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Leading Lifelong Learning; Creating Caring Communities.

DRY SANDFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 2026

OUR SCHOOL PRIORITIES FOR 2026-2027

At Dry Sandford Primary School, we are proud of our ambitious curriculum and caring, inclusive community. Our priorities build on the strong practice already in place across the school. This year, we are placing an even greater spotlight on:

- **Inclusion:** ensuring every child feels known, valued and able to participate fully in school life.
- **Adaptive teaching:** continuing to respond effectively to children's different needs and starting points while maintaining high expectations for all.
- **Writing:** further developing confident, independent writers through vocabulary, oral rehearsal, strong examples and regular writing opportunities.
- **Early Years:** continuing to strengthen children's communication, independence and physical development.

Across all of our priorities, we are continuing to develop children's oracy and vocabulary, helping them express their ideas confidently, explain their thinking and deepen their understanding across the curriculum.

How does the improvement cycle work?

Our **School Self-Evaluation (SEF)** helps us celebrate what is working well and identify areas where an increased focus could make an even greater difference. This informs our **School Development Plan (SDP)**, which sets out the actions we will take and how we will review their impact.

Evaluate → identify priorities → build on existing practice → review the impact → plan the next steps

This ongoing cycle helps us ensure that our work continues to have a positive impact on children's learning and wellbeing. Governors play an important role in this process through regular visits, learning walks, discussions with staff and leaders, and review of school priorities. This helps provide support, challenge and accountability as we continue to develop and improve our school.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TERM

It has been wonderful to see children enjoying so many different learning experiences this term.

We have introduced our strengthened two-year History and Geography curriculum, which creates clearer links and progression across the school. Each term, children will explore a whole-school 'big question'. Our first has been: **"Who am I and how did I get here?"** which has prompted some thoughtful and enthusiastic discussions in assemblies and classrooms. The updated curriculum overview will shortly be shared on our website.

Other highlights include Music Flood Week, our Harvest Festival, yoga lessons, sports coaching, enjoying creative writing, Sensory Garden, Forest School, school discos, using new laptops and computer panels, woolly mammoths and mummified tomatoes! It has certainly been a busy and rewarding term!

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2026-2027

We are delighted to announce that this year's House Captains and Vice Captains will be:

Blue House: Darcey (House Captain), Noahang (Vice Captain)

Red House: Jack (House Captain), Eibhlin (Vice Captain)

Orange House: Tarka and Louisa (House Captains)

A huge well done to all of the children who put themselves forwards for the roles this year – they all took the opportunity very seriously and did a great job of planning and presenting their ideas and pledges to the rest of the children in their house.

Thank you to all the children who prepared and presented applications to become School Council representatives. Following a vote in each class, this year's representatives are:

Barn Owls: Hattie and Rowan

Snowy Owls: Naomi and Otilie

Eagle Owls: Amelia and Harry

Thank you to everyone who applied to join our School Council and for the time and thought they put into their applications. Thanks also go to Miss Goodgame for organising. Our House Captains and Vice Captains automatically become members of the School Council as part of their leadership roles.

There will be opportunities for every child to contribute, whether or not they are a council member. Children can share their ideas through the suggestion box or speak to their class representatives, who will take views and suggestions to council meetings. We look forward to our new council working with children across the school so that everyone has a voice.

HEATING UPDATE

Thank you for bearing with us while the heating installation works have been taking place. We have had a small set back with the weather this week as more roof work was due to be completed and the weather hasn't been suitable however are pleased to let you know that the project is due to be finalised mid-November with temporary heaters in place after half term.

We would like to thank our children for being so adaptable and positive throughout the work. They have been fantastic, and we are grateful to everyone for their patience and understanding. Thankfully, the installation has caused very little disruption to day-to-day school life.

Once completed, the new heating system will provide a warmer, more comfortable learning environment for pupils and staff, while also improving energy efficiency across the school.

NEW LUNCH MENU

Attached to the email with this newsletter is a copy of the new lunch menu, which will be in effect from Monday 2nd November.

