News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Summer Term Number 1 *25th April 2025*

Dear Families,

Welcome to Summer Term!
Despite some of the lovely weather we enjoyed over the break not extending into the start of the term, it has been a wonderful start to summer term here at school. As well as making a settled start back into their learning, all of the children have really impressed me with how they have been treating one another this week. On Tuesday, I visited Acorn Class first and reflected on how much the children have grown!

Out and about next week
As it is only a short term, there is no time to waste and lots of classes will be enjoying trips and visits next week. Year One are going to Oxfordshire Museum, Year Three to Hill End, Year 4 to Williams F1 and Year 6 to Junior Citizens. Swimming will also start for Year 3 children, as well as the continuation of the excellent sailing opportunity at Farmoor arranged by Mrs Barry.

Sailing Success
Not only did Mrs Barry accompany the sailors for the first session of term, but she ended up partaking herself! It was fantastic to hear what a success this has been so far. We are incredibly grateful to Oxford Sail Training for the opportunity and hope that the children attending enjoyed their first outing!

Aspirations Day
Following the news last term that we will once again be holding an Aspirations Morning for Year 6's on 4th June this year, I wanted to re-share the information.

Last year, our Year 6 children were treated to many visitors from a whole variety of different jobs and careers. The children had a chance to meet people who had jobs as diverse as solicitors, police, vets, computer programmers and flight attendants. It was a brilliant experience and gave the children a real insight into possible careers and areas of academic focus that they would need if they want to follow the same paths. It was fascinating to hear what some jobs involved and how different they all were.

Raising aspirations is about helping children and young people to find options that suit them as individuals, ensuring they go on to have happy and fulfilling working lives. Showing children how the work that they find enjoyable can be used in different jobs will help them to begin to form ideas about what they might want to do. It could also motivate them to try harder at the things they don't enjoy as much, by showing them that it could be useful for them in the future.

We would be absolutely delighted if you or someone you know could spare us a half a day or even an hour to come in and talk to our children about their jobs with the support of the class teacher. So if you are a dance teacher, a vet, a builder, an engineer, a driving instructor, a scientist, a secretary, a plumber, a teacher, a midwife or anything else and you would like to join us in helping our children have high aspirations for their future please contact Simon Warren for more details on simon.warren@amey.co.uk or give the school office your details.

Some employers offer time off for Social Impact duties (SID), depending on the individual companies this may fulfil the criteria.

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	Respect and Tolerance
Reception	Acorn Class have come back to school full of enthusiasm for our new topic 'Over the hills and far away'. This week we have been working with clay to make birds and nests, we have learnt our house colours for sports day and have been practising races and we have been revisiting some of our earlier learning in maths and phonics to embed this.
Year 1	This week we have learned LOTS of things about dinosaurs and even made our own fact posters with questions, statements and exclamations! We have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s in maths and learning about sculpture in art, where we also practiced creating our own junk model sculptures.
Year 2	This week we started our new class book - Robin Hood. We explored the properties of different materials found in Robin Hood's bag and predicted whether they would float or sink when dropped in water. We also made a great start in our fractions topic.
Year 3	Birch Class have returned to school after the Easter break full of energy and have been enjoying our new topic, India. In Geography we have looked at countries in Asia and at the geographical features of India. We have also looked at using different objects to print with and the patterns we can create in Art.
Year 4	In Year 4, we have begun a new unit in maths all about decimal numbers. In English, we have started to read Wind in the Willows, our new class book which links to our topic, Rivers. In French, we have been revisiting our vocabulary about breakfast.
Year 5	We have started our new book in English- Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. In maths, we have started a unit on negative numbers. We have mapped oceans and seas around the UK and worldwide in Geography. In RE, we have thought about who inspires us and why.
Year 6	In maths we have been refreshing our knowledge of how to measure, classify and calculate angles as well as learning about angles in triangles. In English we have started our new class book 'Brightstorm' by Vashti Hardy and have been revising our SPAG skills. In DT we have started to learn about airships and evaluate what makes an effective airship to help us with our airship designs. Please could all the children be collecting recycled materials ready to make an airship with in the week beginning the 6th of May.

Clubs

Clubs will start w/c 28th April. Hockey is cancelled on Monday 28th April and will run on Thursday 1st May.

PTA Committee News

🌞 **Save the date!** Join us at the school on **Saturday June 28th**, 3pm 'til late for our very first **Midsummer Festival and Outdoor Cinema**! Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your neighbours!
Everyone is invited to join us for delicious food and drinks, live music and entertainment, games and more! Watch this space for more details. We can't wait to see you there!

⭐ Can you, your business or workplace sponsor our **Midsummer Festival and Outdoor Cinema**? We'd really love your support! Big or small, your donation will help to power this community event, with every penny raised to make a big difference to our wonderful school. Larger donations from individuals or businesses will be featured on our outdoor cinema screen — a great way to support a brilliant cause and be seen by the community! To donate any amount, please go to https://www.justgiving.com/cumnorschoolpta. To officially sponsor, offer a service or get involved, please email us at **cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com**. We'd love to hear from you!

🐸 Our **next PTA Committee meeting** will be at **The Vine Inn** on **Thursday May 8th at 7pm**. We'll be looking at all the fantastic summer term events ahead, including the festival! Come join the team or just find out more about what we do and how you might get involved. All are welcome!

