joining it's 'mini herd' this Summer. Children have been decorating the Ox class by class using a fingerprint of their house colours - the premise of the design being about 'belonging' either within school, class or house team. We will make sure to update you when we know where the Mini Ox will be placed in Oxford.

We were delighted last Wednesday when our two fantastic Boccia teams took part in a local tournament. This is an inclusive event that allowed children an opportunity to compete for their school. They performed brilliantly and are through to the Oxfordshire Finals! Congratulations to them all!

We are really pleased to offer swimming in two year groups and this week the Year 4 children started their swimming sessions. They had an excellent start and really enjoyed the opportunity to learn and develop this hugely important skill.

Throughout this year we have been providing teambuilding and orienteering activities to children in KS2 in 4 week blocks. At present it is the Year 5 turn to take on the many challenges and teamwork activities organised by Mrs Barnes. The sessions are really enjoyed and provide a different opportunity for children to develop their communication, empathy, confidence and resilience.

Our Cross-Trust Student Voice Project continues to gather momentum, as Clara and Felix in Year 6 once again met up with their counterparts at Fitzharrys and John Mason School. They have been working hard to achieve better quantity, quality and placement of bins for both general and recyclable waste in Abingdon.

Thank you to FoRC for organising the recent Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale. It was a great success and the total amount raised was over £200. Thank you for supporting this event in such great numbers, and enjoying a doughnut or two!

We are extremely grateful for all the donations we receive as a school and every penny is put to good use supporting and enriching children's education. If you would like to make a donation to the school, no matter how small, please hover your camera phone over the QR code on the bottom right of this page. You will be taken through to GoodHub where you can make a one off or regular donation. Thank you in advance!

Finally, may I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe bank holiday weekend.

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.



### The Gruffalo

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, we were very lucky to be visited by the Gruffalo. Reception and Key Stage 1 heard the story before being visited by the Gruffalo in the hall after which, he visited Preschool and Years 3-6. Adults and children alike were very excited to see the Gruffalo in school!



## Homework Champions

Fergus	2RS	Reggie	4CM
Megan	2RS	Lucy	4CM
Albert	2RS	Callie	4CM
Sophie	3LA	Hatti	4CM
Evie	3LA	Belle	4LR
Sasha	3LA	Charlotte	4LR
Freddie	3LA	Ellie	4LR
Lena	3LA	Amelia	4LR
Jacob	3LA	Maia	6JN
Arthur	3LA	Felix	6JN
Violet	3LG	Mabel	6JN
Sophie	3LG	Abbie	6JN
		Lucy	6JN
		Saihari	6JN
		Sophie	6EW

## Dates for your diary 2024

<b>May Bank Holiday (children not in school)</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Kids' Athletics Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Year 6 SATs</b>	<b>Week of the 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Year 5 Bake Sale</b>	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>
<b>Year 1 Curriculum Assembly</b>	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May @ 2.30pm</b>
<b>Whole School Picnic</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></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 6 Non-School Uniform Day</b>	<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Year 6 Ice Lolly Sale</b>	<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</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>FoRC Summer Fete</b>	<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 12.00pm – 2.00pm</b>
<b>Year 6 Residential Call of the Wild</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Move Up Day</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>KS2 Sports Day (Tilsley Park)</b>	<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 9.00am – 2.00pm</b>
<b>Vision Screening (Reception Only)</b>	<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Reception and KS1 Sports Day</b>	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am – 11.30am (gates open 9.15am – School Field)</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>Reception and KS1 Back Up Sports Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>KS2 Back Up Sports Day (Tisley Park)</b>	<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</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 recommendation

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CHILDREN'S MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMPS FOR 5-13 YEAR OLDS

COOKERY, ARTS & CRAFTS AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES

All our activities are carefully planned so that children feel a sense of achievement, make friends and experience new things.

**BOOK HERE**

Rush Common Primary School, Abingdon  
Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st May  
8.30am-6.00pm

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# FRIDESWIDE VOICES

Do you know a girl that loves to sing?



**Taster Events**  
Saturday 9 March 2024  
Saturday 11 May 2024  
Auditions in June



CHRIST CHURCH  
CATHEDRAL

## We're looking for girls currently in Year 2 to join Frideswide Voices, the girls' choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford

- Weekly Choral Evensongs with the Clerks of the Cathedral Choir
- Tours and a thriving social programme
- Free singing and theory lessons
- Instrumental lesson bursaries for all

To book a place at the Taster event, or for more information about auditions in June 2024, please email [frideswide.voices@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:frideswide.voices@chch.ox.ac.uk)



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