News from Cumnor School

Summer Term Number 13 *19th July 2024*

Dear Families,

Fond farewells
As the year draws to a close and we reflect on all aspects of school life, we inevitably have some members of the school community to say goodbye to.

Firstly, to our wonderful Teaching Assistant Mrs Zhyhadlo. After her excellent work with some of our youngest children, she herself will be moving on to work in a secondary school. We will miss her but know that she will bring so much to her new school.

After an incredible 12 years service, we also thank Jane Vlitos whose term as a Foundation Governor comes to an end this summer. Jane has volunteered her time, expertise and support to the school with passion and care and leaves big shoes to fill.

Several of our children move on to new schools in new parts of the world and we wish them lots of luck for their next adventures. We hope that their time with us will be remembered fondly.

Finally, to our Year Six of 2024. It has been a real joy to watch you make the most of your final year at primary school. Other headteachers often tell me that you always remember the first Year Six cohort and I certainly will. You have brought fun, energy, talent, a hard-working attitude and endless pride. Despite being proud of your super academic achievements this year, know that the journey has been equally as valued as the destination. The staff all talk very fondly of their time with you throughout the school. We will miss you but know that you will relish what awaits!

Thank you to the PTA
I cannot emphasise enough how truly amazing our PTA are! We are so lucky that we have enough enthusiastic people willing to give up their time and energy to make a big difference to our school. I really have been so impressed by what is on offer. A special thank you for working so hard that they were able to fund the Year Six Trip to Legoland this week. Parents have asked us to pass on how incredibly grateful they are, and the children had a brilliant time.

Governors' Annual Report
Please visit our website to view the 2023-24 Annual Report from Governors.

iRock
We were treated to another spectacular iRock concert on Wednesday this week! A huge well done to all of our bands. It is always a joy to see their confidence on stage. More information on iRock can be found below.

Bikes and Scooters
A reminder to please dismount bikes and scooters as you come up the drive in the mornings. A number of families have expressed concern over some incidents recently. Thank you for your cooperation.

Summer Reading Challenge
We were delighted to welcome Liz from Botley library on Monday together with her colleague Ian to introduce the Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge. Anyone can join in, you can win prizes and it's FREE! Find out more here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Yh6IDUCrHc
or Google "Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge".

Year 5 Residential

Our year 5 residential was packed with amazement and everyone had a great time full of laughter and happiness. We visited a wide variety of places including all of these: We The Curious, the S.S Great Britain, Bristol Aquarium and Weston-Super-Mare beach! The daytimes were excellent but what really ran the show was the supreme **Hill House!** It had exquisite food, amazing rooms, awesome outdoor playgrounds and even a swimming pool! The football results made for an even better first night in the hall, having all of us drift off happily. Everyone wishes we could have stayed longer having fun but after adding on the Silent Disco night, it's an irresistible 3 days for anyone. Overall, this residential was a great experience. Benjamin, Y5.

Our Y5 residential was very fun. We went to We The Curious, SS Great Britain, Bristol Aquarium, but the best was watching England play football and luckily they won and everyone enjoyed it. Hill House was a very nice home (we all wish we could have stayed longer). Bobby, Y5.

Triathlon Success!

A huge well done and thank you to Lisa Taylor and Anna Marriott who have completed their third and final triathlon in aid of the school. They have managed to raise almost £1500 which is an incredible achievement.

Thank you to all those who have donated and supported along the way.

It's not too late to contribute if you would like to. Please log on to Just Giving here.

Lunches next week

Monday	Tuesday	End of year
Vegetarian sausage roll OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket	Macaroni cheese OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket	

Lunch orders from September

The new September menu is attached with this newsletter and is also available on our website. Allergy menus will be emailed individually. Please continue to pre-order lunches on Scopay, as before. Pre-ordering is freeing up a lot of classroom time each day, so your assistance is hugely appreciated. You will be able to place orders from the last week of the holidays, and will be able to order for the entire half term.

