



News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Summer Term Number 11

11th July 2025

Dear Families,

A Message from the Vicar

As the school year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to say how much I've loved sharing these early years with your children. It's been one of the greatest privileges of my ministry to watch them grow—laughing, learning, asking big questions, and becoming kind, thoughtful individuals. Our family will be moving this summer to our new parish in Hereford, and while it's not easy to say goodbye after 8+ years here, I leave feeling thankful for all we've shared. Your children have brought joy to our worship, energy to our conversations, and a sense of hope to each gathering for collective worship. I will miss them enormously.

I also want to say a special thank you for the amazing card from the children—it was full of colour, character and care—and for the thoughtful and generous gift from the staff. Both meant more to me than I can say.

As the children step into new adventures, I pray they go with confidence, kindness, and the knowledge that they are deeply loved—by God, and by the community that has cheered them on from the beginning.

With every blessing,
Jonathan.

Jonathan Widdess (Vicar of Cumnor)

Hoodwinked

We look forward to seeing you at Hoodwinked next week. A reminder that children will need to return to school by 5:30pm for the evening performances please.

Fun at Legoland

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for kindly funding the Year 6 trip to Legoland. It was a really fabulous day which the children enjoyed immensely.

Years 3 and 4 Cricket at Cumnor Cricket Club

On Tuesday our Year 3 and 4 pupils were joined by pupils from West Oxford Primary School for a fantastic day of cricket at Cumnor Cricket Club. The event was organised by Cumnor School and run by Nick Holroyd from Chance to Shine Cricket. A huge thank you to Nick for a wonderful opportunity to practise cricket skills in a fun and engaging way.

Uniform Shop

If you are interested in running our popular and much relied upon second-hand uniform shop, please do get in touch with the school office.

Summer Reading Challenge

We were visited by Liz and Toni from Botley library on Monday (see School value section below!) who told us all about the Summer Reading Challenge. It's free to join, anyone can take part and you can win a medal for your reading!

Find out more at The Reading Agency website:
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> or watch [this video](#).



What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	Gratitude On Monday, we were joined by Liz and Toni from Botley Library who talked to us about the Summer Reading Challenge. Please do go and visit them this summer if you can. They are terrific and offer a wonderful, free service!
Reception	We have been learning about how visits to the seaside have changed over time. Based on the story 'Lucy and Tom at the Seaside', we have talked about what we like to do at the seaside and put lots of these things into practice during our virtual school trip to the seaside today! In maths we have been learning about subtraction and we have been busy making our garden bigger and better using our superb gardening knowledge!
Year 1	This week we have made bubble wands with Mrs D and tried to blow bubbles of different shapes. We have also made some different-flavoured flapjacks and thought about what we liked and how to improve them. In maths we have practised writing number sentences carefully using squared paper.
Year 2	This week we played a wonderful game of rounders and discussed the similarities between rounders and cricket. In science we were learning about pollination and playing pollination stuck in the mud' - was very fun and educational. We sang our hearts out at church having practiced the songs regularly throughout the week.
Year 3	We had a brilliant day on Tuesday at Cumnor Cricket Club where we spent the day learning and practising cricket skills. In Geography we have been looking at where food comes from and seasonal foods. We have also been planning some seasonal recipes to prepare and enjoy next week. We had our final practice before our guitar concert next week.
Year 4	Like year 3, we also had a fantastic day of sport enrichment at Cumnor Cricket Club with 'Chance to Shine' education charity, having fun learning some cricket skills. We spent the day on Thursday creating large collages of mountain scenes out of magazines which the children brought in to recycle. We have also been finding out more about 'the new boy' in the story, "The Boy at the Back of the Class".
Year 5	No entry this week due to a busy second half of the week away on residential!
Year 6	This week we had a brilliant time at Legoland! It was an amazing day and the children loved it, so a big thank you to our wonderful PTA and all who made it possible! For the rest of the week, we have had lots of fun preparing for Hoodwinked and our Leaver's Assembly next week.

Clubs

The Spanish club will run their last additional session on Wednesday of next week. Gymnastics will run their last session on Friday of next week on the last day of term. All other clubs are now finished. Clubs starting in the Autumn term will be confirmed in September.

Diary dates:

Key dates this term:

Tuesday 15th July	9.00AM	Year 3 Sharing Assembly (Guitar Concert)
Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th July	6.00PM/ 1.45PM (daytime slot Thursday only)	KS2 Musical: Hoodwinked! <i>Evening performances are now fully booked. Tickets still available for the afternoon of Thursday 17th. Please book via Scopay.</i>
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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4 - 8 Aug	Play in a week: <i>Treasure Island</i>
18 - 22 Aug	Make a film in a week

Theatre & Creativity 1-day Masterclasses, ages 7-13

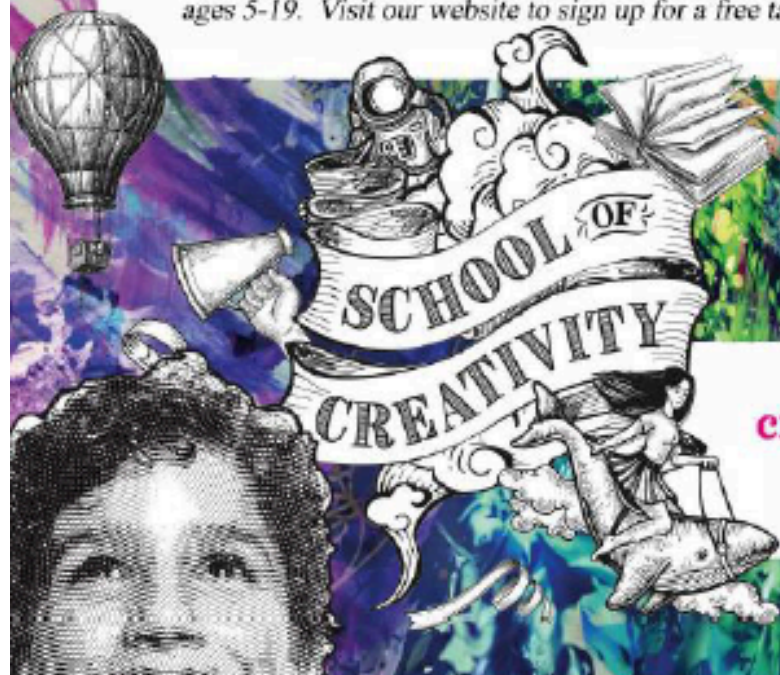
Wed 23 July	Stop Motion Animation
Thurs 24 July	Puppet making & puppeteering
Fri 25 July	Creative writing: poems & plays
Mon 11 Aug	Film in a day
Tues 12 Aug	Giggle club
Wed 13 Aug	Costume design
Thurs 14 Aug	Make a play in a day
Fri 15th Aug	Puppet making & puppeteering

At Wolvercote Primary School, OX2 8AQ

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When is it:

- May half-term, summer holidays and October half-term (see website for dates).
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- Early drop off (from 8am) and late pick-up service (until 6pm) available.
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**WEDNESDAYS
& THURSDAYS**

10am-4pm

KIDS-ONLY HANGOUT FOR
AGES 7 AND UP
No grown-ups or little ones
allowed!

THURSDAYS

5pm-7pm

FOR AGES 11 AND UP — CHILL, LIGHT
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