News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Autumn Term Number 4 *29th September 2025*

Dear Families,

Sponsored Walk

A huge thank you to those who have donated so far! Don't forget that the walk is this coming Friday! We have currently raised £2,555 and would really love to reach our target of £8,000.

Children will not need to wear uniform on the day - this might be an added incentive to donate!

However, please do make sure your children are **dressed appropriately**:

- **Acorn class** need to be ready for a day of Teddy Bear activities, some based outside.
- **All other classes** will need strong shoes for walking (may be muddy), clothes that they don't mind getting muddy or torn and waterproof coats (& trousers if you have them).
- **Years 4, 5 and 6** will also need a packed lunch, a water bottle and a rucksack to carry these in. The adults will not be carrying anything for the children!

We still need some volunteers to help us support the children on their long trek. If you would like to join us on either of the walks, please speak to your child's teacher.

Please do continue to share the link with your family and friends if they are interested in supporting us! https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/cumnorwalk2025 . Thank-you!

School lunches on Thursday 2nd October

We'd love as many Reception and Key Stage 1 children as possible to enjoy a free school lunch on *Thursday 2nd October.* By ordering a meal that day, you're not only giving your child a tasty, balanced lunch, but also helping the school secure important funding that supports our meal service for the whole year. The more children who join in, the stronger our lunch provision becomes for everyone. Please order lunches on Scopay as usual. Thank you for your support!

Vertex Volunteers

We were once again visited by wonderful volunteers from Vertex Pharmaceuticals who arranged to send a team for their annual 'Day of Service'. This year, we were incredibly grateful that they not only gave their time but also made a significant and generous contribution to purchase some outdoor resources for the Acorn garden (some of which is still with the manufacturer!) and some playtime equipment for KS2. They spruced up the front of the school, built some equipment, organised resources and dismantled old furniture. A huge 'thank you' from everyone at Cumnor School!

Christmas Tree Sponsor needed!

Our school Christmas tree is a very special focal point of all of our decorations and greatly enjoyed by the children and families. However, tight budgets this year mean we will struggle to afford one. We are looking for a local company who may be kind enough to sponsor one for us! If you know of a local company who may be interested, please ask them to get in touch with us. Thank you.

Cumnor Parish Profile Information Gathering Consultation - from St Michael's PCC

PARISH OF CUMNOR

As part of the process of recruiting a new vicar, we need to create a Parish Profile. This is a document which describes our parish – who we are, what we do, what we are about, all that we have to offer and how we hope to develop as a community. It will be one of the first things a priest thinking about applying to be our vicar will look at. To help us create an accurate profile, which gives as broad a picture as possible of our parish and its life, we are contacting not just regular members of the congregations, but also the wider community. We are gathering from as many people as possible your thoughts about our parish – its strengths and weaknesses and your hopes for its future. Hearing your hopes and thoughts will help us to better understand the kind of person we should be looking to appoint: one who will help us grow in faith and serve God in our community in the best way we can.

We should be very grateful if you would answer as many of the questions as you feel able to, as fully as possible. The survey can be found at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W3XJYKF
Please submit your response by 26th October.
Thank you very much for your contribution.
St Michael's PCC

News from my child's class:

School Value of the week:	**Courage** We continued our exploration of 'Courageous Advocates' by looking at the work of Marcus Rashford. His motivation to inspire change is reflective of our approach to noticing things that are not well in the world, thinking about what this means to us and ultimately, feeling inspired to promote change.
Reception	Last week was a busy week constructing our gravel pit, planting bulbs in our garden and baking our bread hedgehogs. This week we will perform our Harvest song in church, take part in our sponsored teddy bear event and learn the sounds n,o,p in phonics.
Year 1	Year 1 have been in fine voice rehearsing for the Harvest Festival this week. We have also used number lines in maths and looked at the work of Wassily Kandinsky in Art. We created our own version of Concentric circles using pastels, which turned out brilliantly.
Year 2	This week we have been creating our own version of the book 'We're all Wonders' and celebrating our differences. In PE we continued to perfect our tennis skills and have been preparing for our Harvest Festival this week.
Year 3	This week we have been using our number bonds within 10 to power up our maths in 3 digits, learning to provide evidence to back up our point in English, and blasting out 'Twinkle twinkle' on our guitars!
Year 4	This week in Year 4, we have been comparing the very different characters of Miss Honey and Miss Trunchbull. In Maths, we have been practising rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In RE we learned to recognise and understand Hindu symbols which represent Brahman (God).

