

1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

In O’Keeffe class this week, pupils have been making 20 in Maths and collecting bugs and making habitats in science



Pupils in Goldsworthy class have been writing fact files about the Great Fire of London in History, making lever pictures in DT and enjoyed their PSGHE lesson out in the sunshine.





In Science, Picasso class have been learning about plants and growth. They have set up an experiment to test the best conditions of growth, including water, air, light, warmth, room for growth. They have also been looking at germination – ask your child what plants need grow!

Banksy class enjoyed their trip to Earth Trust. They took part in team building games, orienteering and den building; testing to see whose was waterproof!



### MCAS payments

Please remember to pay any balances for trips, clubs, or after school club on your MCAS account; we are currently seeing a number of accounts in arrears.

A reminder that we only have April and May instalments left to pay for the Year 6 residential.

Please get in touch with Mrs Bealey if you need any support with your MCAS account or would like to set up a payment plan to clear your account.

*Many thanks, the office team*

### Save the Date

This years Summer Fete will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 12 noon – 3pm. If you would like to run your own stall or volunteer to help run a PTA stall, please contact Sarah Cantwell or Lucy Vickers directly or email [pta@blewbury.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@blewbury.oxon.sch.uk)

### Celebrations

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

Isla A for being a good friend

Arabella for being super brave during the eye test  
 Imogen for showing great tenacity in her learning  
 Arthur S for amazing effort in English  
 Alex for going above and beyond in all his work  
 Lucca for brilliant ideas and making positive contributions in class  
 Kiera for consistently trying her best and showing excellent concentration  
 Charlie for showing excellent leadership and teamwork on our school trip.

Well done to the following pupils for receiving a BRONZE certificate for achieving 50 house-points: Aurora

Congratulations to the following pupils for receiving a SILVER certificate of achieving 100 house-points: Remy, Callie

#### Reading Teapot

Congratulations to the following children who were drawn out of the rainbow reading teapot at the end of April and attended a tea party with Miss Reeder: Billy, Hector, Charlie. B, Seb, Aurora

Yours sincerely,  
 Miss Reeder  
 Headteacher

Value of the Term: Service

Important Dates	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Visiting poet
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Breakfast for Year 6 from 8.30am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 3.15pm	Banksy ice-cream stall
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May, 10.30am	Fire Service talk to Banksy, 'Home Fire and Road Safety'
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May, 2.45pm	Goldsworthy class parent sharing event
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May, 2.30pm	O'Keefe class parent sharing event
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2pm – 6.30pm	Picasso Class Big Summer Sing, Centre for Music in Oxford
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	St Birinus and Didcot Girls' School in school to see Year 6
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	SEND pupil profile review parents evening
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA summer Fete
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	O'Keefe class trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July, 1.15pm – 3 pm	Sports Day (parents/carers invited to watch)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2pm and 6pm	Banksy Class Performance
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July, 11.15am	Year 6 leavers service in church
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July, <b>1.30pm</b>	Summer Term Ends
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	InSET Day – school closed to pupils



# ELITE CAMPS DIDCOT

26TH MAY - 29TH MAY

FOR 4-13 YEAR OLDS

FLEXIBLE SESSION OPTIONS

AGE 4 HALF DAY	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
AGE 5-13 STANDARD DAY	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
AGE 5-13 EXTENDED DAY	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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**THURSDAY**  
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JUNIORS 7 - 11 YEARS / 18:15 - 19:05

TEENS 12 + YEARS / 19:15 - 20:05

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## TA SPORT STARS

The Downs School & Sixth Form (Newbury) Late Spring Sports & Activities Holiday Camp!

For ages 4-14 years (specialised sessions for separated age groups)

TUESDAY 26th May	WEDNESDAY 27th May	THURSDAY 28th May	FRIDAY 29th May
<b>4-7 years</b> Athletics Basketball Football Guardian Hockey Jewel thief Pirates	<b>4-7 years</b> Boccia Dodgeball Islands Jewel thieves Mystery tag Swamp ball Target games	<b>4-7 years</b> Capture the flag Crossover Guardian Mastermind Musical hoops River crossing Scoring zone	<b>TASS Tournament</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificates</li> <li>Game variety</li> <li>Team names</li> <li>Leaderboard</li> <li>Coaches Challenge</li> </ul>
<b>8+ years</b> Basketball Capture the flag Diamond Cricket Dodgeball Football Guardian Tactical games	<b>8+ years</b> 4-Square Boccia Cricket Handball Protect the huts Rounders Supersonic	<b>8+ years</b> 4-Way Capture the flag Dodgeball Fireball Gaga ball Mastermind Scoring zone Tactical invasion games	

Arts and crafts option available each day!

**BOOK NOW!**  
Interested in signing up?  
visit - [www.fasportsstars.co.uk](http://www.fasportsstars.co.uk)

Please note, some activities may be subject to change in the result of bad weather.



# YEAR 5 EXPERIENCE LESSONS

<b>TUES</b> <b>05</b> <b>MAY</b>	Choose one of the following: <b>FOOD TECH   GEOGRAPHY   MANDARIN   TECHNOLOGY</b> 3:45PM - 4:45PM
<b>ENGLISH</b> 3:45PM - 4:45PM	<b>12</b> <b>MAY</b> <b>TUES</b>
<b>THURS</b> <b>14</b> <b>MAY</b>	Choose one of the following: <b>MATHS   SPANISH</b> 3:45PM - 4:45PM
<b>DRAMA &amp; MUSIC   FRENCH</b> 3:45PM - 4:45PM	<b>21</b> <b>MAY</b> <b>THURS</b>
<b>TUES</b> <b>9</b> <b>JUNE</b>	<b>PE</b> 3:45PM - 4:45PM

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER:**




## YOU DON'T NEED TO STRUGGLE WITH LIVING COSTS

It can be expensive running a home, particularly for families with young children. This has been made even more difficult recently by global events which mean we are now facing rising heating and petrol costs on top of affording day to day living.

We are a local charity which can offer support to families living in Blewbury, Upton and the Astons who may be struggling to make ends meet. From the cost of the weekly food shop, clothing and equipment for school, to energy bills, or a one-off payment for essential items, we have funds available to help you. **We recognise too, that some parents may need some extra money to finance a school trip.**

If you need help, there is a short application form to complete, which can be collected from the North Porch of St Michael's Church, or you can make a request by emailing us at [unitedcharities@outlook.com](mailto:unitedcharities@outlook.com)

We can help you fill in the form so please don't be reluctant to ask for help, and all applications are totally confidential.