# News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

*Summer Term Number 9* *27th June 2025*

Dear Families,

**Art Gallery: Respect for Nature**
We were treated to a wonderful display of talent and artistic expression throughout the whole school today for our Art Gallery on the theme of "Respect for Nature". The photos below can't quite do justice to the incredible variety of art created by the children but we did very much enjoy touring every classroom to have a closer look at the masterpieces. A huge thank you to all the children who put their art forward for their peers to view, and to all those at home who supported the creation of artwork!

The School Council are delighted to announce that we have raised lots of money for WWF. The JustGiving page is still open at https://www.justgiving.com/page/Cumnor-wwf if you would like to make any further donations. Apologies that it was not functioning first thing this morning.

**Quadkids**
A LKS2 and an UKS2 team returned to Tilsley Park on Wednesday with Mr Williams. The standard was extremely high as we competed in the Vale Finals. The teams finished around 7th out of 11 schools. This represents a major success as there are around 50 schools that make up the Vale partnership. A huge congratulations to those who took part and, again, to those back at school who offered their support.

Thank you again to families who supported with transport to and from Tilsley Park.

**Hoodwinked**
For the dress rehearsal and the matinee performance of Hoodwinked on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July, please be aware that the children may be a little later than usual to leave their classrooms due to having to change after the performances. If you are attending the matinee performance, please help us by allowing your child to get back to class promptly to get changed.

## Hockey Action

Cumnor school hockey team embarked on their first competitive tournament this week at the Oxford Hawks State Primary School Hockey Festival. The squad of eight, drawn from the Hockey Afterschool Club, were made up of largely year three players plus two year four and one year five. The Sun was shining brightly as the competition began. A travelling support of five parents were loud enough to provide a stadium atmosphere across the North Oxford landscape. Our opposition were largely made up of year six players in all matches so a tough baptism for the talented Cumnorites. Our first group match was against Kirtlington first team. Focusing on their honed skills, the team kept their shape brilliantly and stretched Kirtlington a number of times. Henry (Y3) and Darcy (Y3) were perfect outlets on the wings to allow Captain Ally (Y4) and her swashbuckling foil in midfield, Nellie (Y5), to gain possession and direct attacks. With Cumnor rising in confidence, the ball was swiftly put through to Alex (Y4) who jumped the last line of defence to run through on goal and slot into the open net. Buoyed by the lead, Cumnor continued to push on and were unlucky to be pegged back just before the end by an opportunistic deflection. Our second group game faced Cutteslowe second team. Bertie (Y3) terrorised the defence with a number of individual runs but couldn't quite unlock the defence that towered above him. At the other end of the pitch, Roza (Y3) relished the opportunity to make some bone crunching tackles to stymie the opposition counter attacks. Against the run of play, almost the only time the opposition entered the goal area ended up with the winner being scored to leave Cumnor empty handed. We entered into the semi-final knockout round, up against Cutteslowe first team. A very even game looked like it was going towards a stalemate, with Henry making a superb diving stop on the goal line whilst Sebastian (Y3) distributed the ball across the pitch into space for teammates to run onto. With a number of chances not quite getting the rub of the green, a quick free hit from the opposition allowed a striker to tap it in at the far post and secure a place in the final. The third/fourth place playoff allowed Cumnor the freedom to play with the handbrake off against Horspath second team. Some very big older opposition players threatened to dominate, but Cumnor kept their heads and spirit and emerged much the better team. A flurry of activity in the final few minutes almost paid dividends but the defence parked the bus and the clock ran down just as Cumnor were looking like breaking through. Shared third place for a very happy team, who kept their discipline, played with smiles on their faces and always looked to support their team mates. Nellie won an individual prize in the presentation ceremony for embodying the values of Oxford Hawks hockey club in the way she played and behaved on and off the pitch.

