



Crowmarsh Gifford C of E Primary School & Pre School

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Family Newsletter – April 2024

Bag2School

To raise funds for the PTA a Bag2School collection has been arranged for:

Wednesday 1st May 8am -9am

Accepted:

- Men's, ladies' and children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags and bags
- Hats, scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks

- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)



Not accepted: Duvets and blankets; pillows and cushions; carpets, rugs and mats; soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing; school uniforms with and without logo; corporate clothing and workwear; textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

Please bring all bags to the volunteers on the grassy area to the right of the school car park gates. If you are dropping off children at breakfast club before 8am (before volunteers are on site) please leave bags just outside the gate to the car park.

NB: there will be no collection in school beforehand on this occasion.

Parent Survey

Although we only had a small number of responses to our parent survey, they were hugely positive, which is great for the hard working staff and Governors to hear. The Governors are currently looking at the comments and results, which will be considered when planning future school improvements. We will also share the results on the website in due course.

Curriculum

During the autumn term we focused on improving English and Maths across the school. More recently we have included a focus on PE & Science and we are now focusing on all other subjects. Subject leaders have been reviewing how we deliver subjects and writing 'Approaches' to subjects

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to ensure consistency and clear guidance for staff with regard resources. These 'Approaches' are being finalised with Governors and will be shared with parents via our website page 'Curriculum'. Please keep checking in with this page as we upload more and more information.

<https://www.crowmarshgiffordprimary.com/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=28>

PHSE & Relationships Education

At CGPS, we changed to the Jigsaw scheme of work in April 2024. This was to ensure that all of our children receive thorough and age appropriate PSHE lessons that are up to date with guidance from the DfE. Our website contains information on statutory RSE, our school approach to teaching PSHE and useful documents published by Jigsaw.

<https://www.crowmarshgiffordprimary.com/page/?title=PHSE+%26amp%3B+Relationships+Education&pid=77&login=true>

Homework & Useful Documents for Home Learning

These can be found under our 'Class Pages' on our website.

Wider Curriculum

The 'wider curriculum' refers to an experience of learning which goes beyond the limitations of the National Curriculum This includes experiences such as residential, Young Voices the French Café! We post details of what we are doing on our website page 'Wider Curriculum'.

<https://www.crowmarshgiffordprimary.com/page/?title=Wider+Curriculum&pid=105>



Pre School/Nursery Places September 2024

We currently have Pre School/Nursery Places available for 3-4 year old sin September 2024. Please see our website page 'Pre School 3-4yrs' for further information and an application form.

<https://www.crowmarshgiffordprimary.com/page/?title=Pre+School+3%2D4yrs&pid=93>

Parking

Please be considerate when parking and moving along Old Reading road. Please do not park on the yellow lines as this impeded visibility for pedestrians and inhibits emergency vehicles entering the car park.. We have a shared responsibility to keep all pupils safe, many of whom walk home alone.



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Staff Vacancies

We are currently seeking to appoint:

KS1 Teacher

KS2 Teacher

Site Manager

All vacancies are advertised on our website page 'Vacancies'



<https://www.crowmarshgiffordprimary.com/page/?title=Vacancies+%2D+Join+our+community&pid=25>

Gardening

We would love some help with our garden, weeding, clearing..... If you have any spare time please do contact the school office and come in. Even an hour would help!



RAF Benson Thrift Shop

Thank you to Cpl Bryn Evans for their £150 donation towards musical instruments.

50 things to do in Oxfordshire

<https://oxfordshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/before-youre-five/local-events-2>



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Pupil Premium Funding

Pupil premium is money given to schools to improve the education of children who are economically disadvantaged or children who have been in care or adopted from care. This extra funding is used to enable schools to support learning and development and improve educational outcomes.

Who is eligible?

Your child may be eligible if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Or if your child

- Is currently being looked after by a local authority in England or Wales
- Has left care in England or Wales through an adoption order, a special guardianship order, or a child arrangements order

How the money will benefit your child

School will use the money in ways they think will best support your child's learning and development and improve their educational outcomes

How to apply

Get in touch with the school office



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Upcoming Events

23rd - 30th April	Book Fair in school
Wednesday 1st May	Bags2School Collection 8am-9am
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
27 May - 31 May	Late Spring half-term
3rd June	Inset, school closed to children
Sunday 9th June	Thames Run & Summer Fete
Wednesday 3rd July	Sports Day. All years will be in the morning followed by a family picnic on the field. No afternoon events
Thursday 4th July	Transition Morning (Wallingford Secondary children will spend the day at their new school)
Wednesday 17th July	Parent Open Afternoon, at collection time
Thursday 18th July	Year 6 Leavers Production 6pm
Friday 19th July	Year 1 Graduation event
Monday 22nd July	Rock Steady Concert
Tuesday 23rd July	Year 6 Leavers Service 1:30pm
Wednesday 24th July	Last Day of School. School will close at normal time, there will be no After School Club on this day.



