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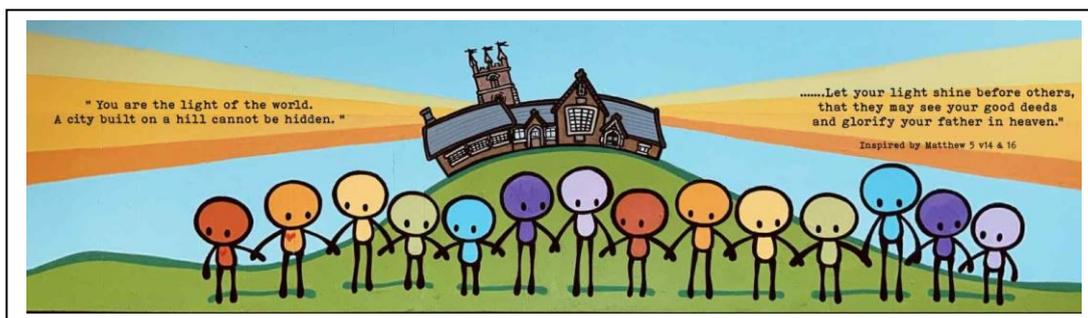


Deddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5: 14 and 16*

At Deddington, we create an inclusive, nurturing and caring community, empowering each other to **let our light shine**, through **INSPIRING** and supporting each other, **BELIEVING** in ourselves and others and **ACHIEVING** together.



Happy New Year and welcome back!

Attendance and punctuality reminder.

Although children will be absent for genuine illness at this time of year, please ensure they attend school and arrive on time as much as possible. Every school day counts and teachers want to give your children the best chance of success this year.

I appreciate that there are exceptional circumstances when absence is unavoidable, we kindly ask that children do not take time off for the following reasons:

- Minor ailments such as a cough, cold, runny nose, sore throat, headache, stomach ache, aching muscles or slight temperature
- Holidays during school term time. Fines can be issued for term time holidays and unauthorised absence.
- Non-emergency medical appointments (such as dentist or doctor) during school hours

Poor attendance may result in the following issues:

- Reduced ability to learn and achieve their potential due to missed learning time
- Missing out on opportunities within our personal development curriculum
- Difficulties in maintaining friendships

Lesson 1 starts at 8.45am so please ensure your child does not miss the start of their first lesson. Children need to be here and ready to enter school when the doors open at 8.40am.

Thank you for your support.

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Thank you!

What are children learning?

Medium term plans for this term can be found on our website by using the link below. They explain what each class will be learning during this term. If you have any questions or want an additional update on your child's progress, speak to the class teacher. They will always be happy to speak with you.

[Deddington Church of England Primary School - Classes](#)

Cold weather.

Please ensure children have an appropriate warm coat, gloves and hat during the cold weather. We will always take them outside for breaks unless snow and ice create a safety risk. Please ensure all items of clothing are named.

Children can also keep an outdoor pair of trainers or boots in school to wear during breaks. Children might make use of the school fields during some breaks, especially if the playground is slippery.

We will be considering active footwear choices in school for September 2026 and will ensure parents are given good notice of any uniform changes. At the moment, having outdoor footwear in school is recommended due to the current weather conditions.

E Safety and smartwatches.

Please ensure any watch worn to school is unable to connect to the internet directly. Children also need to ensure watches worn do not create any distraction during lessons and are only used in an appropriate manner. Mr Evans will be looking at further guidance regarding smartwatches in school and this guidance will be applied at Deddington if needed.

At school we have an effective system for filtering and monitoring internet use. Our curriculum contains Esafety guidance for children to stay safe online, recognise risk and understand the actions needed when a concern online takes place. Please ensure you continue to be fully aware of any internet use by children at home and support them to stay safe when using the internet. This includes any form of online gaming or online activity on any device.

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The recommended age for any form of social media is 13 years old. This means primary school pupils should not have accounts on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, Whatsapp, or any other similar application. Their use of You Tube should also be very closely monitored and children under the age of 13 should not have their own channel.

- 1. SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS**
Check your settings are up to date and controls are applied on all devices and apps.
 - 2. SUPERVISE ONLINE ACTIVITIES**
Ensure online activities are supervised by an adult and in a public space in the house. E.G - Living/Dining Room.
 - 3. SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS**
Talk about expectations for behaviour online, including how and when devices will be used.
 - 4. TALK ABOUT IT**
With the schools closed, online activities will increase. Let your children and young people know they can talk to you about anything that happens online.
 - 5. GO ONLINE TOGETHER**
See if you can share online experiences by joining in with their favourite app/game.
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Household Support Fund

We have funding from Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council to support families who are struggling in terms of food insecurity. Please do get in touch with Mrs Simpson (ksimpson@deddington.oxon.sch.uk) if you think you are in need of support.

Local disruption.

You will be aware that Thames Water have been completing water main works on Earl's Lane in recent weeks. I am hopefully that this disruption will end soon.

There will be further disruption in the village as Thames Water will complete works on Hudson Street during the spring of 2026. The notification is shown below.



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – Section 14(1)

Notice of Temporary Traffic Order
Deddington, Hudson Street
Prohibition of Through Traffic
Date of Order: 2/3/2026
Coming into force: 9/3/2026

This Order is being introduced because of water mains replacement works which are anticipated to take until 20/4/2026 to complete.

The effect of the Order is to temporarily prohibit any vehicle proceeding in that part of Hudson Street at its junction with High Street.

Appropriate traffic signs will be displayed to indicate when the measures are in force.

Exemptions are included for emergency services and for the works and for access to premises which are only accessible from the closed section of road.

The alternative route for traffic is via the B4031, Hopcraft Lane, St Thomas Street, A4260 and Vice Versa.

This Order will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed whichever is the sooner.

Traffic Regulations Team (Ref T17026 / RMF) for the Head of Network Management: Environment and Place, County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND. 0345 310 1111.

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The next newsletter will be sent home at the start of February. It will include news and updates from each class.

Important Dates.

Dates will be added in future newsletters.

Parent Consultation meetings.

Tuesday 24th March 2026 – 3.30pm to 7pm

Thursday 26th March 2026 – 3.30pm to 5pm

Term Dates

Term 3	6th January 2026 – 13th February 2026
Spring half term holiday	16th February 2026 – 20th February 2026
Term 4	23rd February 2026 – 27th March 2026
Easter holiday	30th March 2026 – 10th April 2026
Term 5	13th April 2026 – 22nd May 2026
Late Spring half term holiday	25th May 2026 – 29th May 2026
Term 6	1st June 2026 – 17th July 2026

INSET Day

20th July 2026 – the last day of the school year for children will be Friday 17th July 2026

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FARM & FOREST HOLIDAY CLUB

@ WARRINER SCHOOL FARM

17TH - 19TH
FEBRUARY

WINTER
HOLIDAY
CLUB

- Wildcrafts
- Den building
- Campfire cookouts
- Meet the animals
- Mud kitchen
- Tree climbing
- Rope swing
- & More!

AM †9am-12pm†, PM †1-4pm†
& Full-day sessions available:

TUES: KIDS (AGE 6-8)
WED: TWEENS (AGE 9-12)
THUR: TWEENS (AGE 9-12)

Email farm@warriner.oxon.sch.uk or
call 01295 721471 to register

