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Leading Lifelong Learning; Creating Caring Communities.

DRY SANDFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 2024

MUSIC FLOOD WEEK

In September, we were fortunate to be included in the Abingdon Music Partnership's 'Music Flood Week'. Organised each year by Rose Martin and colleagues from Radley College, we are one of a number of local schools invited to be involved. The children benefitted from a range of workshops and assemblies throughout the week, as well as two after-school live music performances on the playground.



HARVEST FESTIVAL



What a fantastic turnout for our Harvest Festival assembly on Friday. It was lovely to have the wider school community all together for the first time this school-year and for the children to be able to present what they have been working towards. Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend. Photos have also been shared on Class Dojo for families to enjoy.

A huge thanks for all of the generous donations to contribute to our Harvest Festival celebrations. These will now be donated to the Abingdon Food Bank where they will be an enormous help to those who need it.

REMINDERS

- We operate a strictly **NO NUT** policy. Please ensure that **snacks and packed lunches brought into school don't contain nuts or nut-traces. This includes Nutella, Nutella bars and snack or chocolate bars with nuts in.**
- Thank-you for your support in ensuring snacks and lunches follow our healthy-eating approach. Please remember that any morning snack sent in should be fruit or vegetables.
- Please can all children have a pair of wellies in school at all times for use in wet weather at break time and in outdoor learning.
- We ask that aerated water bottles aren't brought to school.



FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The annual Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination will be taking place at school for all pupils on Friday 8th November 2024.

To give consent, please follow this link: <https://www.oxfordhealthims.co.uk/Forms/Flu> and complete a form for EACH child.

Our unique school number is OX123063.

ASDA - CASHPOTS FOR SCHOOLS

If you shop at Asda, you could help to raise extra funds for our school!

Simply download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app, using this link:

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Then select Dry Sandford Primary School from the options. Every time you shop, Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to us to spend on extra resources and equipment.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

We would like to send a polite reminder to our parents and carers that the use of mobile phones is strictly prohibited on the school site due to safeguarding procedures.

We kindly ask that phones are turned off at school and that videos and photos are not taken during school events.

We will always endeavour to post a selection of pictures and short videos of the children on Class Dojo for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support in safeguarding our children.



PIANO LESSONS

Adele Smythe from Witney Music Tuition comes into school every Thursday to teach individual piano lessons. If you would like to find out more about the costs involved or find out if there are more spaces, please contact Adele directly on: witneymusictuition@googlemail.com

500 WORDS

The BBC 500 word competition is now open for 2024. All primary school age children are encouraged to write a story in 500 words! Children of all abilities can enter; spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - it's all about creativity! Visit the BBC 500 words website for more information on how your child may enter. We would love to read any stories that are entered! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bbc-500-words>

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

For those parents of children currently in Year 6, the application process for Secondary School places for September 2025 is now open. **The application process closes on 31st October 2024.**

Further details of how to apply can be found here:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications>

Please speak to Mrs Crothers or Mrs Friday if you would appreciate any further advice.

DRY SANDFORD'S HALL OF FAME



Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded certificates in Celebration Assemblies in September:



Learning & Caring Certificates:

Surbi	Nuala
Evie	Izzy
Mila	Alex
Naomi	Max
Alesha	Noahang
Riley	Abi
Olivia	Ava
Kai O	Harry
Frank	Ellie

Headteacher Awards:

Richie
Mae
Noah
Allison
Lillie
Lisa
Daisy
Jasmine

CALENDAR DATES:	
Monday 14 th October	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 15 th October (3.30-5.30pm)	Parents Evening 1
Thursday 17 th October – 9.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
Thursday 17 th October - lunchtime	Lunchtime Footy Kids Club starting for 6 weeks
Thursday 17 th October	Parents Evening 2
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	HALF TERM HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday 4th November	INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th November, 3 rd and 10 th December	Snowy Owls Swimming Lessons at Our Lady's School
Tuesday 5 th , Wednesday 6 th and Thursday 7 th November – 3pm-3.30pm	Book Fair in school hall – cash payments or online payments using a QR code
Friday 8 th November	Flu Immunisations (nasal spray) held in school for all pupils (parental consent needed)
Thursday 5 th December – 1.30pm-2.15pm	Music Flood Carol Service at St. Helen's Church Abingdon. Further details to follow.
Tbc	KS2 Singing and Carols performance
Thursday 12 th December – 2pm & 6pm	Nativity performances by Owlets and Barn Owls
Wb. 16 th December	Class Christmas Parties
Thursday 19 th December	School Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday 6th January	INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April	EASTER HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday 2nd June	INSET DAY (school closed)
Wednesday 23rd July onwards	SUMMER HOLIDAY (school closed)

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OPEN MORNING THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER

Headteacher welcome at 9.30am
followed by a school tour

For prospective parents and carers of new pupils

Please telephone 01865 730432 or email
office.2565@dry-sandford.oxon.sch.uk to
register interest



Footy Kids

Dry Sandford Primary School

6 Week Football Fun Club

Start: Thursday 17th October

Where: School Field

Time: Lunchtime

Cost: £29 Per Child
£19 Per sibling after first

To register your child, please visit
www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids



**NEW &
EXCITING**
INFLATABLE
FOOTBALL
PITCH



www.footykids.org



Hill-End
A place of possibilities

After school Family Forest Adventures

£8.00 per child, payable per term

Every Wednesday during term-time 4.00 - 5.30pm

STEP AWAY FROM SCREEN TIME! Our weekly AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS during term-time have so many benefits for primary-aged children including developing confidence, social skills, creativity, improving fitness and agility, learning about nature and much, much more...

