

July 2026



Deddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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.



School will close for the summer at 2pm on Friday 17th July 2026

Please return all school reading books you have at home before school closes for the summer holiday. Thank you.

Don't forget to take part in the library's Summer Reading Challenge and in the Parish Show!
Information regarding the Parish Show is included in this newsletter.

F1

What an incredible year it has been! We are so proud of each and every one of the children in F1. Since starting in September, they have grown in confidence, independence, knowledge, and resilience in ways that have been truly wonderful to see. Throughout the year, the children have embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and determination. Whether they were learning new sounds and beginning to read, mastering numbers and problem-solving, developing their writing skills, or exploring the world around them through play and investigation, they have shown a fantastic attitude to learning. What has impressed us most is their perseverance. They have learned that it is okay to make mistakes, that learning can sometimes be tricky, and that success often comes from not giving up. Time and time again, they have shown courage, resilience and a willingness to keep trying, even when things felt difficult. They have become kind, thoughtful and caring members of our school community. They have learned how to work together, share ideas, support their friends and celebrate each other's successes. Their curiosity, creativity and sense of wonder have brought joy to our classroom every day. They demonstrated all of these attributes during our trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park.

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Well done, F1 – you are all amazing, always letting your light shine and we couldn't be prouder of you!

Year 1

Wow! Year 1 began the term by knocking our socks off with their amazing perseverance and resilience in the Phonics Screening Check. We are so very proud of you all.

In week 3, we had a visit from some special visitors who delivered a fantastic PSHE session focusing on the big feeling of anger. As a group, they read the book 'Ravi's Roar' by Tom Percival and discussed how we can manage our feelings of anger. Our visitors were really impressed by the brilliant ideas year 1 shared- well done!

Year 1 were inspired by another visitor in Sports Week- the incredible, Chris Hunt Skelley (MBE!). Chris told us about his journey of self-belief and how he went on to achieve so much as a Team GB Judoka and Double Paralympic medallist! After meeting Chris, Year 1 felt inspired to learn more about him and discussed how he is proof that we can achieve so much if we keep believing in ourselves and trying our best.

During the very hot weather, we have hugely enjoyed playing in and exploring forest school even more than usual! We have been creative with den building, inventive in the mud kitchen and busy problem solving in water play.

As our last writing project, we have been writing letters to the F1 class to let them know all about Year 1. We really look forward to sharing our letters with them next week - but shh, it's a surprise!

As always Year 1, you have really let your light shine this term and all year! Thank you for the memories and I look forward to seeing you as big Year 2's in September!

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Year 2

Year 2 have had an incredibly busy and exciting term! It has been all go with rehearsals for our school production of *Joseph*, and the children have absolutely loved every moment. They have worked so hard learning their songs and routines and have truly shone on stage. We are so proud of their confidence, enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the production.

In English, we have been exploring the features of newspaper reports and have been putting our new skills into practice by writing reports about a mysterious secret giant! The children have loved becoming reporters and using exciting headlines, facts and quotes to bring their writing to life. Next week, they will discover that the giant has come from the wonderful story *Grandad's Secret Giant*, which we can't wait to share with them.

We have also enjoyed learning about a variety of inspiring people who have used their powerful voices to make a difference in the world. The children have been fascinated by their stories and have reflected on how they too can use their voices to show kindness, stand up for others and make a positive impact.

It has been a fantastic term filled with creativity, hard work and memorable experiences. We are incredibly proud of everything Year 2 have achieved!

Year 3

We have thoroughly enjoyed our swimming sessions at Bloxham School, particularly on that hot Thursday! The day before that, we headed off to Oxford to spend the day at the Ashmolean Museum. During the morning, we had a 'hands on' session where we were allowed to hold some of the replica Anglo Saxon artefacts. For lunch, we walked up to the Quaker Meeting House before heading back to the museum to explore the Roman, Greek and Egyptian rooms. We had so much fun and our behaviour was impeccable, drawing attention from the lead trainer as being the most well - behaved class. All of us let our light shine during this unforgettable day.



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Year 4

What a busy term this has been! Some of the highlights have been the Sports Week events. We played team-building games at Castle Grounds and had a Paralympic judo champion visit us to teach us about determination and respect. In computing, we worked hard to code games on Scratch and in science we made fake poo as we learnt about the human digestive system.

As a class, we have absolutely loved learning about climate change through reading our class text 'The Last Bear'. We had great fun discussing and debating with each other and are looking forward to visiting the Energy Recovery Facility at Ardley (the 'rainbow building') next week to build on our learning.

We have done so much more this term but thought we would let you see how much fun we had this morning doing the Summer Splash!