**What has my child been doing this week?**

| School Value of the week: | **Positivity**<br>On Monday, we introduced the tree in our hall. The tree can be used to record thoughts, reflections or prayers if children wish to. |
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| **Reception** | This week has been lemonade week at school! Acorn class have been tasting lemons, writing recipes, making lemonade and doing experiments with water and ice. We have been learning about money and how to serve drinks politely. We are ready for Cumnorfest! |
| **Year 1** | In Year 1 this week we have been creating our own "luckily… unluckily" stories about desert explorers, after learning about Ibn Battuta (14th Century explorer!), which have been a handy way to practise using the un-prefix. In RE we have been learning about Jewish food laws, and in maths we have been finishing our learning about money and starting to learn about time. |
| **Year 2** | This week we have been looking at position and direction in maths. We looked at plants in science and explored lots of different flowers using magnifying glasses. In art we were creating our own Eric Carl creations with the focus of different textures. We also had a lesson all about minibeasts - our current topic! |
| **Year 3** | In Year 3 this week we have been learning about right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles. In English we have been writing our own playscripts. This has linked to RE where we acted out the story of "The Promise". We have also been rehearsing for 'Hoodwinked'. |
| **Year 4** | This week, in Maths, we have been understanding how symmetry works and constructing our own symmetrical patterns. In Geography, we have been learning about different mountain ranges in the UK, understanding how contours on a map work. We had our last Chess lesson of the year and tried to beat Mr Smith using strategies he had taught us! |
| **Year 5** | This week in Geography, we have used our knowledge of grid references to locate features on a map. We have also mapped the states and major cities in Australia. In art, we have produced some lovely flower hapa zome prints. We have moved onto Allie's story in Alone on a wide wide sea. |
| **Year 6** | This week, Year 6 has started to plan their Leavers Assembly and they are deciding what they want to focus on as a class. In Art, they have started the Pablo Picasso project where they are working in teams to produce giant cubist portraits. They have also been working really hard during rehearsals of 'Hoodwinked'! |

**PTA Committee News**

😄 **CUMNORFEST 2025 is finally here!** We can't wait to see you all tomorrow at our school's first ever **Summer Festival and Outdoor Cinema**! Doors open at **2:30pm**. Event begins at **3pm**. Festival admission is £5/adults and £1/children and includes the animated feature film, The Super Mario Bros. Movie, showing at 7pm! We encourage everyone to wear their brightest festival-wear!

Think glitter, sequins, fairy-wings, neon trousers, crazy wigs, and colourful Hawaiian shirts!

Check-out the full festival line-up page below.

🐸 Please help! We do 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. We would especially love some more help running the glitter stall, Craft Hub and Tipi Surprise! And yes, your children can help if they like! If you have signed up for something, please arrive at your stall/table a few minutes early to take-over. Thank you so much!
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🧁 **Get baking!** As always, donations of baked **cakes, cookies or slices** to sell at the festival will be much appreciated! Just bring them along tomorrow, include a list of ingredients and label your containers/tins if you would like them back. Thank you!

🛴 **Bring a bike, buy a bike!** 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. Need a bigger scooter or bike? Come take a look and grab a bargain! 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. Thank you!

⭐ **Summer Raffle!** Thank you so much to everyone who has already bought and returned their ticket stubs. It's not too late to get your entries in! Just bring them along to the festival tomorrow and drop them at the raffle table. You can buy additional tickets there too. 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! The draw will be held live at the festival at 6pm.

🎉 There are **SO MANY fantastic prizes** to be won, including 2 tickets to see Ricky Gervais live at The London Palladium in Oct or Nov 2025 courtesy of *Dutch Barns Vodka*, a week of half-day Summer Cricket Academy at the *Cumnor Cricket Club* worth £110, a week-long Junior Multi-Activity, Sailing or Windsurfing Summer Course with *Oxford Sail Training Trust* worth £335 and a Family Annual pass to *Blenheim Palace* worth £110! 🏏⛵🏰 **PLUS** prizes from *Aldi Botley Road, Art-K, Batsford Arboretum, The Bear & Ragged Staff, Broughton Castle, Chiltern Valley Winery & Brewery, Cotswold Country Park & Beach, Cotswold Falconry Centre, Crocodiles of the World,*

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🦺 **Keep safe!** Saturday is going to be hot and sunny! Be sure to keep hydrated, slap on sunscreen, wear sunglasses and hats! Free water and squash will be available but due to the heat, we recommend bringing a full water-bottle from home too. Parents/carers are responsible for their children at all times during this event. Please *do not* let children climb on the stages or play any ball games on the field. If you buy a bike or scooter from the ReCycle stall, please *do not* ride it at the event. We encourage everyone to walk or cycle to the festival. If you must drive, please *do not* park on the school drive or in The Vine parking lot. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

**Clubs**

Clubs running as normal next week.

**Diary dates:**
Key dates this term:

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| 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 |
| Thursday 3rd July | All Day | Yr5 Cricket to St Edward's School (participants already invited) |
| Tuesday 8th July | All Day | Year 6 Trip to Legoland |
| Tuesday 8th July | PM | Year 3 and 4 Cricket |
| 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. |

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| 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

# CUMNORFEST

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| 3 PM | | IROCK | | |
| 3.30PM | | | 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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