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	Responsibility
Reception	We have been reading 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' in Drawing Club and completed a challenge to make a basket that could hold a treat! In phonics we have been writing sentences about our favourite activity in Acorn Class and in maths we have been practising writing numbers 10-19, putting the digits the right way round!
Year 1	This week we have been completing our own 100 stories for the year, so now we have read (more than!) 100 stories and written 100 stories (between us!). We have also used our maths and DT skills to make flapjack, which we took on our summer walk on Thursday to sustain us on our adventures…
Year 2	This week we have finished writing our own versions of Charlotte's Web. We published our stories and designed a front cover and blurb. We shared our stories with the year 3s - Mrs Didcock was amazed by our writing! We revised addition and subtraction in maths and put our skills to the test with a very challenging quiz!
Year 3	This week we have enjoyed reading along to Roald Dahl's, Fantastic Mr Fox and using evidence from the text to draw pictures of Farmer Bunce. We have also made and decorated a krispie cake which the children will be bringing home later today! We have also filmed the play scripts that we have written, ready for the premiere next week!
Year 4	Year Four have worked wonderfully this week despite Ms Eaton being poorly. We are really proud of the way in which they have supported two visiting teachers to our school who have commented on how much they have enjoyed teaching them.
Year 5	This week we have been writing our residential diaries. We have also used cams to create a moving toy for our DT project. We have looked at the work of India Flint and have created some hapa-zome printing on cloths.
Year 6	This week we have been rehearsing for our Leavers Assembly and our Church service. We have been reflecting on our time at Cumnor Primary School and discussing our next steps on to secondary school. Lastly, in art we have been finishing our Starry Night paintings.

PTA Committee News

What a beautiful day for a BBQ! We hope you will join us tonight for a relaxing evening of fun, food and drink to celebrate the end of the school year and make the most of this fabulous sunshine! Bring some chairs or a blanket and find yourself a spot on the playground or field. Gazebos are welcome too as there's little natural shade available. **Doors open at 5pm** but feel free to pop by anytime during the evening to fit in with your plans! Bargain books, puzzles and purple jumpers for sale. Food and sweet treats available until it's all gone. Music and drinks will flow until after 8:30pm. **Entry is free** and all your friends and family are welcome! See you there!

Diary dates:

Friday 19th July	Late PM / Evening	End of year BBQ - all families welcome
Monday 22nd July	AM	Leavers Church Service - Families welcome
Tuesday 23rd July	AM Leavers Assembly	Leavers Assembly - year 6 parents welcome
Tuesday 23rd July	1.15pm	End of year

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger
Headteacher

CUMNOR PRIMARY PTA PRESENTS

THE END OF YEAR BBQ

ICE CREAM

HOT DOGS

BAR

BURGERS

MUSIC

BIG BOOKSHOP

FRIDAY JULY 19TH
FROM 5PM
FREE ENTRY

COME ALONG, SUPPORT THE SCHOOL & CHILL OUT!

Low cost and free activities for families to enjoy together!

YouMove is brand new for Oxfordshire, providing low cost and free fun activities for families including weekends & school holidays.

Enjoy a fantastic range of activities including swimming, badminton, activity packs, children's holiday activities & so much more!

Find out more here:

YouMove is here to offer free and low cost activities for children on benefit related free school meals and their families.

YOUMOVE

It's quick and easy to sign up for YouMove:

1. **Visit www.getoxfordshireactive.org/you-move** to register or call your local Activator for more information (numbers below)
2. We'll send you a YouMove Welcome Pack and membership cards
3. Your local Activators will be on hand to provide lots of support & advice
4. Enjoy getting active together!

Contact your local Activator today:

Oxford City: 07485 311346
Cherwell District: 01295 221980
West Oxfordshire: 01993 861561
Vale of White Horse: 07801 203571
South Oxfordshire: 07717 225679

YOUMOVE

YouMove is funded by Oxfordshire County Council Public Health and co-ordinated by Active Oxfordshire in partnership with district councils.

MESSY SUMMER!
Saturday 20 July
2-4pm
St Michael's Church
Messy Church
Games, crafts, activities, food
Free but please book a place:
office@cumnor.org
01865 861541
For families with children aged 11 and under

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house of fun
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EXPLORE THE WORLD AROUND YOU WITH LEGO
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LED BY EXPERIENCED HOUSE OF FUN INSTRUCTORS
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27TH - 30TH AUGUST
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YOUR CHILD CAN JOIN THEIR OWN BAND AT SCHOOL!

Book your child's place for September

ENROL ONLINE

www.irockschool.com/signup

- No experience needed
- Drums, Guitar, Keyboard or Vocals
- All instruments provided
- Lessons happen at school
- Termly concerts
- Exam-free qualification
- Cancel at any time

ROCK & POP BAND LESSONS AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

Inspiring Lessons

Discover the benefits of our band lessons: Not only are they fun, but they also play a significant role in enhancing children's life skills. Lessons focus on boosting confidence, supporting well-being and developing social skills!

- No experience needed and all instruments are provided
- Choose drums, guitar, bass guitar, keyboard or vocals
- Led by professional band coaches with a love for music
- Access our online portal for updates and band memories
- Exam-free qualification for year 2, 4 and 6 through RSL
- 30-minute weekly lessons that happen during school time
- Available to all year groups

SCAN

Hassle-free subscription

Sign your child up now via our monthly subscription - first **session money-back guarantee**, a payment holiday every August and cancel at any time!

