



# NEWSLETTER

2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after the Easter break!

We hope that you all had a fantastic time with your families and friends, and that you're feeling refreshed and ready for the new term. We have been busy preparing lots of exciting activities and learning experiences for the coming weeks. Please remember to check our school **key dates** for important information about events that will be coming up this term.

## RECEPTION VISIT TO CARE HOME

Over the past two weeks, groups of our lovely reception pupils have been taking trips to spend time with the residents of Charlton Lodge Care Home. The children have been a credit to the school; showing polite and friendly behaviour, and engaging enthusiastically with the residents. They've had a great time playing connect 4 and bean bag throw, and they loved meeting the home's sleepy dog, Ronnie! Whilst at the care home, the children also sang 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' to one of the residents which made their day. Over the coming weeks, all of our reception pupils will have the opportunity to take part in these special and enriching intergenerational visits.

Up coming events...	
5 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed for Bank Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 and 3 Thames Valley Police talks
12 <sup>th</sup> May -15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs week  SATs breakfast all week from 8:15am
19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Walk to School Week
19 <sup>th</sup> May  3:40pm	Parent RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) consultation. All parents welcome.
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Oxfordshire Safety Centre Trip



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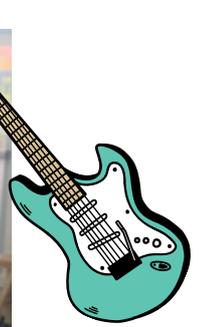
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## ROCK STEADY

The Rock Steady band has kicked off their first fortnight with a bang! The children have begun to explore their assigned instruments and started to understand how they work. All of the children had a great time collaborating to make different sounds. We can't wait to hear the final piece in a few week's time!



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

It has been brilliant to see all our enthusiastic after school club joiners getting to grips with new skills and enjoying the the fun activities on offer at our Choir, Lego, Board Game, Engineering, Science and Yoga clubs! Engaging in extra curricular activities is a brilliant way of exploring new interests and abilities and provides great opportunities to make friends.

Don't forget we also have the Supernova youth club, run by our amazing TASS coaches on Wednesdays until 7pm!



## SUPPORTING YOUNG CARERS IN SCHOOL

Wantage Primary Academy is pleased to announce we are launching a new group for young carers at our school.



### What is a Young Carer?

A young carer is a person under the age of 18 who provides care to a family member at home who is ill, disabled, has a mental health condition, or is neurodiverse. Young carers may not necessarily have roles that involve just physical caregiving; they may experience anxiety or concern over an ill or disabled relative and be relied upon to check in with their loved one emotionally and mentally. Additionally, a young person's life may be impacted by the knock-on effects of an additional need in the home.

### About the Group

The group will meet once a term during school hours and be a place for support or an opportunity to socialise with peers who are in a similar position. The group will be led by the children involved so they can get out of it what they feel is most beneficial for them.

If you have any questions or your child is a young carer and would like to join the group please email Holly Cripps [familysupport@wantageprimaryacademy.org](mailto:familysupport@wantageprimaryacademy.org) The group is open to all young carers from Reception to Year 6.

## SUMMER WEATHER

As we approach another week of lovely warm weather, we would like to remind everyone to send their children to school with a labelled sun cream, hat, and water bottle. This will help ensure the children are protected during outdoor activities.



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

Wantage Primary Academy

# **SUMMER FETE**

**SATURDAY 5TH JULY**

**Facepainting Games and  
Competitions Stalls Bouncy  
Castle Food & Drink Crafts  
Fire Engine Raffle Glitter  
Tattoos and much  
more.....**

**All Welcome**

**Wantage Primary Academy  
Rutherford Rd, Wantage OX12 7GQ**

All proceeds will go to Friends of  
Wantage  
Primary Academy; raising money  
for the school library



## Free Course: Supporting your children with Managing Feelings & Behaviour

### Where?

Edith Moorhouse Primary School, OX18 3HP

### When?

Tuesdays 1:00pm - 3:00pm

3<sup>rd</sup> June - 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (6 sessions - no session 8<sup>th</sup> July)

### Cost?

Free to families with children in St Peters CE and Edith Moorhouse Primary Schools

**A course for parents and carers which covers the following topics:**

- Emotional regulation
- Positive discipline and boundaries
- Routines and rewards
- Managing meltdowns effectively
- Emotion coaching or Neurodiversity

To book a place please contact: Mrs Hayler in-person



or email: [office@stpeters.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpeters.oxon.sch.uk)

For more information contact [lisa.knight@abingdon-witney.ac.uk](mailto:lisa.knight@abingdon-witney.ac.uk)

## Term dates 2024-25

<b>Spring Term</b>	
First day of term	Tuesday 7th January 2025
Half term	17th February 2025 – 21st Feb 2025
Last day of term	Nursery – Thursday 3rd April 2025 Friday 4th April (school finishes at 12 noon)
Easter/Spring holidays	7th April 2025 – 21st April 2025
<b>Summer term</b>	
First day of term	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Half term	26th – 30th May 2025
Last day of term	Nursery – 17th July 2025 18th July 2025 (school finishes at 12 noon)
Further information	INSET DAYS 21st and 22nd July

**2025 Summer 1**

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
Tuesday 22nd April	All	Summer 1 starts at 8:40am
2nd May	Year 6 Parents	Year 6 SATs meeting Year 6 Residential meeting
5th May	whole school	Bank holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 and 3	Thames Valley Police Talks
12th - 15th May	Year 6	SATs assessments – end of KS2 SATs breakfast each day at 8:15am
19th May	All parents	4:30pm online – Parent RSE (Relationship and Sex education) consultation. relationships and Sex education parent consultation to inform the content taught in summer term across year groups
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	Oxfordshire Safety Centre trip
23rd May	All	Whole school End of Summer 1. Term ends at normal time 3:30pm

## 2025 Summer 2

When	Who	What...
2nd June	All	Summer 2 term starts at 8:40am
2nd June (2 weeks)	Year 4	Multiplication tables check
4th June	All	Tennis Roadshow
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2	Harcourt Arboretum trip
9th – 13th June	Year 1	Phonics Screening – info will be sent out nearer the time
16th - 19th June	Year 6	Year 6 Residential trip to Lee Valley and London
16 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents	Parent Information Meeting 2pm
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception	Oxford Museums History of the Seaside workshop
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Choir	Festival of Voices (Dorchester Abbey)
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	Bikeability
23rd June (date TBC)	Year 4	Rivers visit - Letcombe Brooke for a Willow Walk trip and river dipping. Parent car drivers and helpers needed. Free
3rd July	All school aged children – (R-Y6) including new 2025 children	Transition day – moving up sessions for children to new classes
5th July	All	School Fete - FoWPA
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6	Trip
8 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception parents	One to One parents meetings
11th July	All	End of Year reports out to parents
July (Date TBC)	New Reception 2025	Parent meetings Stay n play sessions

July (Date TBC)	Year 6	Leavers' performance Leavers' ceremony
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6	Leavers' party
16th July	Children and parents Y3, Y4 and Y5	WPA Summer Performance Afternoon and Evening performance
17th July	Nursery	Last Nursery session and then end of term until September
18th July	All	Last day of term – finishes at 12 noon.
21st and 22nd July	Staff	Staff INSET School closed to pupils