Bookings will be available through Arbor. You are able to book a full term in advance if you wish to. Please ensure bookings are made **before 7am** on the day of the meal.

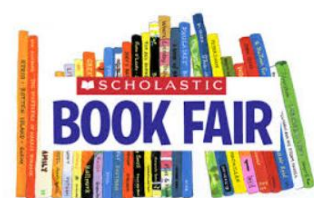
If your child is not having a school meal, you must still select "**Home Packed Lunch**" on the app so that we have an accurate record of all lunchtime arrangements.

SCHOOLTASTIC BOOK FAIR

We're delighted to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to school!

The Book Fair will be in the School Hall from 3.15pm on:

- **Wednesday 4th November**
- **Thursday 5th November**
- **Friday 6th November**



The Scholastic Book Fair offers a fantastic range of books for all ages and interests, giving children the opportunity to discover new authors, develop a love of reading, and choose books to enjoy at home. Every purchase also helps to earn free books and resources for our school.

Please note that the Book Fair is **cashless**. Payment will be made via QR code, allowing purchases to be completed quickly and securely.

We look forward to seeing you there!

SCHOOL TOURS

We would like to remind families that we still have two upcoming school tours for prospective parents of children starting school in September 2027.

- **Thursday 12th November at 9:45am**
- **Thursday 12th November at 5:30pm**

These tours are a wonderful opportunity to visit our school, meet our staff, and learn more about what we can offer your child.

If you have friends, family members, neighbours, or colleagues with children due to start school in September 2027, we would be very grateful if you could share this information with them.

To book a place on one of our tours, please follow the link: [School Tours – Fill in form](#) or contact the School Office.

We look forward to welcoming prospective families to our school.

COFFEE MORNING WITH THE HEADTEACHER AND SENDCO

We would like to invite parents and carers to join us for Coffee with the Headteacher and SENDCo on **Friday 20th November at 9:00am** in the School Hall.



This is a great opportunity to meet informally, ask questions, share ideas, and discuss any topics you would like to raise. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and working together to support our pupils.

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there!

VISITING MUSIC TEACHERS

We are delighted to share some exciting updates regarding music tuition at school.

Piano Lessons

As demand for piano lessons continues to grow, we are pleased to let you know that we have secured an additional music teacher who is available to teach on Wednesdays.

If your child is interested in taking piano lessons, please contact **Kimberley Andrews** directly at **kimberleysandrews@gmail.com** to discuss availability and arrangements.

In addition to piano, Kimberley also offers tuition in:

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Singing

Please feel free to get in touch with Kimberley if your child would be interested in learning any of these instruments or developing their vocal skills.

Recommended starting ages:

- Piano: Year 1 and above
- Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone: Year 3 and above

Guitar Lessons

We are also pleased to let you know that we have arranged for a guitar teacher, **Steve Gower**, to begin offering lessons after half term every Thursday.

If your child is interested in learning the guitar, please contact Steve Gower directly at **sgowerguitar@gmail.com** to discuss.

We are delighted to be able to expand our range of musical opportunities and look forward to seeing more children develop their musical talents.



EASYFUNDRAISING

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for **FREE**. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at:

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MUSIC FLOOD WEEK

Last month, all classes took part in and benefited from a fantastic range of experiences during the annual Music Flood Week. From assemblies and music demonstrations, to busking on the playground, and great in-class experiences, it was great to be involved. Many thanks to the Abingdon Music Partnership for organising the week and providing these opportunities for our pupils and all of the other local schools involved.



