News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Spring Term Number 2 ***20th April 2026***

Dear Families,

Floor!

Over the Easter holidays, the hall floor transformation was completed! As always, a big thank you to the PTA and to everyone who supported this project! The children are thrilled that such an improvement has been made to a key part of our school.

In addition, significant groundwork and subsequent relaying of the patio on the KS2 playground have made it a much safer and more appealing environment for the older children at break and lunch time.

Friday Celebration Assemblies

It is always lovely when we can share in one another's successes! We really value hearing about the achievements of all of the children outside of school. If your child has earnt a swimming certificate, taken part in a martial arts grading or completed a music exam, for example, please do get them to share it with Mr Badger so we can all hear about it in assembly on a Friday.

'Resilient Me' Workshops

Thank you to those who wrote to Mrs Lawfull to request a space for the **free Parent Workshop**, offering the chance to think about how you can increase your child(ren)'s resilience. A reminder that this will take place tomorrow, **Tuesday 21st April from 2pm to 3pm**. We have been delighted by the response so far. If you have yet to express your interest, we would still welcome you along. Please contact Mrs Lawfull at sendco@cumnorschool.co.uk to do so.

There will be tea/ coffee and biscuits at the start of the session (from 1:50pm).

A reminder that there will be a **follow up session on Tuesday 12th May**, to enable you to reflect on what you took away from the first workshop. You do not have to attend both workshops. Also, all of our staff will be having the same training, and our aim is to build resilience in children across the school.

Year 6 SATs Week

The dates for this year's end of KS2 (Year 6) SATs are Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May. Apologies to Y6 families that these dates were not published on the dates overview last week. You should now have received a letter regarding this.

News from my child's class:

School Value of the week:	**Tolerance & Respect** Today we talked about tolerance for one another by reflecting on the idea that we can demonstrate love to everyone, even those who might not always show it back. We thought about 'keys': some are physical and unlock our houses or start our cars. Some are much more abstract, for example the key to happiness.
Reception	This week we are reading the story 'Nature Trail' and searching for minibeasts and bugs in forest school. We will be doing watercolour paintings of animals from our local environment. In maths we are learning about the terms 'whole', 'half' and 'quarter' and also practising our teen numbers. In phonics we are writing sentences with the sentence starter 'I can see…'
Year 1	Last week we started our dinosaurs and fossils topic. We read the book Chalk but had to make up our own sentences as it didn't have any words! We counted in 2s, 5s and 10s. We also looked at different types of sculpture and made our own relief sculpture pictures using cardboard.
Year 2	This week we are looking at speech marks in English. We have been writing a speech from the story Robin Hood. In maths we're continuing to learn about fractions - halves and quarters. We will also start preparing for sports day in our athletics lesson.
Year 3	Last week we learned how to use modroc to start our Tudor houses, in a small continuation of last term's topic! We also worked on adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and we practised writing in paragraphs in English by writing about the events of holy week from R.E.
Year 4	Last week, we learned about hundredths as decimals. In RE, in our topic about Christianity, we began thinking about our new big question: does prayer make a difference? In Geography, we learned the names and locations of rivers in the UK and which seas they flow out into.
Year 5	This week we have written a descriptive poem about the wild sea based on our reading of Kensuke's Kingdom. We have found equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages in maths. In geography we have located seas around the UK and recapped on our river learning from Year 4. In art, we have collaged a sea creature for our class display.
Year 6	This week we have started our new class book 'Brightstorm' by Vashti Hardy and we have been practising our reading comprehension techniques whilst reading it. In maths we have been looking at coordinates on four-quadrant graphs and in geography we have been learning about climate zones as part of our new topic 'Exploring Extremes'.

🎪 **The circus is coming to Cumnor Primary and tickets are now on sale!**

For the next two weeks, **early bird tickets are available exclusively to Cumnor Primary School families at a reduced price.** Spaces are limited, so grab yours now before they go on general sale!

👉 Book now at tickettailor.com/events/cumnorprimarypta/2173591

Read on for full details of what promises to be an unforgettable day!

THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO CUMNOR!

SAVE THE DATE | SATURDAY 6 JUNE

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Circus Pazaz is bringing their spectacular show Usefool to Cumnor Primary School on Saturday 6 June 2026 – and it's going to be an amazing day!

CIRCUS PAZAZ
LITTLE CIRCUS • BIG FUN

Friday 5th June | Circus workshops for all pupils! Every child in school from Reception to Year 6 will take part in circus workshops in a real big top tent on the school field. What a way to end the week!

Saturday 6th June | Public shows open to all Three professional circus performances at 11am, 1pm and 3pm, featuring incredible aerial skills, juggling, comedy, hula hooping and much more. Fabulous entertainment for the whole family from toddlers to grandparents.

As well as the shows, we will have a **bar**, **BBQ** and **stalls** running throughout the day. Come early, stay late and make a proper day of it on the school field!

Early bird tickets are on sale now, exclusively for Cumnor Primary School families, at a reduced price until the May bank holiday – so get yours in early!

Adults £9 | Children £6, under 3's go freem but must have a digital ticket.

After the bank holiday, tickets go on general sale and prices will increase, so now is the time to book! Visit our booking site to book your preferred show time and for more details. Each show is limited to 200 people so don't miss out!

If you would like to come but are finding it difficult to purchase tickets before the bank holiday, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the PTA and we will do what we can to support you.

All proceeds go towards Cumnor Primary School PTA and our current fundraising goal – a new wellbeing sensory area for our Cumnorlings!

2026 DATES FOR THE DIARY

CIRCUS | SATURDAY 6TH JUNE
SUMMER BBQ | FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

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Clubs

Clubs for the Summer term will start today and will run until w/c 29th June. Clubs will not run on days the school is not open (e.g. bank holidays/ inset days). Clubs will not run during half term week 25th May - 29th May.

Diary dates:

Friday 24th April	9am	Year 1 Class Assembly
Tuesday 28th April - Thursday 30th April		Year 5 Hill House Residential
Friday 1st May	9am	Year 6 Junior Citizens
Monday 4th May	School closed	Bank holiday
Thursday 7th May	AM	Class Photographs (All years)
Thursday 7th May	AM	Year 1 trip to Oxfordshire Museum
Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May	AM	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 15th May	AM	Sports day
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May		Half term
Tuesday 9th June		Year 4 trip to Coleshill
Thursday 18th June	AM	Year 2 trip to Earth Trust
Thursday 25th June	AM	Year 1 trip to Science Oxford
Wednesday 1st July		Move up morning
Wednesday 8th July	9am	Year 3 Class Guitar Assembly
Friday 17th July	9am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 17th July	1:15pm	End of term

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger
Headteacher