

Rush Common School Newsletter



Friday 28th March 2025

Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start this newsletter with the recent sporting endeavours of our Netball and Cross Country Teams. Last Thursday, we sent two Netball Teams to the Abingdon Schools Netball Competition, and each team competed brilliantly in their own mini league. One of our teams won their league and the other team narrowly came second in their league. The two winners of each mini league played each other in the overall final (almost a Rush Common v Rush Common final!), and we won the final, beating Long Furlong School 2-1. It was a fantastic effort and performance from all of the players from both teams.

This week our Year 3/4 girls, and our Year 5/6 girls Cross Country Teams competed in the Oxfordshire Finals. The competion was fierce as it included the best runners from across the County, including pupils from some independent schools. I am proud to let you know that our Year 5/6 Team came in bronze medal position – an incredible achievement! Our Year 3/4 Team also competed superbly well and came 7th overall. Congratulations to you all!

Today we welcomed back our Year 4 pupils from their residential visit to Youlbury Scout Camp. It was an unforgettable experience, with a wide range of adventure activities, outdoor skills and a traditional camp fire. The behaviour, mindset and confidence of our children to give everything a go and embrace the opportunity was great to see, and the trip will live long in the memory.

Year 2 have had a busy fortnight, firstly having a trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park as part of their topic of Africa. The children enjoyed this experience immensely and brought away a huge amount of knowledge from the trip. Then this week, they delivered a brilliant Curriculum Assembly to parents, in which they shared their leaning in Geography, Music, DT, English, Dance and Art. The confidence of the children shone through, as they delivered their lines loudly and clearly and very much enjoyed performing their African drumming song and dance. Thank you to the parents who attended this lovely event.

Last Friday was Red Nose Day and children and staff came to school wearing something that makes them happy. Children enjoyed the day, and gained an understanding of the importance of these events. The total raised was over £260.

Earlier this week, many of our musicians in Years 4,5 and 6 had another incredible opportunity to play in a mass orchestra at Radley College. The children learnt and played their parts expertly, and the sound that was created was truly fantastic. The opportunity to play alongside highly talented musicians in this arrangement was hugely inspiring for our pupils!

Across this academic year we have seen a rise in children reporting that they have watched content on iPads, phones or TV that is harmful or inappropriate for their age. This can be very damaging to children's mental health, therefore please can all parents be extremely vigilant of what children are watching on devices.

Thank you to those parents who are using the Boundary House Park and Stride option if travelling to school by car. I surveyed the children across the school about the use of the park and stride and it was pleasing to see a few hands being raised across each year group. If you travel by car, I would urge you to use this option, especially as the weather improves.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the many ways you have supported the school across this term. This has included those in more formal roles (such as FoRC or Governors), those who have volunteered to help the school (as readers or on school trips), those who have offered donations to the school, and the support you have all shown by attending school events, parents meetings and fully supporting contributions for trips and fundraising ventures. It is so hugely appreciated and helps make Rush Common such a vibrant and successful school.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe weekend, and a lovely Easter holiday when it comes.

Kind regards

Kristen Fawcett

Headteacher







School Dinners

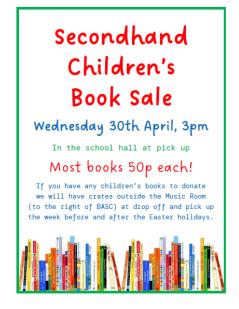
The cost of school dinners is £2.65 per day. Payment for school dinners can be made via ParentMail. Meal choices must be made at least 3 days in advance.



Music Exam

Congratulations to Elizabeth in Year 5 who has recently passed her ABRSM Music Theory Grade 5 exam with distinction. Eizabeth achieved a score of 72/75 which is a very good score for her age. This is a prerequisite to allow her to sit for her Grade 6 piano and Grade 7 violin ABRSM exams. We wish you well with these next exams.

Homework Champions Robyn 6TN 4CM Lena Anja 6JN 4CM Jessy Tess 6TN Theo 4TT Henry 6EW Beatrix Indhu 6EW



Friends of Rush Common Second Hand Uniform Sale





Thank you to everyone who supported the Second Hand Uniform Sale. We raised a whopping £367.50 and gave hundreds of items of clothing new homes.

If you have any uniform you no long need and would like to donate, please pop it into the Uniform Collection Bin at the second gate at the front of school.

Thank you for your support.

