News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Spring Term Number 2 *19th January 2026*

Dear Families,

Equal Access Recognition

We have been heavily involved in the Girls' Football in schools partnership over recent years. The aim of the programme is to ensure girls in schools have the same football provision as boys.

We were thrilled last week to be contacted by the Schools Partnership Strategic Lead to inform us that we have now achieved equal access. This means we have equal opportunity and provision for both girls and boys during both curriculum lessons and extra-curricular activities.

An equal access trophy is on its way to us which is fantastic news!

School Council Charity Work

Our School Councillors have identified a local charity that they wish to support this year, in addition to holding a vote later this year to establish which national charity we will raise funds for. They have arranged for a Pyjama Day on Friday 30th January to raise money for Down's Syndrome Oxford. In return for the £1 donation, children are invited to wear their pyjamas or lounge wear to school. Details of how to make the payment will follow. All proceeds will go to Down's Syndrome Oxford who rely on fundraising in order to provide support to children with Down's Syndrome and their families within the Oxfordshire area.

Parking

We have, disappointingly, been contacted by a neighbour regarding parking whereby a member of our school community has driven the wrong way into the one-way system, mounted the kerb and parked directly on the junction. Please can we remind all families to park considerately if you have to drive to school.

Checking for and treating head lice

A reminder that the NHS advice on checking for and resting head lice can be found here. There is also a useful video guide on wet combing here.

Laptops!

Do you have an old laptop you no longer need?

Have you recently upgraded your laptop? Do you know of a company who are renewing their tech? Have you received a new laptop for Christmas and no longer need your old one? We're looking for any unused laptops that families might be willing to donate to school. These devices will be refurbished and used to support pupils' learning in class. If you have a laptop with some life left, in good working order, that you'd be happy to pass on please drop it at the school office or contact us to discuss further.

Thank you for your support!

News from my child's class:

School Value of the week:	**Kindness** We continued to think about colouring the world with kindness and explored this further by reading the story: The Only Way is Badger… in this book, Badger realises that in order to have fun, he needs to be inclusive of all of the creatures in the forest. We were also visited by Jane Vlitos who not only shared the story of The Good Samaritan, but challenged us not only to demonstrate kindness to our friends, but people we are not close with and even those who sometimes frustrate us.
Reception	After a wonderful week of Supertato last week where we rescued vegetables and made our own fruit smoothies, this week we have turned our attention to the story of Traction Man who will help us become experts in assault courses! We will also be exploring teeth and how we can keep our own 'super' healthy. In Maths we will demonstrate our understanding of positional language including 'left' and 'right' and in phonics we will be making our own 'tricky word' resources to use at home.
Year 1	Last week, In computing we were learning to sequence a series of commands to programme a Beebot to move backwards and forwards. We also used our predictive powers to work out what the outcome of a sequence of commands would be. In English we thought about seasonal vocabulary to create a class poem about Winter.
Year 2	This week we have read 'Those Magnificent Sheep in their Flying Machine' and have written a newspaper article about it. We started our money topic in maths and looked at pence and pounds. We've had Mr S with us this week and he ran some wonderful PE sessions for us!
Year 3	This week we have started to read The Iron Man by Ted Hughes - and wondered how many parents would also have read this at school! We have begun to practise joining b and p in our handwriting and continued our work on different movements in PE. In maths, we have begun to multiply 2 digit by 1 digit numbers.
Year 4	Last week, we learned more about how people lived in the Paleolithic era, examining replica tools. In Science we looked at planning a fair test and in RE we started a new topic about Christianity, understanding how Christians view Jesus.
Year 5	This week we have read the Greek myth of Pandora and answered comprehension questions. In maths we have added and subtracted fractions. In art we have started designing our own greek pots. We explored the features of a mosque in RE and looked at mosques around the world.
Year 6	Last week we finished our work on algebra in maths working with more than one unknown value. In English we started to plan our descriptive reports of our journey through the Great Pyramid and in RE we started to look at how clothing can express our beliefs.

January 19th 2026

PTA UPDATE

CHRISTCHURCH GRANT RECEIVED

Some of the great work we do starts with generous grants, like this one from **Christ Church College,** which gave us a lovely boost of **£675** at the start of this year.

