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# DRY SANDFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 2025

## ARBOR – new school administrative system coming soon!

As a school, we have decided to move over to a new administrative programme – Arbor.

When it is fully up and running, this new system will be used for booking and paying for School Meals and Breakfast / After School Club, booking Parents Evening appointments, updating pupil and guardian data, monitoring attendance and much more.

In time, it will replace School Money, Teachers2Parents, SIMs and it should also reduce the paper forms and letters that need to be sent home. The programme comes with a Parent App, which can be downloaded, much like the current School Money one.

For now, **you do not need to do anything**. Once the office staff have set up everything at our end, **we will be in touch with further details** of how to download the app, sign up for an account and use the new system.

We will be rolling out the different functions one at a time. We appreciate your patience if there are any hiccups along the way while we all get used to the new systems. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to Mrs Napper and Mrs Lyons in the school office if you have any questions or need any help when it comes to setting up and using Arbor. We are happy to help!

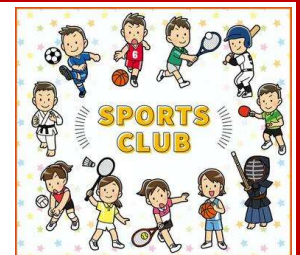


# Arbor

## MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

Bookings are still open for this term's after-school Multi-Sports Club, which is run by a coach from Footy Kids and covers a range of different physical games and activities, on Tuesdays. This is open to all children from any class. To book, follow this link:

[https://enrolmy.com/footy-kids/activity/437-Dry\\_Sandford\\_Primary\\_School\\_Term\\_6\\_Multi\\_Sport\\_After\\_School\\_Club](https://enrolmy.com/footy-kids/activity/437-Dry_Sandford_Primary_School_Term_6_Multi_Sport_After_School_Club)



HELP US GET TO  
 BIRMINGHAM  
 SYMPHONY HALL



## GET US TO BIRMINGHAM

The Mighty Orchestra needs your help to get to their performance in the National Festival of Music for Youth. Over 200 young musicians from schools across the Abingdon, Oxford and Thames Vale area will be travelling to one of the world's greatest concert halls for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

We are challenging every participant to raise some money. Every little helps get us closer to this amazing performance!

You can make a donation by sending a texting the word 'ORCHTEN' or 'ORCHTWENTY' to 70085 to donate £10 or £20, or by visiting [www.justgiving.com/page/themightyorchestraproject](http://www.justgiving.com/page/themightyorchestraproject)

## HOUSE SPORTS CHALLENGE

Before half term, the whole school took part in a House Obstacle Course challenge! Thankfully the weather was on our side and lots of fun was had by all. Thanks to Mrs Thomson and Mrs Bernasconi for organising and running the event and also to the Year 6s helpers who did a fantastic job setting up and supporting their peers taking part.

Congratulations to Blue House who were the overall winners with 1885 points. It was a close call with Orange House only 5 points behind with 1880 points and Orange House earning a fantastic 1820 points.



## ASSESSMENTS

In May, the year 6s had a successful SATs week completing their End of Key Stage 2 Assessments. Results will be received and shared with parents in early July. Many thanks to the staff and parents who supported them and ensured it was a positive and pressure-free week, focusing on showing off their progress and achievements throughout their primary school education. The children enjoyed a special breakfast club each morning, including a celebratory fry-up on the final day – many thanks to Mrs Cottingham for facilitating this. This week, all pupils in year 4 took part in the annual national Multiplication Check with Mrs Norman. This is a helpful opportunity for our teachers to see which times tables we can continue to support children with as they move into UKS2.

Next week, the national Phonics Check will take place for all year 1 pupils and some year 2 pupils. This is an informal, verbal check of phonics knowledge done individually with Miss Goodgame.

Ms Lambie is also currently completing the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile assessments for all pupils in Reception year.

As we approach the end of the academic year, all teachers will be carrying out various in-class informal assessments and teacher-judgements to get a clear picture of where each child is in their learning at this point in the year. These will be shared with parents in End of Year Reports, sent home on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress or attainment, please speak to their class teacher.

## TRANSITION

With the end of the school year getting closer, we are starting to make plans and prepare for transitioning the pupils into their new year groups and classes.

Our whole-school transition afternoon, where all children get to spend the afternoon in their new year group with the children and staff who will be with them in September, will be held on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. On that day, children will come to school as normal and spend the morning in their current class. Then, after lunch, they will go to their new classroom for the afternoon. All children will return to their normal classroom shortly before the end of the school day so that they can collect their belongings and be **collected as normal** from their usual home time door.

Throughout the term, children will spend time in class talking about and preparing for any upcoming changes and there will be extra opportunities for them to get to know new staff and classmates.

Due to our mixed-year classes, many children will have the benefit of remaining with the same teacher for a second year. For those children who will be having a new teacher, the staff will meet up to share information and discuss all individuals before the end of this term.

Parents of children in year 6 will have already been given details of the dates of the Secondary School transition visits and staff from each destination school have already arranged to come in to meet the children and staff here at Dry Sandford as well.

If you have any questions about transition, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Friday.

## SUMMER FAIR

Plans are well underway for our upcoming Summer Fair on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 3.15pm-5pm. Huge thanks to *Bounce Any Hire* who have generously donated two bouncy castles for the event!

### Ticketed Raffle

We've managed to secure lots of great prizes for our Summer Raffle so far! A huge thanks to those parents who have kindly donated prizes for this from their workplaces and helped us to source prizes. There's still time if you have any links, contacts or suggestions.

