

Rush Common School Newsletter



Friday 7th February 2025

Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week, and the theme has been 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. We started the week with an Assembly for all children about self-awareness and the importance of understanding their range of emotions. Children were encouraged to think about how understanding feelings allows us to make good choices in reaction to differing situations and circumstances. This assembly was followed up by in-class activities about understanding emotions. These enrichment activites, allied with our weekly PSHE sessions and targeted ELSA for individuals, allows us to support children to become more emotionally literate, resilient and better equipped to deal with set backs and difficult situations that may arise in their lives. This in turn gives them the platform to express themselves and achieve great things!

Speaking of great things, Year 5 treated us to a brilliant Curriculum Assembly this week, which showcased all of the learning that has been taking place in Year 5. The children spoke eloquently and demonstrated a great depth of learning across a wide range of curriculum subjects, including Geography, Art, English, Science and History. The Assembly also included a Mayan dance, in which the children were impressively synchronised. Thank you to the Year 5 staff for preparing the children for this assembly.

As well as Curriculum Assemblies, we try to provide other opportunities for children to perform in front of an audience. One such opportunity was Year 4's recital of McCavity the Mystery Cat in last week's Celebration Assembly. It was a fantastic performance of a well-loved poem, and we will enjoy similar performances from other year groups across the remainder of the school year.

Last week the whole school enjoyed M&M Production's Pantomime of Snow White. The children were wowed by the literal 'all singing, all dancing' performance in the school hall, and came away from the show with huge smiles on their faces. There was a real buzz in the air on pantomime day, and the exposure to such a high quality performance is inspiring for our children. I think they were also inspired by the staff members who had a dance off during each performance!

Last Tuesday we held our hugely popular 'Books at Bedtime' event for children in Preschool, Reception and Key Stage One. The hall was made all cosy with fairy lights, cushions and a roaring fire (on the hall screen!). The children enjoyed reading books with their parents and carers, and milk was provided while everyone listened to members of staff reading their favourite children's stories. A big thank you to Miss Lambert for her reading of Jack Frost, and Mrs Cleaves for reading 'Oi Frog'. Thank you to everyone who attended this lovely event.

Our Yr 5/6 Boys Football Team were out last week competing in a football league match against Thomas Reade. I am pleased to share that we won the game 3-2. Also, in action this week were our Tag Rugby Team, who competed fantastically in a tournament against other local teams. Both teams demonstrated fantastic team spirit, and represented the school superbly.

We recently updated our Uniform Policy, with some minor changes. Please do read the policy to make sure you are fully up to date - the policy can be found here Uniform-Policy-2025.pdf On the theme of uniform, FoRC provide second hand uniform (which seems almost as good as new) for a fraction of the price. There will be a Second Hand Uniform sale on Wednesday 26th March between 2.30pm and 3.30 pm in the school hall.

Finally, please may I ask all parents to park safely and respectfully. It is not acceptable to park up on grass verges at any time. If you think someone may be parked illegally please use the following guidance to report it at https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/parking/illegal-parking.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable weekend, and as this is the last newsletter of the half term, I would like to wish everyone a lovely half term break.

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.



Please see our website for latest school and Trust Job Vacancies:

Vacancies - Rush Common School - Dream, Aspire, Succeed

Homework Champions

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Ella	3LG	Ella	4TJ
Phoebe	3LG	Sara	4TJ
Asiri	3LA	Teddy	4TJ
Freddie	3LA	Noah	4TJ
Robyn	3LA	Rowe	5SC
Ava	3LA	Ellíot	5SC
Noah	3LA	Holly	5SC
Sophie	3LA	Torí	5SC
Evie	4CM	Olíver	6EW
Eva	4CM	Líly	6EW
Sophie	4CM	George	6JN
Arthur	4CM	Vincent	6JN

Dates for your diary 2025

Parent Forum – Curriculum Thursday 13th February at 9.15am (online)

School Discos and Non School Friday 14th February

Uniform Day

End of Term 2a Friday 14th February

Start of Term 2b Monday 24th February

Book Fair Week of the 3rd March

Height and Weight check (Reception and Year 6 only)

Monday 10th March

Year 1 Crocodiles of The World Trip

Tuesday 11th March

Year 2 Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip

Wednesday 19th March

Parents Evening

Week of the 24th March (dates tbc)

FoRC Second Hand Uniform Sale

Wednesday 26th March 2.30pm -3.30pm

Year 4 Youlbury Residental

Thursday 27th - Friday 28th 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 5 Residental

Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th 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

KS2 SATs Week

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

Vision Screening (Reception Only)

Monday 16th June (Date Change)

Summer Fete

Saturday 21st June

Year 6 Call of The Wild Residental

Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July

Year 6 Leaver's Party

Thursday 17th July

End of Term 3b

Monday 21st July at 1.30pm

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

IN-APP SPENDING

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Meet Our Expert



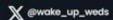
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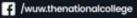
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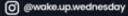


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TIPS FOR FAMILIES



1 Encourage journalling

Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journalling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.

(2) Make space for reflection

When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need.

Go for a walk drive or try some mindful.

Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.

3. Be visual

Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.

Practice mindfulness

Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.

(5) Communicate

Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.



If you're a parent or teacher, you'll find loads of useful advice to help you support the brilliant young people in your lives – from FAQs to downloadable packs. (2' Here4You.co.uk



Local Community News

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





www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamos-cricket





The Singing School was established in 2013 to provide children with the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

This Easter, we will be learning some beautiful seasonal music by Handel, Gibbons and John Ireland as well as some light-hearted pieces by Cole Porter and Aaron Copland. And, as always on our courses, we will be giving sessions on vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see www.oxbridgesingingschool.com or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

7 & 8 APRIL 2025

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