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Year 5

This final term has been a super busy one! As a school we have been so busy rehearsing for the play. The children have been working so hard. We also enjoyed our final session from Chef Gregg where we got to make bread. The children absolutely loved getting stuck right in and were sad to say goodbye to Gregg. We also had a lot of fun during sports week, although it looked a bit different due to the extremely hot weather!! Highlights were playing games up at Castle Grounds, a whole school picnic on the school field and a workshop with Paralympian, Chris Skelley, who was incredibly inspiring! We also enjoyed cooling off by playing with water in the shade at forest school!!!



WHAT A TERM!

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Year 6

Year 6 have been so busy. Most of our time has been filled with rehearsals for our amazing show 'Joseph'. They have continued to shine as excellent role models to the rest of the school, leaving a legacy of kindness, respect, loyalty and care.

Writing moderation for KS2 SATs went well, as I was able to share their amazing writing with our moderator who was blown away by the talent of the class. We particularly enjoyed writing letters home to Albert linked to War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. We have also written and produced a Leavers book full of memories for their time at Primary School.

In every way possible this incredible group of young people have shone so brightly. I am so blessed to have been their teacher for two years – through trials and tribulations we made it through year 6.

YEAR 6 ROCK.

Sports events

What an incredible year of sport it has been at Deddington Primary School! We are proud to be part of the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership (NOSSP), which provides our pupils and staff with access to School Games events, activator support sessions, professional development opportunities for staff, mental health and wellbeing initiatives, and bespoke support from NOSSP mentors and Healthy School Champions.

Mrs Brown, from The Warriner School, is our School Sport Co-ordinator (SSCO). Working alongside her dedicated team of young sports leaders, she organises a wealth of sporting opportunities for all the primary schools within the Warriner cluster.

Although three events were cancelled due to adverse weather, our pupils have enjoyed a fantastic year of participation, competing in cross country, football, netball, dance, multi-skills, dodgeball, sports hall athletics, hockey, bench ball, bowls, Quad Kids, cricket and tri-golf. We were delighted to reach numerous finals, including a County Final, and to host our own intra-school competitions in cross country, sports hall athletics and Quad Kids.

Most importantly, our children have embodied the School Games Mark values throughout the year. They have shown determination and passion in competition, respect for teammates and opponents, honesty and self-belief in their performances, and a strong sense of teamwork. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved and look forward to another exciting year of sport at Deddington Primary School.

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Outdoor learning

What a fantastic term we have had in Forest School!

With the arrival of the warmer weather, the children have made the most of our outdoor area, enjoying regular sessions at lunchtime and our Wednesday Lunch Club. It has been wonderful to watch friendships flourish as children from across the school come together to play, explore and learn from one another. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and growing confidence outdoors have made this a truly memorable term.

F1

Our F1 children have been exploring the theme Around the World, using string and natural materials to create their own imaginative worlds. They have also enjoyed learning about minibeasts, investigating the habitats in which they live and developing their understanding of the natural environment through hands-on exploration.

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy designing, building and testing their own boats using clay, investigating how changing the shape affected whether their boats would float. Through a range of water and guttering activities, the children developed their problem-solving skills, resilience and creativity. They carefully evaluated their designs, made improvements and tested different ideas, learning from each attempt as they explored what worked best. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and determination throughout the project.

Year 2

The children have been learning about plants and growth by planting sunflowers and carefully observing how they develop over time. They have also explored creativity in nature through leaf printing and produced beautiful artwork using light-sensitive paper, creating some impressive nature-inspired pieces.

Year 3

Year 3 have been investigating pollination and learning about the vital role animals play in helping plants reproduce. They explored the school grounds to identify the male and female parts of flowers and recorded their findings through detailed observational drawings, combining scientific enquiry with artistic skill.

Year 4

As part of their learning about places of worship, Year 4 have been creating colourful God's Eyes, which will be used to brighten and decorate our quiet area. They have also been learning about pilgrimages and are looking forward to creating journey sticks to represent important personal journeys and experiences.

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Year 5

Year 5 have continued to develop their practical Forest School skills, learning how to safely use bow saws and billhooks to cut and split wood. Using these new skills, they created garden stakes and channelled their creativity into making beautiful dreamcatchers from natural materials.

Year 6

Year 6 have demonstrated fantastic teamwork, creativity and resilience while designing and building their own playground equipment. They carefully considered both function and design, using tools such as bow saws, billhooks, drills and hammers with impressive skill and responsibility. They also used loose parts to construct larger-scale play equipment, showing excellent problem-solving abilities and perseverance throughout the process.