Year 5	This week we enjoyed our first swimming session. In maths, we continued our place value unit and rounded numbers up to 100,000. We produced a timeline of the history of chocolate and examined the geography of where chocolate was and is produced. We have painted our rainforest flowers in art.
Year 6	This week in Year 6 we have started developing our addition and subtraction skills with problem solving questions. In English we have been writing diary entries from the perspective of classroom objects and in art we were visited by Mrs Heffernan who taught us all about two point perspectives.

PTA Committee News

🎄✨ Christmas Event – Planning in Progress!

The holiday magic is starting early… our **Christmas Event** is officially in the works! 📣🎅 A volunteer sign-up link will be shared very soon. In the meantime, please know the PTA would *love* and *appreciate* any parent help you can offer 💖. From set-up elves 🧝 to cookie bakers 🍪 and raffle helpers 🎁—there's a place for everyone!

🖍️🎨 Cauliflower Christmas Cards

It's that time again! Your child's amazing festive artwork has gone home 🏠 along with an order form for this year's **Cauliflower Christmas Cards**. ✨

📅 **Deadline:** Friday, 3rd October

To place an order, please return both your child's artwork 🖼️ *and* the paper order form 📝 to school by the deadline. Don't miss out on these adorable keepsakes and perfect Christmas gifts for family & friends 🎁.

🚶‍♀️👟 Sponsored School Walk – We Need Your Help!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has supported our **Sponsored School Walk** so far! 🙌 We're making great progress, but we're still a way off our fundraising target for the brand-new main hall floor 🏫✨.

If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, please know that **every contribution helps** — whether big or small 💛. Together, we can make this goal a reality for our children! 👉 Donate here: justgiving.com/campaign/cumnorwalk2025

✨ Thank you, as always, for your continued support — we couldn't do it without our wonderful parent community! 💐

Clubs

Clubs will not run on days the school is not open (e.g. bank holidays/ inset days). **Hockey will not run on Monday 6th October. Please note: Singing club and Eco-craft will not take place during w/c 17th November due to Parents evening this week. All other clubs will run as normal. If your child is attending clubs on Tuesday 18th November or Thursday 20th November please collect your child from the large outside gate near preschool.**

Diary dates:

Wednesday 1st October	9am	St Michael's Church Service (Harvest) - families welcome
Thursday 2nd October		Poetry Day
Friday 3rd October		Sponsored Walk
Thursday 9th October		Year 5 trip to Living Rainforest
Friday 10th October	All day	School Photographs
Tuesday 14th October		Year 6 trip to Oxford
Wednesday 22nd October		Year 6 IMPS Training (in school)
Thursday 23rd October		Year 3 Hill end
Thursday 23rd October	5pm	Reception books at Bedtime
Monday 27th-Friday 31st October		Half term
Monday 3rd November		Inset day (school closed)
Tuesday 4th November	8:50am	School starts

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger
Headteacher

School holidays just got more exciting!

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What's on offer:

- High-energy adventures such as archery, ziplining, and climbing.
- Fun team building games and problem-solving challenges.
- Survival skills such as shelter building, backwards cooking and fire lighting.
- Connect with the natural world with mindful activities, outdoors arts and crafts, wildlife spotting, and nature walks.

When is it:

- May half-term, summer holidays and October half-term (see website for dates).
- 9am-5pm daily.
- Early drop off (from 8am) and late pick-up service (until 6pm) available.
- Participants can attend individual days, or the entire week.

Pricing:
£35 per day, per child. Save 10% on a 5-day block and each additional child.

Book now and join the adventure

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