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'I came to bring you life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

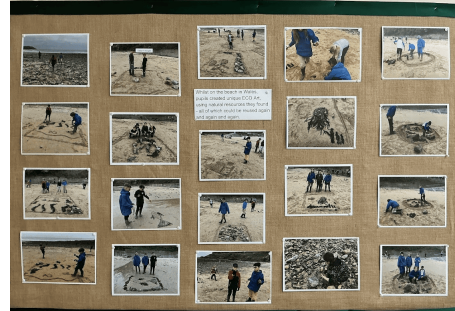
Summer Term 2 Value: Courage

Tuesday 9th June

Summer Term 2

Welcome to the final term of the school year—how did that happen so fast?! We've had a wonderful start to the term, highlighted by our fantastic School Eco-Exhibition last week.

It was a brilliant opportunity for our children to share all of their hard work, learning and genuine commitment to our local environment and the wider world. We are incredibly proud of their insights and creativity, and we want to thank everyone who came along to support them!



Staffing updates

As most of you are aware, Joy Scott-Russell is currently away from school following a much-needed operation on her broken foot that took place during the last week of term. The surgery came about rather suddenly after Joy was offered a cancellation date. While we all miss her terribly, we are so glad she was able to have the procedure. We wish her a very speedy recovery and hope to see her back on her feet soon!

You will also have noticed a familiar face around school: Beth Holton, who has been supporting our Woodpeckers Class over the last few terms. Beth initially joined us on a college placement, and now that she has completed her first year, she has kindly stayed on as a volunteer. She is also providing cover in our After-School Club while Joy is away. In the meantime, we are in the process of recruiting a new permanent playworker.

School Disco - Friday 12th June, 3:10 - 4:30pm



The playlist is being prepared and the glitter ball is being dusted! The PTA are looking forward to hosting the final disco of the school year as a fun treat for everyone.

To secure your child's spot, please make sure you book a place by emailing the 'Friends' team by next Wednesday.

The disco day will also be a **non-uniform day**. If you would like to make a small monetary donation, any money raised will go directly to the PTA to support future school projects.

See you there!

Transition arrangements

It is that time of year when there still seems so much to do and look forward to in the final term, yet we are also firmly focused on providing transition opportunities for all children. **Transition is a carefully planned process designed to prepare children for the next stage of their learning journey.**

Key transition activities this term include:

- **New Reception Starters:** We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children to the school for several transition sessions, including a Forest School session.
- **Year 2 to Key Stage 2:** Our Year 2 children have already started working with Mrs Mason-Fowler (Teaching Assistant in Swallows Class), which is a wonderful opportunity to build a familiar connection ahead of September.
- **All Classes:** All children will have transition opportunities, including our whole-school 'shuffle-up day' and visits from their new teachers and Teaching Assistants to share stories in their current classrooms. Extra visits will also be arranged for children who require them.
- **SEND & Enhanced Provision:** 'Old and new' teachers will be attending SEND reviews together this term. Our Enhanced Pathway and SEN provision are being carefully planned to ensure a seamless handover, alongside the preparation of Teacher Passports, end-of-year reports and detailed information sharing for **all children**.
- **Year 6 Leavers:** Of course, we are also supporting our Year 6 children through their final term as they navigate feelings of excitement and natural anxiety about their transition to secondary school.

Staffing placements are currently being finalised and will be shared with you as soon as possible. All specific dates and further information will follow shortly.

Water safety advice



Spending time near water can be fun, especially in warm weather, but open water can be dangerous even if you are a strong swimmer. Rivers, lakes, canals, quarries and reservoirs can be much colder than they look, with hidden hazards and strong currents.

A poster for Drowning Prevention Week, 13-20 June 2026. The poster features a red lifebuoy in the foreground and a blue sky with a bridge in the background. The text on the poster includes: 'DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK 13-20 JUNE 2026', 'Raising awareness. Saving lives.', 'RECENT TRAGEDIES' (The recent death of a young person in the River Thames is a heartbreaking reminder of how quickly things can go wrong in open water. Drowning can happen quickly and silently.), 'COLD WATER SHOCK' (Sudden immersion in cold water can cause involuntary gasping, rapid breathing and loss of control – making it difficult to stay afloat or swim. Learn more: riss.org.uk/cold-water-shock-the-facts), and 'FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE' (STOP AND THINK: Take time to assess the risks. STAY TOGETHER: Never swim alone. Look out for others. FLOAT AND CALL FOR HELP: Float to live. Call for help.).

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Raising awareness.
Saving lives.

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FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

- STOP AND THINK**
Take time to assess the risks.
- STAY TOGETHER**
Never swim alone. Look out for others.
- FLOAT AND CALL FOR HELP**
Float to live. Call for help.

- Do not jump, dive or swim in open water unless it is a supervised, designated place.
- Never go near water alone - stay with friends and make sure someone knows where you are.
- Be aware that cold water shock can affect anyone, even strong swimmers, and can make it hard to breathe or move.
- Rivers, canals and lakes may have hidden dangers under the surface such as rocks, rubbish, weeds, fishing line or sudden drops.
- Do not take risks to impress others, including dares, bridge jumps or entering the water for social media content.
- If you fall in, try to stay calm, float on your back, keep your airway clear and control your breathing.
- If you see someone in trouble, call 999 or 112, shout for help, and throw something that floats. Do not go in after them.
- If possible, choose supervised swimming venues or pools instead of unsupervised open water.