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Term Dates 2024-2025

	Start Date	End Date
Term 1: Autumn 2024	Wednesday 4th September <i>2nd & 3rd September INSET</i>	Friday 25th October <i>(Full day)</i>
October half-term	Monday 28th October	Friday 1st November
Term 2: Autumn 2024	Monday 4th November	Friday 20th December <i>(Full day)</i>
Christmas holiday	Monday 23rd December	Friday 3rd January
Term 3: Spring 2025	Tuesday 7 th January <i>6th January INSET</i>	Friday 14 th February <i>(Full day)</i>
Spring half-term	Monday 17th February	Friday 21st February
Term 4: Spring 2025	Monday 24 th February	Friday 4 th April <i>(Full day)</i>
Easter Holiday	Monday 7th April	Monday 21st April
Term 5: Summer 2025	Wednesday 23 rd April <i>22nd April INSET</i>	Friday 23 rd May <i>(Full day)</i>
Late Spring half-term	Monday 26th May	Friday 30th May
Term 6: Summer 2025	Tuesday 3 rd June <i>2nd June INSET</i>	Tuesday 22 nd July <i>(Full day)</i>

Term Dates 2025-2026

	Start Date	End Date
Term 1: Autumn 2025	Thursday 4 th September <i>Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd September INSET</i>	Wednesday 22 nd October <i>(Full day)</i> <i>Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th October INSET</i>
October half-term	Monday 27 th October	Friday 31 st October
Term 2: Autumn 2025	Monday 3rd November	Friday 19th December <i>(Full day)</i>
Christmas holiday	Monday 22 nd December	Friday 2nd January
Term 3: Spring 2026	Monday 5 th January	Friday 13 th February <i>(Full day)</i>
Spring half-term	Monday 16th February	Friday 20th February
Term 4: Spring 2026	Monday 23rd February	Friday 27th March <i>(Full day)</i>
Easter Holiday	Monday 30th March	Friday 10 th April
Term 5: Summer 2026	Monday 13th April	Friday 22nd May <i>(Full day)</i>
Late Spring half-term	Monday 25th May	Friday 29th May
Term 6: Summer 2026	Tuesday 2 nd June <i>Monday 1st June INSET</i>	Monday 20 th July <i>(Full day)</i>



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Community News

BARBERS of BENSON

SUPPORT C.E. CROWMARSH PRIMARY

South Oxfordshire's Premier Barbershop

Pledge to donate £1 for every child's haircut to the PTA

APPLE ANDROID

33B High Street, Benson OX10 6RP ~ 01491 917294

Junior Cricket at KECC

Girl's Cricket
Ages 8 - 13
Tuesdays: 6pm - 7.30pm
From 16 April 2024

Junior Cricket
Ages 8 - 15
Fridays: 6pm - 7.30pm
From 26 April 2024

Both sections offer:
Softball & Hardball cricket
ECB L2 & L3 qualified coaches
Matches in local leagues
Fun & Friendly

Fridays only:
Food truck & bar open - bring the family!

JOIN HERE:
Boyes Turner

Contact: keccjuniors@gmail.com www.kidmoreendcc.co.uk
The Hamlet, Gallowtree Common, Reading RG4 9BU



You are warmly invited to our free music taster sessions on **Sunday 10 March** at Matrix Arts Centre in Sutton Courtenay

Music courses for 2 to 7 year olds



Booking essential – please contact us:
office@matrixartscentre.org.uk or 01235 847264

www.matrixartscentre.org.uk

Matrix Arts Centre is a registered charity
15 – 17 The Nursery, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4UA

Ladies Cricket at KECC

Ladies Softball Cricket
Tuesdays: 6.30pm - 7.30pm
From 16 April 2024

Softball & Hardball cricket for ages 14+
Fun & Friendly - no experience needed!
ECB Level 2 qualified coaches
Matches in local leagues

LADIES & GIRLS TASTER
Sunday 28 April
10.30am - 12pm
Give cricket a try! Fun introductory session, with refreshments afterwards.

ALSO: Men's Cricket
New members welcome
Thursdays 6.30pm

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