If you would like to help shape how funds are used for our children, why not come along to the meeting this Thursday?

PTA SPOTLIGHT | ANNE WARD

PTA superpower: Santas Grotto 🤣

What I help with: Uniform sales, tombolas, making up Easter/ raffle prizes

What I love most about being part of the PTA: Being part of a brilliant team of volunteers who create special experiences for our children. I have made lovely friends along the way and feel proud knowing the PTA has helped create happy memories for my children and many others

MEET OUR TEAM

We are hosting a PTA meeting this coming **Thursday, 22nd January** at **8pm** at the **Bear & Ragged Staff** in Cumnor village. We'd love to see some **new faces**. The meeting is **informal**, **friendly**, and **low-commitment.** We'll be discussing our remaining spring and summer events and AOB. Whether you are **curious**, have **ideas**, or just fancy **meeting other parents**, you are very welcome!

WHAT DOES THE PTA DO?

Through the events we run, the PTA raises vital funds for the school. We work closely with school leadership to **support the extra things that enrich our children's day-to-day experience**, such as play equipment, technology, forest school, music, and practical improvements like new lunch tables and hall upgrades.

2026 DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **UNIFORM SALE** | THUR & FRI 29TH & 30TH JAN
- **SCHOOL DISCO** | FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6TH
- **BINGO NIGHT** | FRIDAY 20TH MARCH
- **SUMMER EVENT** | SATURDAY 6TH JUNE
- **SUMMER BBQ** | FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

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Clubs

Clubs will start this week and will then run every week (except half term and certain clubs will not run during Parents evening week w/c 16th March) with the last week being the week commencing 23rd March. Clubs will not run on days the school is not open (e.g. bank holidays/ inset days).

Diary dates:

Wednesday 21st January		Year 3 Christchurch Cathedral
Friday 30th January		Pyjama Day (see notes above)
Friday 6th February		Valentine's Disco
Tuesday 10th February		Year 2 Winchester Science Centre
Wednesday 11th February		Year 1 Crocodiles of the World
Thursday 12th February		Year 5 Portals to the past (in school event)
Friday 13th February	9am	Acorn Class Assembly (Acorn parents welcome)
Monday 16th - Friday 20th Feb		Half term (school closed)
Monday 23rd February	8:50 am	First day back start of term
Tuesday 24th February		Year 6 Abingdon Prep
Friday 27th February		Year 3 Class Assembly (Year 3 Parents welcome)
Tuesday 3rd March		Year 6 Abingdon Prep
Thursday 5th March		World Book Day
Monday 9th - Friday 13th March		Year 6 trip to Yenworthy
Monday 16th March		Year 3 Christchurch Cathedral concert
Tuesday 17th March	PM/EVE	Parents evening
Thursday 19th March	PM/EVE	Parents evening
Friday 20th March	9am	Year 5 Class Assembly (Year 5 Parents welcome)
Friday 20th March	All day	Year 4 trip to Chedworth
Friday 20th March		Bingo night
Wednesday 25th March		Easter Church service
Friday 27th March		Year 6 Class Assembly (Year 6 Parents welcome)
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April		Easter Holidays

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger
Headteacher

School holidays just got more exciting!

Fresh air, freedom and adventure!

Ready for a school holiday full of excitement?

Active Adventures at Youlbury is the ultimate outdoor adventure club for children aged 8–16. Packed with thrilling challenges, nature connection activities, and epic team games, each day offers a new adventure to inspire a love for the great outdoors!

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ACTIVE ADVENTURES HOLIDAY CLUB

Give your child an unforgettable school holiday filled with fresh air, freedom and adventure!

Set within 42 acres of stunning woodland in rural Oxfordshire at Youlbury, Boars Hill, children aged 8-16 will take part in a daily programme of non-stop outdoor action. With expert instructors leading the way, creating a safe and supportive environment where children run, climb, explore, and build confidence while unplugging from screens and having a blast with friends in the great outdoors!

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, backwoods cooking and fire lighting.
- Connect with the natural world with mindful activities, outdoors arts and crafts, wildlife spotting, and nature walks.

When is it:

- Running throughout school holidays - February, Easter, May, Summer and October (see website for dates).
- 9am-5pm daily.
- Early drop off (from 8am) and late pick-up (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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