Diary dates:
Key dates this term:

Monday 21st April	All day	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tuesday 22nd April	8.50am	Return to school for summer term
Monday 28th April	All Day	Year 3 Trip to Hill End
Tuesday 29th April	PM	Year 3 swimming starts
Thursday 1st May	All day	Year 1 Trip to Oxfordshire Museum
Friday 2nd May	All day	Year 4 STEM day to Williams F1
Friday 2nd May	AM	Year 6 Junior Citizens Course at Fire Station
Thursday 8th May	TBC	Class photos
Wednesday 14th May	TBC	Reception class vision screening
Friday 16th May	AM	Sports Day followed by family picnic
26th May - 30th May	All Week	Half Term - school closed
Wednesday 4th June	AM	Year 6 Aspirations Morning
Friday 6th June	9.00AM	Year 2 Sharing Assembly (parents welcome)
Friday 6th June	All Day	Year 3 STEM day to Williams F1
Tuesday 10th June	All Day	Reception class trip to Science Oxford
Tuesday 10th June	All Day	Year 4 Trip to Coleshill
Monday 30th June	All Day	Year 2 Class Trip to Earth Trust

Tuesday 1st July	PM	Year 1 Summer Walk
Wednesday 2nd July	AM	Move Up Morning
Tuesday 8th July	All Day	Year 6 Trip to Legoland
9th - 11th July	3 Days	Year 5 to Hill House
Thursday 10th July	9.00AM	Leavers service at St Michael's Church
Friday 11th July	Evening	Leavers BBQ
Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th July	TBC	KS2 Musical: Hoodwinked!
Friday 18th July	9.00AM	Leavers Assembly
Friday 18th July	1.15PM	End of Term - summer holidays
Wednesday 3rd September	8.50	Start of Autumn Term

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger
Headteacher

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SAVE THE DATE

CUMNOR PTA PRESENTS
FOR THE FIRST TIME...

MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL & OUTDOOR CINEMA

JUNE 28TH 2025

BANDS

BBQ

BAR

STALLS

Cumnor Pre-school presents...

NEARLY NEW SALE

Cumnor Primary School Hall

£2 entry

Saturday 3rd May, 5-7pm
Sunday 4th May, 10am-12pm

Buy and sell top-quality children's clothes (baby to primary school age), toys, books, games, maternity and nursery equipment
Bargains always on offer!
Card payments accepted

Cumnor Pre-school Nursery

To sell (60% seller 40% pre-school split) or for more information email:
nearlynewsalecumnor@gmail.com

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FREE ENGLISH COURSE

Families Learning Together

FREE 12 week course for Parents and Carers at Botley Primary

- Practise your English skills
- Improve your confidence
- Get to know other families

Day: Fridays
Time: 1pm - 3pm
Dates: 25th April - 18th July
No session Friday 30th May
(half-term holiday)

Botley Primary School
10 Elms Road
Botley
Oxford OX2 9JZ

To book a place please contact Penelope Lea:

07342 880 923 penelope.lea@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk

Hill End
A place of possibilities

Go Wild This May Half-Term!

NEW WILD DAYS for 7-12 year olds

Bushcraft, nature walks, campfire cooking, and den-building in the stunning surroundings of **Hill End** and **Wytham Woods**.

From pond-dipping to minibeast hunting, our expert tutors will lead exciting hands-on activities, making learning fun while kids connect with nature and new friends.

Booking Essential: https://hill-end.org/news/wild-days

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Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, OX2 9NJ **01865 863510**

Now showing, CONFIDENCE!

Drama, dance & singing classes
designed to help 4–12 year olds shine

**❝ My son has adored his first term at Perform.
He has blossomed and I've seen his confidence grow every week.❞**
Pippa Wotton

PERFORM®
WATCH YOUR CHILD SHINE

Play is a POWERFUL THING

Perform classes help boost children's **confidence, concentration, coordination** and **communication** skills, as well as being lots of fun.

Our expertly designed drama, dance and singing sessions for 4-7s and 7-12s are run by experienced teachers, hand-picked for their warmth and approachability. They'll be with your child every step of the way – inspiring and encouraging them to develop vital life skills as they discover the joy of performing.

What does Perform offer?

- Performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps
- End of term presentation for family and friends

❝ Perform helps develop all key areas of a child in a fun, supportive and engaging way. It gives my daughter a brilliant sense of fun, community, purpose and pride in her achievements.❞
Begum Bari

Ready to try for free?

Your child's first class is free, so why not give it a go? Classes take place all over, have a look online or call us:

perform.org.uk/try 020 7255 9120

Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Cumnor Cofe School** if they sign up by Sunday 1st June 2025. Parents should quote CUMC62025 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from here.

‘Adolescence’ TV show highlighted the issues

What is INCEL culture?
Isolation and rejection
Lack of positive role models
Over dependence on Smart phones
Screen addiction
Vulnerability to online bullying
Influenced by negative role models
Toxic websites
Violent behaviour & misogyny

Emotional Resilience for our Children

Online Talk for Parents

from FACE Family Advice £24

email Jane Keyworth, FACE Lead Facilitator

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Saturday 3rd May 10:00-11:30
Thursday 8th May 19:00-20:30

british certified trainer

Talks are recorded and available for 48 hours after each talk