After-School Club

Children attending After-School Club have enjoyed developing their outdoor skills through den building and learning how to safely use flint and steel to light cotton wool. They have approached these new challenges with great enthusiasm and are especially excited about toasting marshmallows around the fire next week!

As the term draws to a close, it has been a pleasure to see the children grow in confidence, develop new skills, embrace challenges and deepen their connection with the natural world. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and look forward to many more exciting Forest School and outdoor learning adventures next year!



Water safety advice.



Spending time near water can be fun, especially in warm weather, but open water can be dangerous even if you are a strong swimmer. Rivers, lakes, canals, quarries and reservoirs can be much colder than they look, with hidden hazards and strong currents.

- Do not jump, dive or swim in open water unless it is a supervised, designated place.
- Never go near water alone - stay with friends and make sure someone knows where you are.
- Be aware that cold water shock can affect anyone, even strong swimmers, and can make it hard to breathe or move.
- Rivers, canals and lakes may have hidden dangers under the surface such as rocks, rubbish, weeds, fishing line or sudden drops.
- Do not take risks to impress others, including dares, bridge jumps or entering the water for social media content.
- If you fall in, try to stay calm, float on your back, keep your airway clear and control your breathing.
- If you see someone in trouble, call 999 or 112, shout for help, and throw something that floats. Do not go in after them.
- If possible, choose supervised swimming venues or pools instead of unsupervised open water.

Remember: Enjoy the good weather, look out for your mates, and stay safe around water.

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Household Support Fund

As the summer approaches, we appreciate there might be some families who need a little extra support with food provisions. If you think you might struggle with food insecurity over the summer holidays and need support, please contact Mrs Simpson as soon as possible for her to arrange support for you (whether financial or signposting you to places that can provide you with support over the summer break). Please either speak with her or send an email to her at this email address: senco@deddington.oxon.sch.uk.



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A boy is eating a salad.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

 **Bookings for September are now OPEN.** We'd absolutely love to welcome your family to High Flyers.

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See you soon! 

The Highflyers Team 

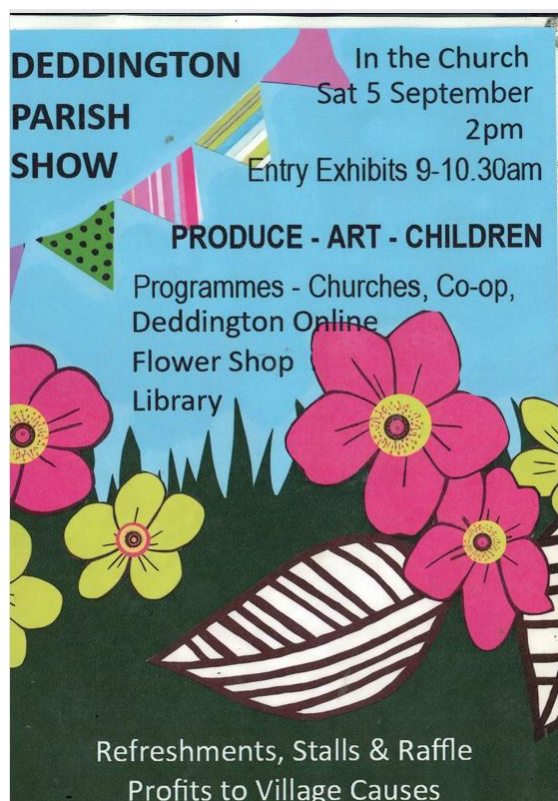
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CHILDREN'S CLASSES Ages on day of Show

PRE SCHOOL

85. A Picture of Sea Creatures

AGE GROUP 5 YEARS and UNDER

86. A Picture of Sea Creatures
87. A Picture of Bluey
88. A Jellyfish Wand using paper/material/wool etc
89. A Collage made from paper and glue
90. 2 Decorated Cupcakes

AGE GROUP 6 TO 8 YEARS

91. A Picture of a Space Station or a Rocket
92. A Collage of Kindness (sunshine/light/happy things)
93. A Mask for Halloween
94. A Painted Stone
95. 2 Decorated Cupcakes

AGE GROUP 9 TO 11 YEARS

96. Draw a design for a Quidditch Broom (A4)
97. DIY Fish Tank in a Glass Jar
98. Upcycle a Tin Can into a useful object
99. A Collage of a Fantasy Land
100. Apple Cake - Recipe Supplied below

Children may also enter any of the adult classes or any classes of the age groups above them.

When completing the entry form, please write the age of the child.

Donations from Show profits are given to the church and other charities in Deddington, often to young people's groups and the school.

DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW ENTRY FORM

NB. ONE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH EXHIBITOR

All exhibits to be submitted to the church on the day of the show between 9.00 and 10.30 am.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/other) Age of child.....

