News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Summer Term Number 11 *18th July 2025*

Dear Families,

What a show!
I've said most of what needs to be said about the absolute triumph that was Hoodwinked! The children were incredible. They performed with such confidence and enthusiasm and I could not be prouder. I hope that we will be able to put on a KS2 musical every two years, so watch this space…

Farewell to Year 6
We waved an emotional goodbye to Year 6 today. 'Readiness for the next stage of education' is a phrase that gets used a great deal in education. It's safe to say that our Oak Class of 2025 leaves us, ready to go out and make a meaningful difference in the world. They are courageous. They are kind. They are respectful. Thank you for being wonderful, Year 6 - You will always be part of the Cumnor family!

School Meals Pricing
In line with price increases to school meals that you may have read about, we are having to implement a small increase to the cost of school meals in September. Apologies that this so closely follows the previous price increase. Meals will be charged at £2.85. This is still lower than the £2.90 charged by many schools in April. Please see our new menu here.

Bits and bobs
Please could we politely ask that small trinkets are not routinely brought into school from September. This includes keyrings, small cuddly toys, bag decorations, etc. There have been cases of them being damaged or going missing which can cause distress to the children.

Governors' Annual Report
Please see links to Governors' Annual Report and the results of the Parent and Carer Survey.

Acorn fence incident
You may have heard that there was an incident today where a car bumped into a fence post which is part of the fence surrounding the Acorn outdoor area. As a result of the contact, the fence fell. Whilst thankfully no one was hurt or in the vicinity, some of the younger children saw and heard this. We are actively considering measures to prevent what was an unpredictable accident again.

Best summer wishes
Finally, wishing the entire school community a wonderful summer break. Whatever your plans are, stay safe, happy and enjoy time together.

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	Gratitude
Reception	This week we read 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and the children were challenged to create a basket strong enough to carry two biscuits all the way to the park! We have continued to practise our seaside tongue twister and have brought our seaside topic to a close. We have reflected on our time as Acorns and made sure we have had plenty of time to play with our favourite toys. It is the end of a wonderful year!
Year 1	This week we have concluded our flapjack project with honey flapjack and lemon flapjack (the children's own suggestions), greatly enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal of Hoodwinked, and used our maths skills to play some different games.
Year 2	This week we have been writing our own versions of Charlotte's Web - we turned them into a book and designed our own front cover. We took a rainy trip to the park on Tuesday afternoon and have been practicing our rounders skills.
Year 3	We have had a wonderful last week of the year. Not only did we love performing Hoodwinked, but we even managed to find some time to cook crumble, frittata and pancakes using seasonal ingredients!
Year 4	This week we have been reflecting on our year 4 journey, thinking about what has gone well and what our goals might be for next year. Also we used coordinates to play battleships, we finished reading our class book and we enjoyed performing our show to KS1 and to families.
Year 5	This week we have looked at photos from the residential and we have written diaries as a memento of our time there. We thoroughly enjoyed all our performances of Hoodwinked!
Year 6	This week we have been preparing for our Leavers Assembly and enjoying performing Hoodwinked! We've had a fabulous week and this Year 6 class will be very much missed! We wish them all the best at secondary school.

PTA Committee News

🎉 What a wonderful and exciting year it's been! From Pumpkin Night to the Christmas Fayre, the Disco and Spring Bingo to the Summer Festival, we've thoroughly enjoyed organising and running all these events and hope you all had a brilliant time at them! There's lots more fun in store next year and we would welcome help from anyone who'd like to get involved with the PTA. Watch this space for the date of our next meeting!

🐸 We bid an especially fond farewell and best of luck to our brilliant Year 6 class as they leave us and venture on to secondary school in September. A huge thank you to all the Year 6 parents whose time at Cumnor School has also come to end. Your support of the school over the years is so appreciated and you and your families will always be most welcome at any future PTA events!

🌞 Happy summer holidays everyone!

Clubs

All clubs have now finished for this term. Clubs will commence w/c 22 September. Further details will be sent in September.

Diary dates:

Wednesday 3rd September	8.35AM	Start of Autumn Term

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger
Headteacher

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No grown-ups or little ones allowed!

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CLOSED ON MONDAYS

Behind Grandpont Nursery, Whitehouse Road, OX1

- Rope Swings
- Zip Wire
- Football
- Arts & Crafts
- Obstacle Course
- Camp Fires
- Healthy snacks