News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Spring Term Number 4 *31st January 2025*

Dear Families,

Dress up for School Charity
As you might remember, this year we are supporting the World Wildlife Fund as our school charity for the year. In order to support this, the School Council are organising a non-uniform day on **Friday 28th February**. The theme of the day will be "wildlife", so please plan to wear any item of clothing that has a link to either animals or plants, e.g. a t-shirt with an animal on, animal print leggings, a floral-patterned top. Headbands with animal ears will be allowed but there is no need to come dressed as an animal or plant! Please also bring **£1** to give to the WWF, or make a donation on the JustGiving page here: http://www.justgiving.com/page/cumnor-wwf

World Book Day - From Page to Stage!
At Cumnor Primary School, we are reflecting our school focus on the performing arts this year in our World Book Day theme, which will be around books that have become films, plays or performances of some other kind. On World Book Day (**Thursday 6th March**), children are welcome to dress up as a character from a book, even better if it's a story that's now a performance! There is, of course, no obligation to dress up, and costumes can be as simple or elaborate as desired. The main aim for the day is to enjoy the world of books together as a school community!

Sharing assemblies
As part of our focus on the performing arts this year, we are delighted to welcome the return of 'Sharing Assemblies'. We have already been treated to a celebration of Year 4's learning. Next up, we have Willow Class next Friday, 7th February. Coming soon, we have Acorn Class on Friday 14th February, Maple Class on Friday 21st March and Oak Class on Friday 28th March. These assemblies will take place at 9am and you are warmly invited to attend.

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	**Service** This week, we shared a story where one of the characters spread kindness without judgement. In the story, a salesperson treated a customer who didn't look like they would be able to afford an expensive, new dress with the kindness and respect that she would treat anyone. We made the link with the teachings of Jesus on how we should treat others.
Reception	This week we have been learning about coding and have used our skills with real robots called Beebots! In maths we have been learning about doubling numbers up to ten using our hands, dice and paint and in art we have created our own Arcimbaldo work using real fruit.
Year 1	This week in Year 1 we have been starting the story of Jack Frost and thinking about his character and feelings, using our PSHCE work on the Zones of Regulation. We have also begun work on pairs of numbers that add to 20 in maths and looked at human and physical features in geography.
Year 2	In science this week we have been continuing our learning on forces. We spoke about air resistance and collected data on how far our paper aeroplane flew. In RE we spoke about The Ten Commandments and what they mean. We added the last layer of paper mache to our hot air balloons and look forward to painting them next week!
Year 3	On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to have a visit from George McGavin who spoke to us all about volcanoes and rocks and showed us some of the footage from his documentaries. In maths, we have been looking at m, cm and mm and how to measure using these different units. In science, we have been carrying out investigations with magnets.
Year 4	This week, our history focus has been the Neolithic era. In PE we have started to learn some skills to play tag rugby and in Maths we have started to practise short division.
Year 5	This week we have practised how to multiply fractions in maths. In English, we read the story of King Midas and the golden touch and answered comprehension questions about it. In RE, we compared the communities of the church and the mosque. We have started touch typing in computing.
Year 6	This week in maths we have been solving algebraic equations and working with formulas. In English we have started to explore explanation texts and we have created our own explanations for why phoenixes are extinct. In science we built our own switches and used them in circuits.

Clubs

Clubs will all continue as normal next week.

PTA Committee News

🎉 You're invited to our first big social event of 2025! The **School Disco** is happening next week on **Friday February 7th** with **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 dancing 5:30-6:30pm** and **Years 3-6 dancing 6:45-7:45pm**! There'll be a professional DJ on the decks! Glitter tattoos, glowsticks, pizza, snacks & drinks for sale! For adults, the bar will be open in the KS2 kitchen, serving a fantastic selection of beer, wine & fizzy drinks with space to sit & chat while your kids are dancing. There'll also be a 'quiet area' in the KS1 library, where children can take a break from the noise of the disco. Tickets on the door - £4 per student including unlimited squash. Adults go free! See you there! 🍕🎶🕺

Disco safety Every child must be accompanied by an adult who will remain in the school and be responsible for them at all times. KS2 children will not be allowed into the hall during the KS1 disco and vice-versa. If you are *only* coming to the KS2 disco, please don't enter the school until 6:45pm. No one will be permitted to play outside. Younger/pre-school aged siblings are welcome and free of charge, but keep in mind it can be quite noisy and chaotic in the hall with older children running around having such a great time! 🤩

Diary dates:
Key dates this term

Friday 07 February	9am	Willow Class Assembly
Friday 07 February	Evening	KS1 & KS2 School Discos
Thursday 13 February	All Day	Year 5 Portals to the past day
Friday 14 February	9am	Acorn Class assembly
Monday 17 - 21 February	All week	Spring half term break
Thursday 6 March	All day	World Book Day
Wednesday 12 March	All day	Year 1 Crocodiles of the World trip
Friday 14 March	Evening	Quiz Night
Monday 17 - Friday 21 March	All week	Year 6 Residential - Yenworthy
Monday 17 March	All day	Acorn Class Trip to Cogges Farm
Wednesday 19 March	All day	Year 3 Trip to Hampton Court
Friday 21 March	9am	Maple Class (year 5) assembly
Monday 24 March	All week	Prayer week
Tuesday 25 March	TBC	Acorn Class Vision Screening
Tuesday 25 March	PM	Year 1 Spring Walk
Wednesday 26 March	All day	Year 2 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
Thursday 27 March	All day	Year 4 to Chedworth Manor

Friday 28 March	9am	Year 6 Residential Assembly
Friday 28 March	7pm	PTA Bingo Night
Wednesday 2 April	2.30pm	iRock Concert
Thursday 3rd April	AM	Easter Service at St Michael's Church
Friday 4th April	1.15pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 21st April	All day	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tuesday 22nd April	8.50am	Return to school for summer term

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger
Headteacher

Cumnor School DISCO!!

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2025

KS1 5:30-6.30PM | KS2 6:45-7:45PM

Parents **MUST** stay... **NOT** a drop & go!

£4 ENTRY includes unlimited squash!

PIZZA

GLITTER TATTOOS

BAR

CHILL OUT ZONE

GLOW STICKS

SWEETS

Universally Challenged?

Join Quiz Night!

Starter for Ten:

- Teams of six (Don't have a team? We can speed-date you on the night)
- £10 per person (book via quizcumnorschool@gmail.com or just turn up)
- Complimentary bar snack food, one free drink and prizes
- Cash (and card) bar

Friday 14 March | **7.30pm**

Cumnor Primary School
Oxford Rd, Cumnor, Oxford
OX2 9PQ

Contact: quizcumnorschool@gmail.com

Every Wednesday during term-time 4.00 - 5.30pm

Outdoor Explorers

Hill End
A place of possibilities

£8.00 per child

Experience the magic of nature & the joy of outdoor adventure, together with your children, after school each Wednesday:

- Fun outdoor self-led activities
- Hands-on nature exploration
- Unwind, connect with the environment & make friends

www.hill-end.org/activities/upcoming-events

Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, OX2 9NJ 01865 863510

Cumnor
Pre-school
Nursery
Cake
Sale!
3pm
Friday 14th February
On the school drive
Card payments accepted (minimum spend £5)