



Crowmarsh Gifford C of E Primary School & Pre School

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Family Newsletter – June 2024

Teaching & Learning

We have had our termly School Improvement Partner visit from OCC. We asked him to look at teaching & learning across the school. He noted how we have embed a 'Crowmarsh Approach' to lessons and how this was benefiting the children. He also commented on the excellent behaviour for learning and expectations that staff set. Our own subject leaders also noted this in their termly book look. Subject leaders noted a big improvement in learning across all subjects. The Crowmarsh agreed curriculum is being covered and this is ensuring sequencing of learning and challenge. These positives are due to the hard work of all the staff would continue to strive for improvement for our children.

Staffing Update & Vacancies

We have received September resignations from Mrs Marsh, Mrs Annie Goss and Mrs Seymour. We wish them all the best and thank them for all they have done for the children and school.

We are delighted that following recent teacher interviews we have found three excellent Teachers for September 2024 and are finalising their contracts for the autumn term.

We are now looking at support staff and year group placements. Transition day is 4th July, and we will share with children and parents the September '24 staffing team.

We are seeking to appoint support staff with the following specialism

- Level 3 EYFS practitioner
- SEND

All vacancies are advertised on our website page 'Vacancies'

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



Our school Wish List

Can you help with anything we need?

<https://www.crowmarshgiffordprimary.com/page/?title=School+Wish+List&pid=111&action=saved>



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Roman Day

When Roman day came, we did a series of activities including writing our names how the Romans did. This day included not just learning about the Romans but also having lots of fun. We had a little bit of Roman food and even did our own battle. It gave us a great opportunity to experience the Roman way of life. We learnt much more and now know what it might have been like to be a Roman soldier. We played Roman games and made mosaics and some other challenges. SC - Year 3



KS1 Football

Our KS1 Football team were the overall winners of the local schools' football tournament. The competition took place at Benson Park and both teams the school entered played with sportsmanship and enthusiasm.



Thames Run & Summer Fete

It was lovely to see so many people at the Thames Run. Over 300 runners took part. The fete afterwards was a great success with the dog show colour run and stalls. A huge thank you to the Thames Run Committee and the PTA for organising such a great event. Thank you to all the volunteers who supported them and to everyone who came.



Thank you

A HUGE thank you to the Nicholls family for painting the fences around school. They bought some paint and gave up their weekend to spruce up the fences as part of the volunteering task for the bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Year 6 Cake Sale

We are pleased to confirm the cake sale raised £389.33 this will be rounded up with a donation to make it £400 and even split of £200 for Autism Family Support Oxford and £200 for the year 6 leavers event. Many thanks to all the parents that donated cakes and took time to come and buy.

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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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 3rd July

Sports Day. All years will be in the morning followed by a family picnic on the field. No afternoon events. Please see letter for further details.

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 (Year 6 parents welcome)

Friday 19th July

Year 1 Graduation event (Year 1 parents welcome)

Monday 22nd July

Rock Steady Concert (Parents of Rock Steady pupils)

Tuesday 23rd July

Year 6 Leavers Service 1:30pm (Year 6 parents welcome)

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 Changes highlighted in red

	Start Date	End Date
Term 1: Autumn 2024	Wednesday 4th September <i>2nd & 3rd September INSET</i>	Wednesday 23 rd October (<i>Full day</i>) Thursday 24th October INSET Friday 25th October INSET
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	Monday 6 th January 6th January INSET	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	Tuesday 22 nd April 22nd April INSET	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

THE ORATORY

FAMILY GOLF DAY

FREE TO ENTER - REGISTER NOW

SUNDAY 23 JUNE
Tee off times 2.00pm - 5.00pm

The Oratory School
RG8 0PJ

To sign up, please email
S.Tomlinson@oratory.co.uk

Join us for an afternoon of fun on our 9-hole golf course.
Prizes for the best found and longest drive.
All abilities welcome!

BBQ, BAR & POPCORN

10 CASTLES

Under 5s area Softplay & Castle

BIG SUMMER BOUNCE

Friday 21st June, 16:30-19:30
Woodcote Primary School

ALL Welcome for a BOUNCING ADVENTURE!

This summer Time2Bounce are filling our school field with 10 inflatables!

- ★ Unlimited Bouncing
- ★ Games and Stalls
- ★ BBQ, Bar & Popcorn
- ★ Wiggle Cars Track
- ★ Live Music

TICKETS

Wristbands: £8.50 on the door, £7.50 online, Adult entry £1, Under 4's £4.50

All proceeds going to Friends of Woodcote Primary School

Library Oxfordshire

Marvellous Makers

Get creative this summer with a FREE children's reading challenge at your local Oxfordshire library!

6 July to 7 September 2024

Read library books and meet the Marvellous Makers, a creative club who are making amazing things for a festival at their local library. Unfortunately some objects have mysteriously gone missing from the club's creative toolbox...

Finish the challenge and get your own medal and certificate!

Look out for fantastic new books and activities at your library!

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk





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