FOOTYKIDS

We are pleased to confirm that Footy Kids will continue every Friday after school. Due to the seasonal change in weather, the club will switch to a Multi-Sports format next term, allowing children to take part in a variety of activities throughout the term. To book a place, please visit: <https://enrolmy.com/footy-kids/book-now/576-Dry-Sandford-Primary-School---Term-2---Multisport-After-School-Club>



POLITE REMINDERS

- Can we please ask that any messages for the school office, including changes to collection arrangements, are communicated by **1.00pm** wherever possible. This allows sufficient time for office staff to pass messages on to class teachers and ensure that any changes are actioned before the school office becomes unmanned at 2.45pm. Messages received later in the day may not be seen or communicated in time.
- Please ensure children with long hair have it tied back for school each day. This helps to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils during lessons and activities.
- If your child wears earrings, they will need to bring some sticky tape to school on PE days so that earrings can be covered safely during lessons. We have also found some specialist earring support patches which parents may find helpful as an alternative to regular tape: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0HG75ZW1B>

HALLOWEEN DISCO

A big thank you to our staff and some parent volunteers who gave up their time to help organise and host a fantastic Halloween Disco. The children had an amazing time dancing, socialising and showing off their brilliant costumes. Events like these create wonderful memories for our pupils, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone involved in making the evening such a success.



Without volunteers, special events like this simply would not be possible. If you would be interested in helping at future events or joining FODSS, please contact us at **fodss@dry-sandford.oxon.sch.uk**

RESOURCES DONATION

Thanks to those families who have already had a chance to donate to help enhance the existing provision and opportunities at school. We all really appreciate your support and generosity.

As explained in the Class Curriculum Letters, this enables each class to purchase additional resources such as ingredients for cooking, perishable resources for science and geography lessons, arts and crafts resources, and much more.

A recommended donation of £10 per child can be paid via Arbor or in cash to the office. Or, if you would prefer, you can do this in termly installments.

LIBRARY DONATIONS

A huge thank you to everyone who has recently contributed to our school library by donating pre-loved books. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps us provide a wider range of reading opportunities for all our pupils.

Some parents have kindly expressed an interest in purchasing new books for the library. If you are looking for inspiration, the following website provides excellent recommended reading lists for each year group: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/>

Julia Donaldson books are always a favourite with our children and would make a wonderful addition to our collection.

If you are unsure which books to buy, a book voucher would be a wonderful alternative and would be gratefully received. Vouchers allow us to choose books that will have the greatest impact on our pupils' reading journey, while also giving us the opportunity to purchase from local bookshops and support businesses within our community.

Books for Bugs also offers an excellent range of books at competitive prices and provides gift vouchers that can be used towards future purchases for our school library. You can purchase a voucher here: ["voucher" - Books for Bugs](#)



JUSTGIVING

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated to our fundraiser for the Red Cross Nepal Floods Appeal.

JustGiving™

Thanks to your generosity, we have raised **£305!** Your kindness and support will help provide vital assistance to those affected by the devastating flooding in Nepal.

We are incredibly grateful for the support shown by our school community. Our thoughts remain with everyone impacted by this tragedy.

If you would still like to make a donation, our JustGiving page remains open:

Donate here: https://www.justgiving.com/page/dry-sandford-1?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL



DRY SANDFORD'S HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to the following pupils who earned certificates in Celebration Assemblies in September and October:



Learning & Caring Certificates:

Ava	Ewan T
Allison	Indi
Rose	Logan
Lilyana	Eibhlin
Niyana	Izabella
Muyeng	Gracie

Headteacher's Award:

Sophia L	Ollie
Miles G	Aidan
Evie M	Nina
Ky	Jack
Joey	Evelina
Daisy Le	Flora

Headteacher Hot Chocolate:

To celebrate children who consistently demonstrate our school values, selected pupils from Years 1-6 are invited to share hot chocolate with the Headteacher. This special recognition acknowledges the positive choices they make both in and around school. Once Owlets begin attending assemblies more regularly later in the year, they will also have the chance to be part of this celebration.

