



Crowmarsh Gifford C of E Primary School & Pre School

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Family Newsletter – September 2023

Welcome back to a new school year. Many staff have worked hard over the summer to improve our school site and prepare the classrooms for September. We had whole staff training and streamlined our communication:

Our website is the first port of call for information. General information emailed to you will be saved on the website for reference

Email: General concerns, Absence, Hoilday requests, Attendance..... Parents can email the school office directly. office.3200@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

Paper Letters: We keep these to a minimum, the majority of our communication is via email

SeeSaw: Learning Only. Please be aware that Teachers are not required to check SeeSaw daily. Important messages for Teachers should therefore go via the office email.

In person

Your child's class teacher is the first port of call for most communication

- In person at collection
- By appointment via the office

Lunches

We have introduced a new lunch ordering system. Thank you for your patience as we iron out the initial glitches.

We will now be asking you to order your child's lunch via the Microsoft Forms links below for each week. You will be sent these in advance of each half term and be asked to complete them before a deadline.

Once the deadline has passed, we will not be able to accept any more orders for school lunches, this means that there can be no ordering of hot school lunches on the day. You will be able to save your forms so you can remember what you have ordered for your child and the class teacher will go through this in class each morning.

All children need to have ordered a lunch in advance, this includes all Pre-School and KS1 children.

Paying for school lunches is still via School Money and you will be invoiced for this.



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Climbing Equipment

A polite reminder that children & siblings are not permitted to play on the playground equipment before for and after school. We are unable to staff the equipment and are therefore not insured for its use at these times.

Reminder of Daily Equipment

- ✓ Smart uniform
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Packed lunch (unless school meal ordered)
- ✓ Healthy snack (EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 are provided with fruit or veg)
- ✓ Coat (weather dependent)
- ✓ Hat & sun cream (weather dependent)

Please remember to drive slowly and park considerately on Old Reading Road.

Please do not park on the yellow zig zags as it makes crossing and manoeuvring more difficult and dangerous.

PE September

Children should come to school in their PE kits on the following days

Year 1: Tuesday & Friday

Year 2: Wednesday & Friday

Year 3: Thursday & Friday

Year 4: Wednesday & Friday

Year 5: Monday & Friday

Year 6: Thursday & Friday

Please note day changes for year 5 & 6

PE KIT

On PE days we ask that children wear their PE kits to school on their PE days.

Required –

- Plain, dark coloured shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms
- T-shirt in house colour (email the office to find out your child colour)– with or without the school logo, or plain white T-shirt
- Plimsolls/ Trainers

Optional –

- School PE hoodie

Vacancies

Please take a look at our website to view our current vacancies



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Uniform

Why wear a uniform? Wearing a uniform creates a sense of belonging to the CGPS community. It teaches children to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance.

Parent's role: Dressing each morning is part of preparation for the day ahead. It is important parents encourage & support this so that children are in the right mind set for learning & success.

Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly named.

Required

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Green and white checked dress -summer only
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Green sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper – with or without the school logo
- Grey or white socks, white, grey or green tights

Hair

- Hair styles should be appropriate for school
- Shoulder length hair must be tied back Hair accessories with flowers, large bows etc are not part of school uniform

Jewellery: for safety reasons jewellery must not be worn. However, if your child has pierced ears, small plain stud earrings may be worn.

There is no obligation to purchase school logo uniform. Many high street shops & supermarkets sell suitable clothing. However, **should you wish to purchase school merchandise please visit [Make It Mine](#)**

Lost Uniform. We have a lost property area. Please ask a member of staff if you would like to check for an item of lost property. Named items that end up in lost property can easily be returned

What if I cannot afford the uniform, or I wish to consider sustainability?

Our 'nearly new' uniform shop is managed by a school parent, Please speak to the office if you would like to either **donate or access** uniform.

Variations on the policy

The school will consider carefully reasonable requests to vary the policy, to meet the needs of any individual pupil to accommodate their religion or belief, ethnicity, disability or other special considerations. Parents must put requests in writing to the Headteacher.

The Governors & school have used the Department of Education Guidance to set this policy



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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 27th September

Parent Open Afternoon,

Collection- 3:45pm Come and spend time in your child's class

20th October 2023

23 October - 27 October 2023

Inset, school closed to children

October half-term

Further Christmas events and PTA events to be added when confirmed

30 October - 20 December 2023

Thursday 9th November

Autumn Term

Parent Reading Morning. 8:00 -8:40am.

Bring your own coffee and come and read with your child.

Week Beginning 13th November

Thursday 7th December

Thursday 21st December

21 December - 5 January 2024

Parents Evenings. More details to follow

Christmas Jumper Day

School closes for Christmas (normal time)

Christmas holiday

8 January - 9 February 2024

12 February - 16 February 2024

19 February - 28 March 2024

29 March - 12 April 2024

Spring Term

Spring half-term

Spring Term

Easter Holiday

15 April - 24 May 2024

15th April 2024

27 May - 31 May 2024

3 June - 24 July 2024

3rd June 2024

Summer Term

Inset, school closed to children

Late Spring half-term

Summer Term

Inset, school closed to children



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Term Dates 2024-2025

4 September - 25 October 2024	Autumn Term
2 & 3 September 2024	Inset, school closed to children
28 October – 1st November 2024	October half-term
4 November - 20 December 2024	Autumn Term
23 December - 7 January 2025	Christmas holiday
6 January 2025	Inset, school closed to children
7 January - 14 February 2025	Spring Term
17 February - 21 February 2025	Spring half-term
24 February - 4 April 2025	Spring Term
7 April - 23 April 2025	Easter Holiday
22 April 2025	Inset, school closed to children
23 April - 23 May 2025	Summer Term
5 May 2025	Bank Holiday
26 May - 30 May 2025	Late Spring half-term
2 June 2025	Inset, school closed to children
3 June - 22 July 2025	Summer Term

WALLINGFORD RUGBY
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Every Sunday from 10am

- Learn a new sport
- Meet new friends
- Mixed teams from 4+
- All abilities are welcome
- Wally Wolves - SEND Team

"The best thing we ever did was join Wallingford Rugby club, the club is so welcoming" - M&J Parent

Girls and Boys pitch up and play
Rugby
3 Free Taster Sessions

HAVE FUN & BE HEALTHY

About us
Wallingford Rugby club are a family friendly community rugby club in South Oxfordshire for players of all abilities from age 4+. Our Males and Juniors train every Saturday so get in touch and we would be delighted for you to come and join our club.

Contact US
Chairman@wallingfordrugbyclub.com
https://wallingfordrugbyclub.com
Horsecroft Sports Park, Wallingford, OX10 9BB





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Community News

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh

Harvest Art Competition

Title "Harvest past present or future"

HARVEST

COMMUNITY CAFE

Saturday 9 September
10.30-12.30

art and craft children's
harvest activities
paint your entry to the
harvest competition!

Crowmarsh Village Hall



Entries can be left in church. Please mark clearly with your name, age and contact details.
There will be prizes!
All entries on display on Harvest Sunday

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