> "iRock has given him the confidence he needs within himself to develop his own independent skills."
>
> Leanne - Proud Parent

> "Such a wonderful idea, bringing the children together in a band! She did amazingly well singing in front of the whole school."
>
> Lisa - Proud Parent

ENROL NOW FOR SEPTEMBER

www.irockschool.com/signup

or call us on 0330 174 2655

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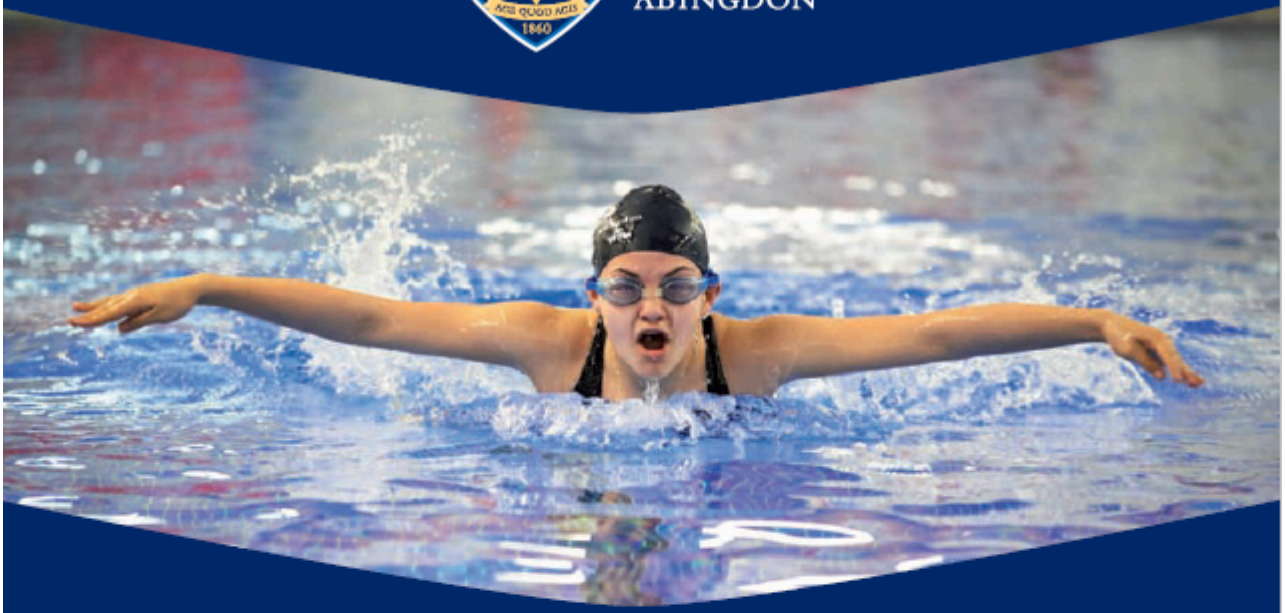
OUR LADY'S ABINGDON



OLA holiday swimming lessons

We offer small groups with experienced teachers.
All welcome from the age of 4+.

Dates: Monday 5 – Friday 9 August (mornings)
Monday 12 – Friday 16 August (mornings)
Buy one week and get 20% discount on the next.

Confidence building: £50 per week (30 minute lesson)
Beginners: £50 per week (30 minute lesson)
Stroke improvement: £75 per week (45 minute lesson)

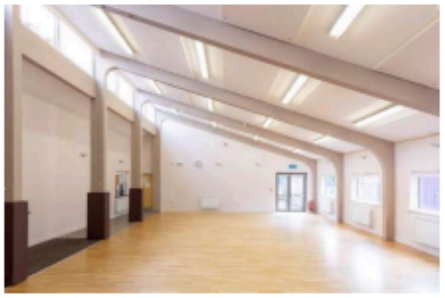
Contact: To book or for further information please email Abbie Didcock at swimminglessons@ola.org.uk

Catholic independent day school for age 7–18s

Radley Road | Abingdon-on-Thames | OX14 3PS | 01235 524658 | www.ola.org.uk

Children's Parties at Dean Court Community Centre

Looking for a venue for your child's party?



Our Hall is big enough to fit a bouncy castle and has a semi-sprung floor for disco dancing too!

We have a fully-equipped kitchen (including dishwasher) with hatches into both the Hall and the adjoining Orange Room. Easy to set up for fun in one room and food in the other.

There are also smaller rooms for quiet areas or nursing.

All this in the knowledge that your event is powered by solar energy from our roof! EV charging also available in the carpark.

More information at deancourtcc.org.uk. Contact us today to discuss hiring all or part of the centre for your child's party. Other events welcome too!