



News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Summer Term Number 8

20th June 2025

Dear Families,

Move Up Morning and Teaching Staff

On Wednesday 2nd July we will be holding our 'Move Up Morning' where the children will spend time with their new teacher, in their new classroom. This is always an important time when thinking about transition to the next class and I know that the teachers are busy planning for this.

Most teachers will be remaining in their current year groups. We are excited to share that Miss Pearson and Mrs Didcock will be switching to teach one another's current year groups. This means that Mrs Didcock will be the Year 1 class teacher and Miss Pearson will be the Year 3 class teacher. They are both looking forward to their new roles.

Year 3 Guitar Concert

On Tuesday 15th July, Year 3 will be hosting their sharing assembly where they invite their families to come and see their guitar concert. They have been working incredibly hard. I held a prospective parent tour this week and the visitors were astonished by the lesson that they saw! The concert will begin at 9am.



Vacancy for a Teaching Assistant

Whilst no staff will be leaving us this summer, we do have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant from September. Please see here for more details and share with anyone you feel might be interested.

<https://oxfordshire.education-jobs.org.uk/jobs/job/Teaching-Assistant/6691>

Cars and Parking

Firstly, a thank you to those who continue to drive and park courteously around school. Disappointingly, there have been further reports from neighbours about driveways being blocked, traffic being unable to pass, and a lack of consideration being taken around drop off and pick up times. Please can we remind all families to consider the safest and least disruptive drop off and pick up options. If you need to drive, please consider parking a little further out and finishing the journey on foot.



Hoodwinked

A reminder that tickets for Hoodwinked are now on sale to KS2 families! Tickets can be purchased on Scopay. There is no longer a restriction on ticket numbers.

A reminder that performances will take place on:

Evening performance - Wednesday 16th July - 6pm *Limited tickets remaining*

Matinee - Thursday 17th July - 1:45pm

Evening performance - Thursday 17th July - 6pm *Limited tickets remaining*

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	Self Worth On Monday, two governors took an assembly all about pupil voice.
Reception	This week we have read 'The Rainbow Fish' and have been considering kindness and sharing and how that works within our classroom. In maths we have been revisiting shape and completing number sentences and in carousel we have written invitations for our Lemonade Stand at the Summer Fete.
Year 1	This week we have been learning all about Shackleton's perilous attempt to cross the Antarctic, and how he kept all the men in his group safe in spite of many dangers. We have also continued to improve our game playing skills with kick rounders and started to work on money in maths - please do have a look at coins together over the weekend if possible!
Year 2	This week we started our new class text 'Charlotte's Web' - we gathered adjectives to describe Fern and Wilbur and wrote character descriptions. In science we carried on looking at animals, particularly what they ate. We made massive food chains out of masking tape and scrap paper to demonstrate our learning.
Year 3	Year 3 have been using what we have learnt about time to help us solve word problems in Maths. In English we have been looking at playscripts and had fun acting out a pirate adventure in groups. We have been learning how to program and debug a short set of commands in computing which helped us to guide a sprite around a maze.
Year 4	This week, in Maths, we have been looking at properties of 2D shapes. We have been developing our strategies for good team play in rounders and, in preparation for the KS2 production, we have started to memorise the songs and work out the stage movements.
Year 5	This week we have enjoyed our growing chicks- we have made observational drawings, plotted their weights and continued with our chick diaries. In RE, we have discussed what makes a good life and we have looked at many worldviews. We have found out about Isambard Kingdom Brunel in preparation for our trip to the SS Great Britain.
Year 6	This week we have been finishing off our fact files about a new species of animal that we discovered on an uncharted island in English. In DT we have started to make our paper mache volcanoes and in PSHCE we have started to discuss and prepare for the transition to secondary school.

PTA Committee News

🐸 HAPPY NON-UNIFORM DAY! Thank you to everyone who brought in such lovely prizes for our Summer Festival tombolas! There will be some very happy prize-winners at the festival next weekend! If you forgot your donation or missed us this morning, it's not too late! Items can be brought into the school office or to the KS1 picnic table before school next week. The sooner the better! New toys, games or books, chocolate, wine, toiletries or any other lovely items someone would like to win will be gratefully received! Please do not donate expired food, broken or pre-school/baby toys/books.

Thank you!

 CUMNORFEST 2025 Students, parents, grandparents, friends, alumni and members of our community are all invited to our first ever Summer Festival and Outdoor Cinema next Saturday June 27th from 3-9pm!! Dig out your brightest and craziest summer festival-ware! Think glitter, sequins, fairy-wings, neon trousers and colourful Hawaiian shirts and join us for a fantastic night of exciting tombola fun and challenge games, the *Bookshop*, *BBQ* and bar, ice cream, popcorn and sweets, the *Craft Hub*, *Project PT* and of course, the famous *Reception Class Lemonade Stand*! Appearing live on stage are the iRock Stars, Oxford band *None of the Above*, the Cumnor Primary School Choir and our very own Miss Davidson! Check-out the full festival line-up page below!

 Festival admission is £5/adults and £1/children and includes the animated feature film *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*, as voted for by the kids! Festival wristbands will be on sale next week at the KS1 picnic table before school. We look forward to seeing everyone in their brightest, boldest, most fun festival-gear to celebrate the summer together!

 Please help! We really need parent-help to make CUMNORFEST a success! Please click on the link below and put your name down to give 30 minutes or more running one of the stalls. Choose the always exciting *Tipi Surprise*, the chilled-out *Bookshop*, the ice cream stall or anything else!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sekzUuuBlimeYepVQ9shWbxDL-RcrAvx4UCtgJrEPI/edit?usp=sharing>

 As always, donations of baked cakes, cookies or slices to sell on the night will be much appreciated! Please include a list of ingredients and label containers/tins if you would like them back. Thank you!

