



8 April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at this morning's Easter Celebration and I wish you, on behalf of my colleagues, a very enjoyable Easter Holiday. We look forward to seeing your children back in school on Tuesday 26 April.

Dates for your diary

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| ● Friday 8 April | 1.30pm, End of term |
| ● Monday 11 April - Monday 25 April | Easter holiday |
| ● Monday 25 April | INSET Day |
| ● Tuesday 26 April | Pupils return to school |
| ● Monday 2 May | Early May Bank holiday |
| ● Monday 30 May - Monday 6 June | Half-term holiday |
| ● Monday 6 June | Deferred Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday |
| ● Week commencing 11 July | Year 5 and 6 production (timings to be confirmed) |
| ● Tuesday 19 July | 9.30am, Year 6 Leavers' Service |
| ● Wednesday 20 July | 1.30pm, End of term |

Tag Rugby in Term 5 for pupils in Years 5 and 6

Pupils in Year 6 will continue to attend tag rugby sessions on Mondays in Term 5 and will be joined by pupils in Year 5 for three 'taster' sessions on 9, 16 and 23 May. Please look out for a permission letter from Mr Mayling, which will also explain the kit requirements.

After-school activities hosted by Horspath Primary School

We are delighted to offer the following after-school activities after Easter. These activities aim to enable children to explore and develop their interests.

Term 5

Mondays

- Choir for pupils in Beech and Lime (£18 for three sessions @£6 per session)

Tuesdays

- Little Masters Art (£40 for five weeks @£8 per session)

Thursdays

- OCAC Athletics for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 (£25 for five sessions @£5 per session)





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Term 6

Mondays

- Choir for pupils in Beech and Lime (£36 for six sessions)

Tuesdays

- Little Masters Art (£56 for seven sessions @£8 per session)

Thursdays

- OCAC Athletics for pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 (£30 for six sessions @£5 per session)
- Chance to Shine Cricket for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Beech and Lime Classes Choir

After the Easter break, Miss Fisher will be starting an after-school choir for interested children in Beech and Lime classes. This will run on Mondays from 3.15-4.15pm. There are 20 spaces in the choir, issued on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost of participating in the choir is £6 per session, paid upfront at the start of each term by cash or cheque: £18 for Term 5 (there are only three Mondays in Term 5) and £36 for Term 6. This goes towards the purchase of music and backing CDs, as well as printing lyric sheets. Please see the poster attached for further details and contact Miss Fisher by email to enrol your child.

Little Masters Art

This will run on Tuesdays from 3.15-4.30pm from 26 April. Please see the Little Masters poster for details of how to sign up for the five sessions in Term 5. Little Masters Art sessions are open to children in all classes.

Oxford City Athletics Club after-school coaching

These will run on Thursdays from 3.15-4.15pm. In Term 5, coaching will be for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6. In Term 6, coaching will be for pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3. Please see the posters attached for further information.

Chance to Shine after-school cricket coaching

These sessions will run on Thursdays in Term 6 from 3.15-4.15pm for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6. Please see the poster attached for further information.

Please use the top gate, which opens onto the playground, when collecting children from after-school activities because the bottom gate is used by All Stars. The top gate will be unlocked at 4.15pm or 4.30pm depending on the length of the after-school activity.

All Stars Breakfast and After-School Club provided by Horspath Pre-School Nursery

If you are looking for an opportunity to extend your child's day, either on a regular basis or an ad-hoc basis (dependent on day-to-day availability of places), please consider using All Stars, the childcare provision offered by Horspath Pre-School Nursery. All Stars also offers play schemes during school holidays.

- **All Stars Easter Play Scheme**
9am - 4pm, Monday 11 April to Thursday 14 April
- **All Stars Summer Play Scheme**
9am - 4pm, Monday 25 July - Friday 5 August

Further information can be found here: <https://www.horspathnursery.org.uk/all-stars/>





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Uniform

Here is the uniform list.

- red school sweatshirt (with a white school logo)
- white polo shirt (with a red school logo)
- grey or black trousers, skirts or shorts; or white and red checked dresses in warmer weather
- black school shoes (preferably with Velcro fastenings for younger pupils)
- a white t-shirt for PE
- a pair of black shorts (and a black tracksuit for colder weather) for PE
- trainers (with Velcro fastenings or elastic for younger pupils) for PE
- wellies (children in Acorn Class and Year 1 only)

School sweatshirts and white polo shirts can be ordered and purchased from our school office. All items of clothing, footwear and school bags should be clearly labelled with your child's name. For safety reasons, jewellery must not be worn in school. Earrings that cannot be removed must be covered with a plaster or tape brought in by the pupil. Long hair must be tied back in school.

Summer sports

Pupils in Years 1 to 6 will have athletics lessons in Term 5 and cricket lessons in Term 6. Children in Acorn Class will continue to develop their physical skills in a variety of ways.

Class photos

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Monday 18th April. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Tea and Coffee Time at St Giles' Church in Terms 5 and 6

Apologies to those who were hoping to attend on Tuesday this week but the Church had a utilities-related problem. As mentioned last week, the Church's welcoming team are offering alternating morning and afternoon sessions.

26th April 9am - 10am
3rd May 2 - 3 pm
10th May 9am - 10am
17th May 2-3pm
24th May 9am -10am
7th June 2-3pm
14th June 9am 10am
21st June 2-3pm
28th June 9am-10am
5th July 2-3pm
12th July 9am -10am
19th July 2-3pm





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Nut allergies and packed lunches

As a number of children suffer from nut allergies and our pupils eat together in the hall, we politely remind you that packed lunches should not contain nuts, for example Nutella, salted almonds or peanut butter. Ideally, they should not include any foods which are packed in factories which handle nuts, for example, chocolate. We encourage children to eat healthily so perhaps you could offer chocolate as a treat at home instead of packing chocolate-coated snacks.

PTA

Many thanks to the PTA for organising the wonderful Easter Egg raffle and to you for supporting the PTA!

COVID-19 vaccinations for children

All children aged 5 - 11 will be offered vaccination against COVID-19 from 4 April 2022.

The NHS wants to support you to make an informed choice with more information available here [COVID-19: A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

From Saturday 2 April you can book an appointment via the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling **119** for dedicated children's clinics, including The Kassam Stadium, Oxford.

Other child-friendly and convenient vaccination clinics will be open across Oxfordshire over the next week.

Appointments will become available on the National Booking Service or by calling 119, so please keep checking if you prefer to go to a clinic closer to home. Locations for these sites will be listed on the [Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group website](#).

Children aged 5-11 with no other underlying health conditions will be offered two paediatric (child) doses of the vaccine, with at least 12 weeks between doses. If you have any queries, please email educationcovid19@oxfordshire.gov.uk

EASTER HOLIDAYS @ The Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock

Join us over the Easter holidays for a fun full packed programme of family activities. From Spring wreaths to dinosaur egg nests.... And Vegetable printing to gardening, check out what we are doing online:

[Children's activities at The Oxfordshire Museum | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

Also we have trails, galleries and a café! Fun for all the family. For further information, please see the flyer attached.

Eligibility for pupil premium and free school meals

There are few certainties in life and everyone experiences ups and downs. Please see the attached information to check if your child or children are eligible for pupil premium payments and free school meals. Please note that children in Acorn Class and pupils in Years 1 and 2 are all eligible for free school meals under the government's universal infant free school meals scheme.

As previously mentioned, the school staff and I wish you and your families very enjoyable Easter holidays.

With kind regards,

Helen

