



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 competition 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 learning 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. Elizabeth 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

Lena	4CM	Robyn	6JN
Jessy	4CM	Anja	6JN
Theo	4TJ	Jess	6JN
Beatrix	4TJ	Henry	6EW
		Indhu	6EW

Secondhand Children's Book Sale

Wednesday 30th April, 3pm

In the school hall at pick up

Most books 50p each!

If you have any children's books to donate we will have crates outside the Music Room (to the right of BASC) at drop off and pick up the week before and after the Easter holidays.



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 longer 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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All The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address other topics and themes. For further guides, tips and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Live streaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities – and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.



NEGATIVE INFLUENCES

While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged in harmful or even illegal activities in the past.



FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying streamers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.



DONATE



UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a net worth of over \$1 million, but this is typical of anyone working in the medium.



MISINFORMATION

Streamers are, in many ways, just like us – and they can get things wrong or read off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to annoy them to their dislike of a certain topic.



ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of repetitive or streamers, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.



Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS

For a younger streamer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and the usual degree of good fortune. Streamers are often targeted and unable to spend freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that – influencing young minds, for better or for worse.



CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS

While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Kick2, which have grown in popularity with massive fan bases. Streamers are also being targeted by cyberstalking.



DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION

Streamers can reveal donations with additional content, so anyone "donating" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially so with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some oversight.



SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS

You can set screen time limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.



Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the former editor of the Daily Mail, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for 15 years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including iFT, TechCrunch, and plenty more.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: see full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/streamers>

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Dates for your diary 2025

Oxford Mind Fundraising Event	Week beginning 31 st March
Parent Forum – General	Wednesday 2 nd April at 4.45pm (online)
End of Term 2b	Friday 4 th April at 1.30pm
Start of Term 3a	Tuesday 22 nd April
KS1 Fire Talk	Wednesday 23 rd April
Year 6 SATs Information Evening	Wednesday 23 rd April 5.00pm
Year 5 Residential	Wednesday 23 rd – Friday 25 th April
Author Visit Years 4,5, and 6	Tuesday 29 th April
2RS Trip to Abingdon Musuem	Wednesday 30 th April
FoRC Second Hand Book Sale	Wednesday 30 th April 3.00pm
Year 4 Curriculum Assembly	Thursday 1 st May at 9.00am
May Bank Holiday (children not in school)	Monday 5 th May
2JB Trip to Abingdon Musuem	Wednesday 7 th May
KS2 SATs Week	Week of the 12 th May
Parent Forum – Personal Development	Monday 19 th May at 3.30pm (online)
Whole School Picnic and Open Afternoon	Friday 23 rd May
End of Term 3a	Friday 23 rd May
Inset Day (Children Not in School)	Monday 2 nd June
Start of Term 3b	Tuesday 3 rd June
Class Photos	Thursday 5 th June
Year 3 Hill End Trip	Thursday 12 th June
Vision Screening (Reception Only)	Monday 16th June (Date Change)
Reception and KS1 Sports Day	Friday 20 th June
Reception and KS1 Back Up Sports Day	Tuesday 24 th June
Summer Fete	Saturday 21 st June
Year 6 Call of The Wild Residential	Monday 30 th June – Friday 4 th July
'Move Up' morning	Wednesday 9 th July
KS2 Sports Day (Tilsley Park)	Thursday 10 th July 9.30am -1.30pm
Year 6 Production	Monday 14 th and Tuesday 15 th July 6.00pm
KS2 Back Up Sports Day (Tilsley Park)	Wednesday 16 th July 9.30am -1.30pm
Year 6 Leaver's Party	Thursday 17 th July
End of Term 3b	Monday 21 st July at 1.30pm

Local Community News

Please note items and events detailed below are for information purposes only. Rush Common School do not endorse or make recommendation



house of fun
ADVENTURE Week

A WEEK OF ADVENTURE THEMED SPORTS, COOKERY AND ARTS & CRAFTS! INCLUDING:
SPY SCHOOL
FORENSICS LAB
ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGES
POTION MAKING

CHILD-CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED
HAF PLACES AVAILABLE

EASTER MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Monday 7th to Thursday 17th April, 2025
open from 8.30am to 6pm each day!

RUSH COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL
HENDRED WAY
ABINGDON
OX14 2AW

Scan the QR code to book now!
or visit house-of-fun.co.uk, or call 07762 944204

The poster features a dark blue background with various icons: a hat and sunglasses, a keyhole, a magnifying glass, a fingerprint, and a bottle. At the bottom, there is a photograph of children in a spy-themed costume using binoculars and a magnifying glass.



ibrick house of fun

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JOIN OUR LEGO ADVENTURE!
EXPLORE THE WORLD AROUND YOU WITH LEGO

FUN-FILLED STEM CLUBS USING IBRICK KITS WITH LEGO® BRICKS FOR YEARS 1-6

LED BY EXPERIENCED HOUSE OF FUN INSTRUCTORS

RUSH COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL, ABINGDON

THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL
3:00PM TO 4:10PM
24TH APRIL TO 17TH JULY

AGES YEARS 1-6

BOOK NOW AT

SCAN ME

www.house-of-fun.co.uk

The poster has a white background with a colorful border of LEGO bricks. It features a central image of a LEGO Technic car with a motor. At the bottom right, there is a photograph of a child sitting at a table with LEGO bricks and a small robot.

LITTLE STARS MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS

Little Stars

Matilda

THE MUSICAL JR.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Major Prep School - Abingdon

Directed by Susanna Carter
Co Director Katie Jackson

3rd - 5th April

£13 Adult
£8 Child

littlestarsmusicaltheatre.co.uk

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All Intellectual Performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

Easter Holidays

The North Wall Arts Centre

THEATRE

Princess Smartypants

By Babette Cole

Princess Smartypants Ages 4+

Tue 15 - Wed 16 April
11am & 2pm

Princess Smartypants does not want to get married. She wants to carry on making music with her menagerie of monstrous pets, but the King and Queen have other ideas....

Full of songs and madcap comedy, Princess Smartypants is a treat for all the family from The Wardrobe Ensemble (*The Star Seekers*).

Tickets £10 (£8 child)

Sensory Storytelling Drama Workshop Ages 8-11

NW Inventors

Mon 14 - Wed 16 April
9am - 12pm

Reimagine stories using all the senses; how can we bring stories to life through sound, smell, touch and sight? A torch as a lighthouse, baking paper as crispy Autumn leaves or perhaps a drum as a heartbeat! Let your imaginations run wild in this fun and relaxed drama workshop.

Tickets £60

Full bursaries available
Email Abie on waitona@thenorthwall.com to apply

EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP

@ TILSLEY PARK ON 3G PITCH

TUESDAY - THURSDAY
8TH-10TH & 15TH-17TH

U9'S - U11'S &
U12'S - U14'S

10AM - 4PM

£80 PER 3 DAY WEEK

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**Menstrual Health and
Period Education Advocates**

March 2025

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.

Breckon & Breckon



EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

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

NAME