Children must be accompanied by an adult



www.hill-end.org/activities/upcoming-events

Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, OX2 9NJ 01865 863510

OPEN MORNINGS 2024

Thursday, 26th September

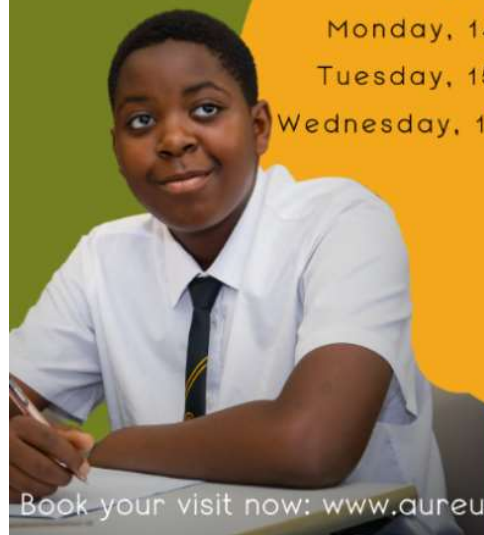
Friday, 4th October

Monday, 14th October

Tuesday, 15th October

Wednesday, 16th October

9-10 am



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'Habitats & Homes'

Thursdays 4:00-5:00pm | Northcourt Centre, Abingdon
Ages 5-13 | (All Abilities) | £180/ Term (10 Classes)

Thursdays 5:15-6:45pm | Northcourt Centre, Abingdon
Ages 9-14 | (Intermediate) | £240/ Term (10 Classes)

Fridays 4:30-5:30pm | Northcourt Centre, Abingdon
Ages 5-13 | (All Abilities) | £240/ Term (10 Classes)

Saturdays 10:00-11:00am | NEACA, Abingdon
Ages 5-13 | (All Abilities) | £240/ Term (10 Classes)

Saturdays 11:15am-12:45pm | NEACA, Abingdon
Ages 9-14 | (Intermediate) | £240/ Term (10 Classes)

www.cygnetsartschool.com/abingdonwitney



ELITE CAMPS ABINGDON

OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November
9:00 - 15:30 or 8:30 - 17:00

Larkmed School, OX14 1RF

ELITE ACTIVITIES

- Glow-In-The-Dark Dodgeball
- Laser Tag
- Halloween Festivities
- Themed arts & crafts
- Multiple sports and so much more..

For the full list of activities please visit the camp locations page on our website. Age restrictions apply.

Use Code **HALL10**
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Code expires 27th September.

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Visit Our Website
elityouthsports.co.uk

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



October Holiday Clubs St Nicholas' Primary School, Oxford

These clubs are open to children aged 3-11

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



Cost: £35 per day
All childcare vouchers accepted

Timings: 8am-5pm

To find out more or to book visit
www.rattleandrollperformance.com
or call 07722 014301



Suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years
£35 per child, per day.
Sibling discount available
See back for dates & venues!

Firework Science



FUN SCIENCE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS




OCTOBER HALF TERM TECH CAMP

IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS ACROSS THE UK

28TH OCT - 1ST NOV 



ROBOTS



MINECRAFT & LEGO



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INVENTIONS



ENGINEERING



& TECH FUN

AGES 5-11 | £45 PER DAY
9AM - 3PM DAILY

5 DAYS
for only
£175

www.nextthing.education

OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024

What's on?



**MINECRAFT
ENGINEERING**



**PROGRAM
ROBOTS**



**SPOOKY FILM
MAKING**



**LEGO
ENGINEERING**



**3D
CREATIONS**

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your camp activities.

28TH OCT - 1ST NOV LIMITED SPACES

Check out what parents are saying...

"The kids absolutely loved the camp. They could not stop talking about what they did and how much fun they had and begged to go back. Great tech camp!"

★★★★★



SPECIAL OFFER

**BOOK 5 DAYS
FOR ONLY £175** 

What to bring to camp



Packed Lunch
and Snacks
(NOT FREEZ)



Water
Bottle



Medication
If Required



Halloween Costume
(Friday Optional)

www.nextthing.education E: info@nextthing.education
T: 01442873150



Free Entry



Christmas Fayre 24

Saturday 7th Dec 2024
10am - 4pm
Benson Village Hall

Santas Grotto | Christmas Gifts
Tombola | Raffle | Cafe | Craft Stalls
Childrens Games & Activities

 Santas Grotto pre-bookings
online via our website!

house of fun

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

 Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 8.30am-6.00pm



CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Sibling and Multiple Day Discounts Now Available
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