



28th November 2025

Dear parents and carers,



This week, Ellie created an advent wreath in Sew and Grow club. Father Jason lit the first candle in worship on Thursday to represent hope. We will be taking it to church for our carol concert later in the term, where we will light the final candle.



Have a look at what each class has been learning this week:

[O'Keeffe](#) [Goldsworthy](#) [Picasso](#) [Banksy](#)

Panto Trip

A reminder that we have a Whole School Trip to the Pantomime in Oxford on **Wednesday 10th December**.

We will leave the school at 1pm and are due to return at **5pm**. **There is no after school club provision or OCC school bus that day**. Please get in touch with the office if you need to organise alternative pick up arrangements for your child.

We still have 23 families who have not paid – please pay via the MCAS app (please note this has been discounted by 50% for those entitled to free school meals).

Festive events

Here is an overview of the following festive events taking place in school across December:
Monday 1st December – Craft Day – the children will be taking part in a range of activities which will help to decorate the school and make items to sell at the Christmas fayre.

Wednesday 10th December – Pantomime at the Oxford Playhouse – see above

Thursday 11th December – PTA Festive Fayre. This will take place in the school hall from 3.15 – 4.30. Please come along to spread some joy and support raising funds for the school.
All invited.

Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th December 2.30pm – O'Keeffe and Goldsworthy nativity – *parents and carers invited* (please note that the rest of the school will watch the dress rehearsal on Monday)

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Jumper Day – send your child to school dressed in their favourite festive jumper (normal uniform for the rest of their clothing please) and bring in a donation for the Didcot Food bank. Christmas sweets and treats welcome along with the usual needed items:

- Tins of meat / fish / potatoes / carrots / peas / soup / fruit / puddings
- Jars of pasta sauces / jam / peanut butter / coffee (small)
- Packets of pasta / rice / packets dried potato / breakfast cereals / biscuits / treats / tea
- Cartons of long-life milk/long-life juice / hot chocolate
- Toiletries, toilet rolls, & clothes-wash items
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Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch Day. Mrs Jacob and Mrs Jezzard will be cooking a traditional festive roast with all the trimmings.

Wednesday 17th December, 2pm – School Carol concert in church. *Parents/carers and members of the community are invited to attend.* Running time approx. 30 minutes.

Thursday 18th December, doors open 7.35pm – Blewbury Village Carol concert in church. This is a community event. Choir will be performing.

Celebrations

Congratulations to the following children who received a Star of the Week certificate in our celebration assembly:

Lottie for being adventurous with new foods

Nina for working hard

Arthur S for focussing really hard on phonics and demonstrating our school values throughout the week.

Aniyiah for an ambitious writer

Kingsley M - An outstanding improvement to his attitude to learning

Kingsley S for an amazing character description – he showed great determination

Annabel for her mature and responsible attitude

A huge well done to the following pupils who have received a BRONZE certificate for achieving 50 house points: Remy – O’Keeffe, Lana, Lydia, Lily, Malika, Heda, Thandaza – Banksy class.

House points:

Attenborough	Curie	Hawking	Anning
1485	1314	1801	1470

Yours sincerely,

Miss Reeder.

Headteacher.

Value of the term: **Courage**

Important Dates	
Wednesday 3 rd December 2.30pm	Banksy Sharing Event – parents/carers invited
Wednesday 10 th December	Whole School to Panto at Oxford Playhouse
Thursday 11 th Dec, 3.15- 4.30	PTA Christmas Fayre in School Hall – all welcome
Tuesday 16 th and Thursday 18 th December 2.30pm	O’Keeffe and Goldsworthy class Nativity – parents/carers invited
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch day AND school carol concert in church at 2pm – parents/carers invited to church
Friday 19 th December	Term finishes at 1.30pm
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January	InSET Day – School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	Spring Term starts
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	Half Term Break
Thursday 26 th February	Picasso class trip to Hill End

[2025/2026 Term Dates](#)

Community News

Blewbury Pre-School

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Pre-School Assistant

Are you passionate about giving children the best start in life? Would you like to work somewhere dedicated to Early Years' education and care? A place of learning and development for all? Yes? Then we are the right place for you.

We are looking for a special someone with an interest in how young children learn including those with additional needs, who can support the provision of a rich, and inclusive; safe but challenging environment and curriculum to meet each of our children's unique interests and needs. If you have lots of energy, and are patient and hardworking, this could be ideal for you.

The hours are 8.45am – 2.15pm, one day a week plus additional hours to provide staff cover.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all our staff and volunteers to share this commitment and is subject to an enhanced DBS clearance and suitable references.

Please email: preschool@blewburypreschool.co.uk for an application form and job description or phone us on 01235 851786.

This is a rolling recruitment process and applications will be considered upon receipt. In order not to be disappointed, please apply before it is too late!

Phoenix Drama Group
presents....

The Little Mermaid



Adult: £12
Child: £10
Concession: £10

Didcot Civic Hall
January 24th 2026
2:30pm and 7:30pm

Harwell Village Hall
January 25th 2026
3:30pm



Find tickets at: <http://www.didcotphoenixdrama.co.uk> or at
<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/didcot-phoenix-drama-group>

DIDCOT RUFC CHILDREN'S OPEN MORNING

IGNITE THEIR PASSION! FREE TASTER SESSION

7TH DECEMBER 2025 | 10:00 AM START | MINIS & JUNIORS

✔ BUILD CONFIDENCE ✔ LEARN TEAMWORK ✔ GET ACTIVE



BRING A FRIEND!
Find your age group & have a great time!





Autism in Oxfordshire

Share your views!

Are you autistic (with or without a diagnosis)?
Do you support an autistic person?
Do you work in autism services?

Join us on Thursday 4th December
Kings Centre, Oxford

- Share your experiences of the services that matter most to you
- Tell us what the draft strategy gets right and what could be better
- Find out how your feedback will help shape the strategy and services in Oxfordshire

When: Thursday 4th December 2025, 9.30 to 2.30pm

Where: The King's Centre, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0ES

Scan the QR code or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/OxAutismStrategy>
to find out more and sign up

SCAN HERE



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