Congratulations to this term's Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher recipients:

Teddy L-C	Evelina
Lisa	Jack
Evie D	Isabella
Stanley	Joey
Gracie	



CALENDAR DATES:

Wednesday 4 th , Thursday 5 th and Friday 6 th November (from 3.15pm in the Hall)	Schooltastic Book Fair
Monday 9 th November	Individual and Sibling School Photos
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need (pyjama day)
Tuesday 8 th December	Owlets and Barn Owls Nativity Performance 1 (9am)
Tuesday 8 th December	Snowy Owls and Eagle Owls Christmas Concert (TBC)
Thursday 10 th December	Owlets and Barn Owls Nativity Performance 2 (2pm)
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Class Party Day (non-school uniform)
Wednesday 16 th December	School Christmas Lunch (non-school uniform)
Monday 21st December – 31st December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday 4th January	INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 12 th and Wednesday 13 th January	Bikeability for Y5 & Y6
Tuesday 9 th February	Maths House Challenge and Number Day

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February	HALF TERM (school closed)
Thursday 4 th May	World Book Day
Monday 22 nd March	Holi Festival Celebration
Thursday 25 th March	Easter Service
Friday 26th and Monday 29th March	BANK HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 30th March – Friday 9th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS (school closed)
Thursday 22 nd April	Multi-Sport Morning
Tuesday 27 th April	Parents Evening 1 (from 3.30pm)
Thursday 29 th April	Parents Evening 2 (from 4.00pm)
Monday 3rd May	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 14 th May	Art Day
Friday 21 st May	World Diversity Day
Monday 31st May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 1st – Friday 4th June	HALF TERM (school closed)
Monday 7th June	INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Thursday 8 th July	Transition Morning
Tuesday 13 th July	KS2 Production
Tuesday 20 th July	LAST DAY OF TERM – finish at usual time (3.05/3.10pm)
Wednesday 21st July	INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Thursday 22nd July – Tuesday 31st August	SUMMER HOLIDAYS (school closed)

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The timetables below are for this October – we refresh activities every holiday so there's always something new to experience!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CODING ROBOTS	PHOTOSHOP FUN	LEGO ROBOTS	ROBLOX	MINECRAFT REDSTONE
VIDEO GAME DESIGN	DIGITAL ART	BIG BOTS	CRAZY CIRCUITS	LEGO INVENTIONS
ANIMATION	LITTLE BITS	AUGMENTED REALITY	ELECTRIC INVENTIONS	VIDEO GAME CREATION

Please note that activities are subject to change due to availability or unforeseen circumstances.

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October Half Term!
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10am - 2pm

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Wild Days
Mon 26 & Tues 27 October
9.00am - 4.30pm

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NAME OF CHILD

AGE:

ADDRESS

HOME TEL:

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MEDICAL CONDITIONS

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The North Wall
Arts Centre

October Workshop



Shadow Puppet Theatre

26 & 27 October 9am - 12pm

8 - 11 year olds

Join us this half term to explore storytelling through shadow puppetry. Each participant will make their own shadow box and puppets and bring their story to life with movement, light, sounds and character voices.

Book now: www.thenorthwall.com

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& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Discover Bucks Museum
Church Street
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 331441

October Half Term

24 October - 1 November 2026

This October half term, enjoy frightfully fun family activities at Discover Bucks Museum! Get creative with Halloween crafts and spooky science! Brave families can take on the Creepy Doll Hunt around the museum and no visit is complete without a trip to the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery and our SAXONS exhibition.

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Spiders & Webs

Monday 26 October

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Ghouls and Ghosts

Tuesday 27 October

Make a 3d haunted scene for a moveable ghost to fly through. 10am - 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 4-11

Clay Monster

Wednesday 28 October

Sculpt yourself a terrifying (or not so terrifying) Halloween monster. 10am - 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 3-11

Spooky Science

Thursday 29 & Friday 30 October

Our popular Spooky Science workshop is returning for 2026! Join us for some spooky science: make a bubbling witches brew, create ogre slime and more! Timed slots. Suitable for ages 5-11

Creepy Doll Hunt

Saturday 31 October

Visit the museum after dark this Halloween for our Creepy Doll Hunt: explore one of the oldest buildings in Aylesbury by torchlight and discover the haunted dolls hidden throughout the museum. From 6.30pm, timed slots. Suitable for ages 10+

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