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Dates for your diary 2025

Oxford Mind Fundraising Event Week beginning 31st March

Parent Forum – General Wednesday 2nd April at 4.45pm (online)

End of Term 2b Friday 4th April at 1.30pm

Start of Term 3a Tuesday 22nd April

KS1 Fire Talk Wednesday 23rd April

Year 6 SATs Information Evening Wednesday 23rd April 5.00pm

Year 5 Residental Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th April

Author Visit Years 4,5, and 6 Tuesday 29th April

2RS Trip to Abingdon Musuem Wednesday 30th April

FoRC Second Hand Book Sale Wednesday 30th April 3.00pm

Year 4 Curriculum Assembly Thursday 1st May at 9.00am

May Bank Holiday (children not in school) Monday 5th May

2JB Trip to Abingdon Musuem Wednesday 7th May

KS2 SATs Week of the 12th May

Parent Forum – Personal Development Monday 19th May at 3.30pm (online)

Whole School Picnic and Open Afternoon Friday 23rd May

End of Term 3a Friday 23rd May

Inset Day (Children Not in School) Monday 2nd June

Start of Term 3b Tuesday 3rd June

Class Photos Thursday 5th June

Year 3 Hill End Trip Thursday 12th June

Vision Screening (Reception Only) Monday 16th June (Date Change)

Reception and KS1 Sports Day Friday 20th June

Reception and KS1 Back Up Sports Day

Tuesday 24th June

Summer Fete Saturday 21st June

Year 6 Call of The Wild Residental Monday 30th June – Friday 4th July

'Move Up' morning Wednesday 9th July

KS2 Sports Day (Tilsley Park) Thursday 10th July 9.30am -1.30pm

Year 6 Production Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th July 6.00pm

KS2 Back Up Sports Day (Tilsley Park) Wednesday 16th July 9.30am -1.30pm

Year 6 Leaver's Party Thursday 17th July

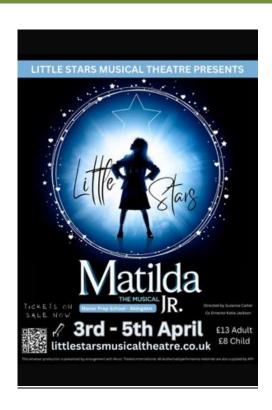
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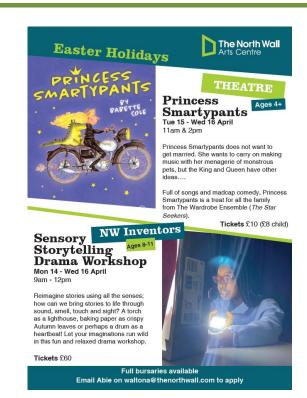
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Easter Holiday All Yours Period Boxes

The Easter holidays are fast approaching, and we want to ensure that everyone has the period products they need for the break. We don't want any parents or young people to have to miss out on period products and we are here to provide whatever people need to comfortably and safely manage their periods.

You can visit our website to request the period products you need. We have a range of disposable products as well as reusable period pads and menstrual cups to choose from. If you would like to request products for multiple people in your household, just use the comments box to tell us how many people and the kind of products you would like.

All requests are free and confidential.

You can request your All Yours box here: https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request

All our boxes are prepared by volunteers, and most boxes are delivered by volunteers as well. Where we are not able to hand deliver a box, we use 2nd class Royal Mail to send our boxes. We ask that you allow at least 21 days for delivery, but we do aim to drop off boxes far quicker than this.

Do you follow All Yours?

We try to keep everyone informed about the work we do both in the community and schools. If you want to find out more about our recent activities, check out volunteer opportunities or find ways to donate to All Yours, you can follow us on Facebook or Instagram - @allyoursmonthly

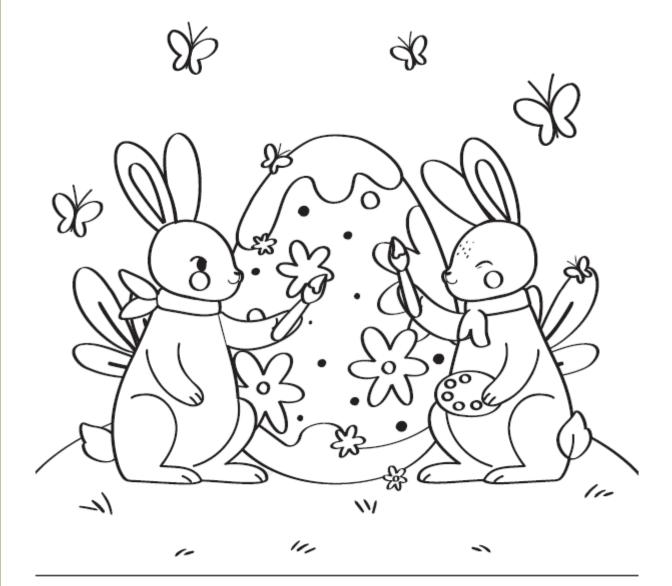
You can also follow our work in the corporate world and find out more about us on LinkedIn - https://www.linkedin.com/company/all-yours-period-box

With best wishes,

All Yours

Breckon & Breckon are conducting their annual Easter Colouring In competition with all primary schools in the Abingdon area. All entries will get an Easter Egg, and the winner of the competition will be announced over Easter Weekend where they can collect a £20 book voucher from our Abingdon Office. Children need to hand their Colouring In to the Breckon & Breckon Abingdon office with their name/ age and parents contact number.





EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

SUBMISSION DEADLINE APRIL 17, 2025 3 HIGH STREET, ABINGDON OX14 5BB

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