 Have you got a bike or scooter that needs a new home? Bring it along to the festival and drop it off at the *ReCycle Stall* where pre-loved bikes and scooters will be sold for a donation. All proceeds go directly to the school. If your bike/scooter is not bought, please take it back home at the end of the evening. Thanks!

 Festival safety: Next weekend is looking hot and sunny! Be sure to keep hydrated, bring your sun cream, sunglasses and hats, plus anything to keep you comfy for outdoor film like blankets or chairs. Please do not let children climb on the stages unless they are performing and if you buy a bike or scooter from the *ReCycle* stall, please do not ride it at the event. Parents/carers are responsible for their children at all times. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

 Tickets for the annual SUMMER RAFFLE went home with students last week, so do

check bags for your envelope if you haven't seen them yet!

Please return your completed booklets & monies as soon as you can. This will give us time to fold them all ahead of the big draw!

You can drop them into the school office anytime OR at the KS1 picnic table before school. Cash or card payments are welcome! This is a vital fundraiser for our school, so we really hope you'll take part and buy loads of tickets! Family, friends & neighbours are very welcome to purchase tickets too and additional booklets are available. Just ask!

☀ Thanks to generous people and businesses all around Oxfordshire, there are fantastic raffle prizes to be won from *art-K, Batsford Arboretum, Blenheim Palace, Broughton Castle, Chiltern Valley Winery & Brewery, Crocodiles of the World, Cumnor Cricket Club Summer Academy, High Fly Trapeze, High Lodge Farm, Hill End, iBrick, Laser Combat Oxford, Millet's Maize Maze, The North Wall, One Stop Wootton, Oxford Sail Training Trust, Oxford Wet n' Wild, Partyman World of Play, Science Oxford, Tiggywinkle's Wildlife Hospital, Ultimate Activity Camps, Waterperry Gardens and WR Activity Camps!* Plus, this week we've added *Aldi Botley Road, The Bear and Ragged Staff, Cotswold Falconry Centre Excel Tennis Academy, The Flower Shop, Harrison's Beauty, Hobbycraft, Pegasus Theatre and Snakes & Ladders* to the list!

Clubs

Origami cancelled on Monday 23rd June and Gymnastics cancelled on Friday 27th June. All other clubs are running as normal.

Diary dates:

Key dates this term:

Wednesday 25th June	9:30AM	Quadkids Vale Finals
Wednesday 25th June	12:30PM	Hockey Tournament
Saturday 28th June	PM / Eve	CUMNORFEST
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. Year 6 families are welcome.

Tuesday 15th July	9.00AM	Year 3 Sharing Assembly (Guitar Concert)
Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th July	6.00PM/ 1.45PM	KS2 Musical: Hoodwinked!
Friday 18th July	9.00AM	Leavers Assembly
Friday 18th July	1.15PM	End of Term - summer holidays
Wednesday 3rd September	8.35AM	Start of Autumn Term

Yours sincerely,



Steven Badger
Headteacher

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3 PM		I ROCK		
3.30 PM			MAYPOLE	
4 PM	NONE OF THE ABOVE			
4.30 PM	NONE OF THE ABOVE			
4.45 PM		MISS DAVIDSON & SCHOOL CHOIR		
5 PM		MISS DAVIDSON & SCHOOL CHOIR		
5.15 PM	NONE OF THE ABOVE			
5.30 PM	NONE OF THE ABOVE			
6 PM				RAFFLE
6.30 PM				PRE-FILM WARM UP
7 PM ONWARDS				THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE

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St Michael's Church, Cumnor

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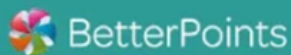
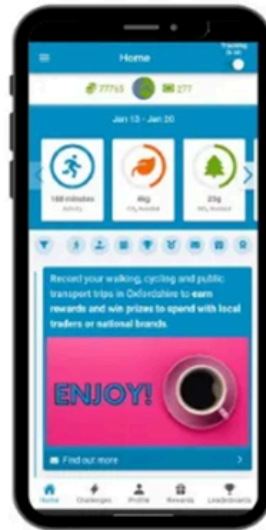
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You can then turn your Better Points into rewards and redeem them at many high street and local Oxfordshire based businesses. Points can be swapped for high street vouchers, spent with local businesses, or even donated to charities.

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www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Information about change of venue for Botley bridges event

Saturday 14th June 2-4pm has been relocated to Botley School Forest School Area. It will run from 2-4pm with parking available at Botley School. All welcome for outdoor activities suited to children 2-8. No need to book- just turn up



SUMMER CRICKET ACADEMIES

WEEK 1

MON 28 JUL - FRI 1 AUG

WEEK 2

MON 4 - FRI 8 AUG

WEEK 3

MON 11 - FRI 15 AUG

SOFTBALL SESSIONS: 9AM-12PM FOR YEARS 1-4

HARDBALL SESSIONS: 1PM-4PM FOR YEARS 5-9

OPTIONS TO BOOK ALL DAY IN WEEK 2

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Join us for these free sessions and discover a new passion while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Farmoor Reservoir.

Kicking off on Saturday 21st June and at selected dates throughout the summer, follow the link below to book

<https://www.oxfordsailtraining.org.uk/adult/tasters/>



JULY 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code
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Thursday
31st July

19:00 - 20:00

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Supporting Healthy Screen Use

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10:00 - 11:30

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Tuesday
29th July

10:00 - 11:30

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July Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
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Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	8 July 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	14 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	22 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	22 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am