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

Spring Term 1 Value: Equality

Friday 16th January

Curriculum this term

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through January! We have had a wonderful start to the new term, and the children have settled beautifully back into their school routines. It has been a joy to watch them tackle their new topics with such enthusiasm and curiosity.

To connect with what your child is learning this term please visit our school website through the following link: [Curriculum page - Spring term 2026](#)

Here, you will find the Class Overviews and Home Learning Grids for each class. We also highly recommend taking a moment to look at the Knowledge Organisers. These provide the key concepts and vocabulary for each subject area —a fantastic resource to help spark conversations at home about what they are learning in class.

Swallows History Workshop

Swallows Class really enjoyed their Anglo-Saxons and Vikings workshop provided by the Oxfordshire Museum Service this week. The children explored the many battles and reigns of Kings of the time through role play and re-enactments, handled many artefacts and finished by having a go at making their own hack silver.

It was brilliant to have Sonja with us to share her knowledge and answer all our questions!



Welcome

Please join me in welcoming Mr James Mackay, who has joined our team as a Teaching Assistant this term. Name sound familiar? Yes, it is Mrs Mackay's son! Mr Mackay will be supporting in our Woodpeckers Class.

Reminders

- Please make it your new year resolution **NOT** to turn around and reverse in our school driveway. As you are aware, the beginning and end of the school day is such a busy time and it is simply **not safe** to use this area to drop off and manoeuvre.
- PE kits - plain white t-shirts and black or dark blue shorts/joggers please. Plain dark hoodies (school logo or without fine) can also be worn during these colder months.
- Do you know about the Elizabeth Lane Foundation? Please follow this weblink [ELFS](#) for information about the trust and how it can help your child/ren.

Please take a look at the dates on the following pages.

Best wishes,
From Mrs Hanwell and staff

Dates for the term ahead:

Date	Event
Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd February	Parents Consultations and SEND Reviews
Monday 9th February	Explorer Dome visit - all classes
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 13th February	End of Spring Term 1
Monday 23rd February	Start of Spring Term 2
Tuesday 3rd March	Sportshall Athletics - Year 5&6
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10th March	Junior Citizen's Trust Year 6
Friday 13th March	Woodpeckers' Breakfast (parents invited)
23rd - 27th March	Eco-School - Great Big School Clean
Monday 23rd March	Class 3 final swimming session
Tuesday 24th March	Easter Service
Wednesday 25th March	Teamwork and Try It - Year 2

Friday 27th March, 1:15pm	End of Spring Term 2
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Other important dates for the academic year:

Date	Event
Monday 13th April	Start of Summer Term 1
Tuesday 21st April	Peace Ambassadors: Peace Picnic
Wednesday 22nd April	Swallows Breakfast (Parents invited)
Thursday 30th April	School Photographs
Friday 1st May	Maypole Event
Monday 4th May	May Bank Holiday
11th - 14th May	SATS - Year 6
18th - 22nd May	Kilvrough residential - Years 5 and 6
Friday 22nd May	End of Summer Term 1
Monday 1st June	Start of Summer Term 2
Friday 5th June	Whole School Exhibition
Mon 8th & Tues 9th June	Bikeability - Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 10th June	Peace Ambassadors: Peace Festival
Friday 19th June	Red Kites Breakfast (Parents invited)
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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FOR **ALL** OF OUR JANUARY HOME MATCHES

SAT 10 JAN | 3PM
 SUN 11 JAN | 2PM
 SAT 24 JAN | 3PM
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