Remember: Enjoy the good weather, look out for your mates, and stay safe around water.

Young Ambassadors of Peace News

Our YAPs will be presenting at the Peace Festival on 10th June at The Global Retreat Centre - please come along to see the work they have done as part of the project.

Peace Festival 2026

Final! Celebrate the Young Ambassadors of Peace (YAP) and honour their remarkable achievements at this grand finale event. **Join us for an experiential exhibition and gain a deeper understanding of peace.**

Experience! Experience engaging stage presentations which showcase the YAPs journey, and be part of the conversation that uplifts young voices and drives meaningful change. **We warmly welcome everyone to join us in celebrating the achievements of our YAPs at the special award ceremony.**

Save the date

JUNE 10 2026 OXFORD
JUNE 12 2026 LONDON
JUNE 17 2026 LEICESTER

Booking Essential

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JUNE 10 OXFORD 2026
Global Retreat Centre
Nuneham Estate,
Oxford OX44 9PG
Wednesday | 4:00pm-6:30pm
4:00pm Onwards: Arrivals
4:15pm - 4:50pm: Experiential Exhibition
5:00pm - 6:30pm: Stage Performances and Presentations

JUNE 12 LONDON 2026
Global Co-operation House
65 - 69 Pound Ln,
London NW10 2HH
Friday | 4:00pm-7:30pm
4:00pm Onwards: Arrivals
4:15pm - 5:00pm: Experiential Exhibition
5:15pm - 7:30pm: Stage Performances and Presentations

JUNE 17 LEICESTER 2026
Harmony House,
122 Ross Walk,
Leicester LE4 5HH
Wednesday | 5:00pm-7:00pm
5:00pm Onwards: Arrivals
5:15pm - 6:00pm: Experiential Exhibition
6:00pm - 7:00pm: Stage Performances and Presentations

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Learning this term

Visit our [Curriculum Page](#) for class overviews, knowledge organisers and home learning details.

Your Views are Important

Please follow the link to complete our Parents' Questionnaire:

<https://forms.gle/mKb52rGQb5RATY428>. Your responses and views are important as they will help us shape the next academic year.

Please take a look at the following page for dates and information for next term.

Best wishes,
Mrs Hanwell and staff

Dates for the term ahead:

Date	Event
Wednesday 10th June	Peace Ambassadors: Peace Festival

Friday 12th June	Summer Disco
Tuesday 16th June, afternoon	Key Stage 1: Fire service visit
Friday 19th June	Red Kites Breakfast (Parents invited)
Wednesday 24th June	Toplink Sports Festival Year 6
Tuesday 29th June	Summer Reading Challenge assembly
Wednesday 1st-Friday 3rd July	Bikeability Years 5 and 6
Thursday 2nd July	PCSO visit: PC Ben stories Class 1 & 2
Thursday 9th July, 6pm	End of Year Show - Swallows & Red Kites
Friday 10th July, 2pm	End of Year Show - Swallows & Red Kites
Friday 10th July	End of Year written reports to parents
Monday 13th July, AM	Sports Day
Tuesday 14th July	Prayer Spaces
Thursday 16th July	FoMB Whole School treat
Friday 17th July, 9:15am	Leavers assembly - Year 6 parents invited
Friday 17th July, 1:15pm	End of Summer Term

Community Information

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READ to the BEAT

...with a **FREE** children's reading challenge at your local Oxfordshire library!

4 July to 5 September 2026

The Summer Reading Challenge 2026: **Read to the Beat** celebrates the joy of reading with a theme inspired by music. Children can discover how books spark creativity and imagination.

Finish the challenge and get your own medal and certificate!

Look out for fantastic new books and activities at your library!

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, DELICIOUS FOOD AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL. JOIN US ON SATURDAY 4TH JULY AS THE MARKETPLACE TURNS PINK FROM 10AM UNTIL 5PM. FREE ENTRY AND NO BOOKING REQUIRED.

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Give your child an unforgettable school holiday filled with fresh air, freedom and adventure!

Set within 42 acres of stunning woodland in rural Oxfordshire at Youlbury, Boars Hill, children aged 8-16 will take part in a daily programme of non-stop outdoor action. With expert instructors leading the way, creating a safe and supportive environment where children run, climb, explore, and build confidence while unplugging from screens and having a blast with friends in the great outdoors!

What's on offer:

- High-energy adventures such as archery, ziplining, and climbing.
- Fun team building games and problem-solving challenges.
- Survival skills such as shelter building, backwoods cooking and fire lighting.
- Connect with the natural world with mindful activities, outdoors arts and crafts, wildlife spotting, and nature walks.



When is it:

- Running throughout February, Easter, May, Summer and October school holidays (see website for dates).
- 8.30am - 5.30pm daily (activities run 9am - 5pm)
- Participants can attend individual days, or the entire week.

Pricing:

£35 per day, per child. Save 10% on a 5-day block and each additional child.

Book now and join the adventure!

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