



20th March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

It's been lovely to have some sunshine to enjoy this week – the first signs of spring are beginning to show.

Have a look at the learning that has been taking place this week:

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

Football tournament

“Last week we hosted a tournament against 4 other schools. In the first game, we played Harwell and drew 1-1, with Matvii scoring a tap-in. In the second game, we won 2-1 against Stanford, with Archie scoring both goals. In the other games, Whitchurch were strong.



We are going to Harwell to play the away part of the tournament, and we are hoping to win all of our games, to win the Small Schools League. I feel we did really well and everyone did their part.” *Jai, Banksy Class.*

Very pleased to report that the team drew in the Tournament and won the league.



Events

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers for joining us for the various sharing events this term. They have been very well attended and have been a great opportunity for our pupils to show off their learning.

A reminder that during the final week of term there are two sharing events, Goldsworthy's castle models on Wednesday 23rd at 2.45 and the Easter Service in Church on Thursday 26th March at 9.30am.

Please check the important dates section at the end of the newsletter for events coming up in the summer term. You can also find these on the calendar section of the new website.

Celebrations

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

Nina for appositve attitude to her learning

Amelie for working extra hard

Remy for being creative and thinking outside the box

Myles for showing fantastic ambition in his learning this week.

Heidi for making her English work even better by independently self-editing

Huxley for a fantastic performance in the Viking Play

Lana for a calm, focussed approached to the mock SATs

Theo for showing great courage in serving his delicious cake to senior leaders from other schools.

Alexi working and playing well with others

Sophie for working and playing well with others.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Reeder.

Headteacher.

Value of the Term: Forgiveness

Important Dates	
Wednesday 23 rd March 2.45pm	Goldsworthy parent sharing event – Castle models
Thursday 26 th March 9.30am	Easter service in church – families/community welcome.
Friday 27th March	Spring Term finishes at 1.30pm
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 14 th and Thursday 16 th April	Parents Evening
Wednesday 29 th April	Banksy Trip to Earth Trust
Monday 11 th May – Friday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 21 st May. 2.30pm	Goldsworthy class parent sharing event
Friday 22 nd May, 2.30pm	O’Keeffe class parent sharing event
Friday 22 nd May	Picasso Class Big Summer Sing (details to follow)
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Wednesday 3 rd – Friday 5 th June	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 4 th June	SEND pupil profile review parents evening
Thursday 18 th June	O’Keeffe class trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Thursday 2 nd July, 1.15pm – 3 pm	Sports Day (parents/carers invited to watch)
Thursday 16 th July, 1.30pm	Summer Term Ends
Friday 17 th July	InSET Day – school closed to pupils

[2025/2026 Term Dates](#)

Community News

PQA ABINGDON

EASTER
3 DAY
WORKSHOP

30TH MARCH - 1ST APRIL 2026 9:30 - 17:00
Europa School, OX14 3DZ
£45 per day or £125 for all 3 days or £125 for all 3 day

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To book, please contact jenna.hones@pqacademy.com

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YUDANSHA KARATE



Sensei Jazz McLearie
2nd Dan Black Belt

Welcome to Yudansha Karate

Karate is a martial art that originated in Japan. The word is formed from the Japanese words Kara (empty) and Te (hand), symbolising that its practitioners – Karateka – are unarmed, but use their hands and feet, for blocking and striking. It is practiced as a form of self-defence, a way of keeping healthy and as a sport.

New Class
Starting Wednesday 1st April
Weekly at Blewbury Village Hall
3.45pm till 4.45pm
First steps to becoming a blackbelt

Get in touch

Call Jazz on 07891 511 788
www.yudanshakarate.co.uk

Two Free
Taster Lessons!



GIRLS PLAY FREE AT DIDCOT RUGBY CLUB

- FREE membership for all girls until the end of the season (May)
- New mid-week girls-only training session:
 - 👉 Ages 8-11
 - 👉 Every Wednesday, from 6pm
 - 👉 Boundary Park
- Sign up before 31st March and get a FREE t-shirt

✉ join@didcotrfc.com

🌐 didcotrfc.rfu.club



Calling all Didcot families – NEW Easter Holiday Club at Didcot Railway Centre!

Junior Adventures Group (JAG) is excited to launch **Holiday HQ at Didcot Railway Centre this Easter** — offering fun, active holiday childcare for children aged **4–11**.

Running from: **30th March – 10th April**

Holiday HQ gives children screen-free days packed with adventure, creativity and teamwork, while parents enjoy reliable childcare during the school holidays.

Easter Holiday HQ: The Great Outdoors

Across two themed weeks — **Wildlife & Discovery** and **Survival & Adventure** — children will enjoy activities such as:

- 🦘 Outdoor obstacle challenges and team missions
- 🛶 Crocodile River crossings and raft-building games
- 🔥 Fast-paced games like Kangaroo Cricket and Capture the Flag
- 🗺️ Treasure hunts and outdoor navigation challenges
- 🌿 Camouflage creation and wildlife crafts

- ✓ Safe, structured holiday childcare
- ✓ Flexible booking – choose only the days you need
- ✓ Friendly, experienced staff
- ✓ Tax-Free Childcare accepted

Learn more about the great outdoors programme:
<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/holiday-clubs/whats-on/>

New Launch Offer – Save 15%
Use code **EASTER15** when booking by **1 April 2026**.



- 📍 **Book your place:**
<https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/identity/Account/Login>
- 📍 **Find out more:**
<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/didcot-railway-centre/>



DIDCOT RAILWAY CENTRE
Living Museum of the Great Western Railway

FREE

Earth Hour wildlife wander

Hosted by the Wild Didcot project

All ages welcome!




SCAN ME **scan here to book***

Spend earth hour within nature with our guided walk followed by a friendly fire pit session with hot chocolate! Who needs TV?

Wild Oxfordshire **Saturday 28th March**
Time: 8pm - 9:30pm
At Didcot Railway Centre



Scan the QR code or book via Eventbrite - search for Earth Hour Didcot

Wrap up warm and wear shoes that can cope with mud. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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ATTEND A TASTER SESSION:
PLEASE CONTACT THE DETAILS BELOW!

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