We will soon be sharing details of how you can purchase tickets yourself, as well as opportunities to sell to family, friends and further afield.

The prizes will be drawn at the Summer Fair on 18<sup>th</sup> July, at 4pm.

### Food & Drinks stall – can you help?

We're looking for a group of parents who might be willing to organise a food and drinks stall at the event. If this is something you can help with, please speak to Mrs Friday or a member of the office team.

### Tombola prizes – non-uniform day

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, all children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes. In return, we would appreciate any donations towards the tombola at our summer fair – bottles, toys, sweets, chocolates, toiletries, etc. Donations can be brought in on that day and taken into class where they will be stored and sorted before the fair. Please ensure clothing and footwear is safe and appropriate for school and the weather that day, including closed-toed shoes.

### Stalls

A few parents have already booked stalls to sell their own produce at the fair. If you're interested, please get in touch with the office.

### Volunteers Rota

As we get closer to the event, we will be asking for parent and staff volunteers to sign up to a volunteer slot to either run a stall or help set up or clear away the event on the day.

We really appreciate any time you can spare – many hands make light work and we hope to make it a really fun and special event for all of our families.





# DRY SANDFORD'S HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to the following pupils who earned certificates in Celebration Assemblies in May:



## Learning & Caring Certificates:

Grayson  
Ava L  
Niyana  
Jake  
Saisy  
Lillie  
Alina  
Lisa  
Naomi  
Lily  
Alba-Grace  
Hope  
Rayson  
Zoonka  
Noah  
Alina  
Mila  
Riley  
Ana  
Muyeng  
Leon

## Headteacher Awards:

Clara  
Bodhi  
Ruby  
Bobby  
Nina  
Darcey  
Richie  
Allison  
Izzy

## Headteacher's Reward:

Stanley  
Naomi  
Ewan  
Mia  
Amelia  
Jake  
Anna G  
Rosie

## House Badges:

Darcey  
Catalina  
Naomi  
Danielle  
Alex  
Esmée  
Jack W  
Surbi  
Hope  
Connor  
Izzy  
Alba-Grace  
Evie  
Evelina  
Tarka  
Rosie

## CALENDAR DATES:

From Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 4 Multiplication Check will be completed at school within this time window
wb. 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening week for Year 1s
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Cotswold Wildlife Trip for Owlets and Barn Owls
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Jungle Parc Trip for Snowy Owls and Eagle Owls
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Transition Afternoon
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June – 5pm	New Reception Starters Parents Information Meeting
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – 2pm and 6pm	KS2 Production Performances (all Eagle Owls and Snowy Owls children to return to school for 5.30pm ready for evening performance)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Non-Uniform day in return for donations to the tombolas at the Summer Fair
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	School Reports sent home
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	House Quiz Challenge
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Flood Birmingham Concert
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July – 9.15am	Sports Day on school field – families welcome
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July – after school	Year 6 Leavers Celebration Movie Night
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July – 9.15am	Leavers' Assembly in school hall – families welcome
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term – school finishes at normal time (3.05/3.10pm)
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July onwards</b>	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY (school closed)</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	First day of new term – school reopen to pupils

**SHREK THE MUSICAL JR**

**THE WIZARD OF OZ**

**Acting for Film** (ages 9-18)

**BLACK ELK PRODUCTIONS**

**SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**

**STAGECOACH ABINGDON, BOTLEY, DIDCOT & WALLINGFORD**

**'SHOW IN A WEEK'** (4-18 yrs old)

Didcot: 28 Jul - 1 Aug  
Aureus School

Abingdon: 11-15 Aug  
Amey Theatre, Abingdon School

**BOOK NOW**

**ACTING FOR FILM** (9-18 yrs old) with Black Elk Productions

**FAVOURITE MUSICALS** (4-9 yrs old)

Abingdon: 4-8 Aug  
Abingdon school

stagecoach.co.uk/abingdon 01235 390 810 / 07305 439 825

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**PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS THURSDAY IN ABINGDON**

White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre, Audlett Drive, Abingdon, OX14 3PJ

**YEAR 5 - YEAR 8**  
4:00PM - 4:45PM

**YEAR 9 - YEAR 13**  
4:45PM - 5:30PM

Fun and social football - free to attend

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# SUMMER FAIR



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
3.15pm - 5pm

DRY SANDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- bouncy castle •
- ice-cream van •
- tombola •
- games •
- prizes •
- raffle draw •
- drinks & refreshments •
- cake stall •
- and much more!



# CHARITY FUN DAY



SATURDAY 12TH JULY 2025



Daytime: FREE

Evening Tickets: Adults £15 Children £2.50

(Starting time 19:00 includes live music, big raffle draw and buffet)



LIVE MUSIC



HAMPER RAFFLE



MEGA PRIZE  
RAFFLE



CRAFT STALLS

£15 a table\*



ENTERTAINMENT  
FOR KIDS



BBQ

PRIZES SUCH AS 2 COURSE MEAL FOR 2 AT THE BEAR & RAGGED, HILTON HOTEL INN BED AND BREAKFAST FOR 2, 2 TICKETS GLEE CLUB WEEKEND COMEDY SHOW PLUS MANY MORE FANTASTIC PRIZES...

## INFORMATION



12th July 2025 13:30



Abingdon United FC

*All proceeds will go towards making sure Kealey, Regan and Riker have an amazing family break to Disneyland Paris for a holiday of a lifetime while they are still able to enjoy it. So please come along and take part in the fun.*



\*Please contact Alison Russell to book a stall