Address

..... Telephone

Please insert number of entries (2 maximum per class) alongside corresponding class numbers

Cookery	Flowers	Vegetables	Fruit	Crafts	Children's Classes
1	19	34	54	67	Pre School
2	20	35	55	68	85
3	21	36	56	69	Age 5 & under
4	22	37	57	70	86
5	23	38	58	71	87
6	24	39	59	72	88
7	25	40	60	73	89
8	26	41	61	74	90
9	27	42		75	Age 6 - 8
10	28	43	Art	76	91
11	29	44	62	77	92
12	30	45	63	78	93
13	31	46	64	79	94
14	32	47	65	Photography	95
15	33	48	66		Age 9 - 11
16		49		80	96
17		50		81	97
18		51		82	98
		52		83	99
		53		84	100

Entry Fees: 50p per adult entry, 20p per child entry

(Cheques payable to Deddington Parish Show) ENTRY FEES TOTAL: £:.....

Please send or deliver entry forms, with fees enclosed, to Sue Ayles, Franklins Cottage, Bull Ring, Deddington OX15 0TT: 01869 336261 or email: sueayles@btinternet.com

by 10.00pm before or on Wednesday 2nd September 2026

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE

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Tucker Park

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BE PART OF THE CONSULTATION

Have your Say on the future of SEND in Oxfordshire

Strategy & Reform



The Oxfordshire Local Area Partnership is consulting on the draft Oxfordshire SEND Strategy 2026–2029.

We want to hear from children, young people, parent carers, professionals and communities.

Your views
will help shape
SEND services
in Oxfordshire.



Consultation
open until
3rd August 2026

HAVE YOUR SAY – IN YOUR WAY



Read the draft
SEND Strategy



Complete the consultation
survey before
3rd August 2026.

AS PART OF THE CONSULTATION

JOIN ONE OF OUR INTERACTIVE WEBINARS

Hosted by Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum (OxPCF) with the Oxfordshire Local Area Partnership.

Hear about the draft SEND Strategy and the emerging local SEND Reform Plan for delivering national SEND reforms. Find out what is changing, what it could mean for your family, and share your questions and feedback directly with Local Area Partnership leads.



Two opportunities
to ask questions,
take part in live polls
and have your say.

CHOOSE THE SESSION THAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU



**Tuesday
7 July
7:00–9:00pm**

OR



**Thursday
9 July
12:00–2:00pm**

Both webinars cover the same content, so you only need to attend one.

FIND OUT MORE & GET INVOLVED



Scan the QR code or visit
our website to:

- ✓ Read the draft strategy
- ✓ Complete the survey
- ✓ Book your webinar place
- ✓ Find out more



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OR

[letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/
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You can also visit the consultation on
Oxfordshire County Council's Let's Talk page.



All views are important and will help shape
the future of SEND services in Oxfordshire.

*Thank you for
having your say.*



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Wednesday 29th July 2026 11.00am–3.00pm
Bicester Play & Activity Day

Spider Park, Keble Road, Bicester. OX26 4TP

**FREE Entrance and FREE Activities for Families,
Children and Young People of all ages**

Activities include

- * Go Kart Party
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- * Junk Modelling with Art Avalanche
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- * Fabric Upcycling with Groovy Su
- * Bright Sparks Science
- * DIY Face Painting
- * And more.....

For further details please contact
Oxfordshire Play Association
Tel: 07436 270267 Web: www.oxonplay.org.uk Email: martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk

Building Communities and Improving Health Through Play

Please note that NO Childcare is provided and there is very limited parking on site.
Food and Refreshments will need to be purchased, you are most welcome to bring a picnic.
Please note that this event will be Photographed and / or Filmed



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Term Dates

Children finish for the summer holiday at 2pm on Friday 17th July 2026

20th July 2026

Sports Day

15th July

Term 1:

3rd September 2026 – 22nd October 2026

October half term:

23rd October 2026 – 2nd November 2026

Term 2:

3rd November 2026 – 18th December 2026

Christmas holiday:

19th December 2026 – 4th January 2027

Term 3:

5th January 2027 – 12th February 2027

Spring half term holiday:

13th February 2027 – 21st February 2027

Term 4:

22nd February 2027 – 25th March 2027

Easter holiday:

26th March 2027 – 11th April 2027

Term 5:

12th April 2027 – 28th May 2027

Late Spring half term holiday:

29th May 2027 – 7th June 2027

Term 6:

8th June 2027 – 21st July 2027

Inset Days

1st & 2nd September 2026, 23rd October 2026, 2nd November 2026 (additional inset day for ODST training) 4th January 2027, 7th June 2027