



"The World for our Children, our Children for the World"

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Family Newsletter

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Dear Families,

As we settle into the second half of the summer term, our school is buzzing with trips, competitions, and enriching experiences. Before half-term, our pupils showed tremendous spirit and determination, doing us proud both at the Youlbury residential and the ODST cross-country competition we hosted.

That momentum has certainly continued this week! Year 6 visited the John Radcliffe Hospital and began swimming at Cranford School, while Year 3 enjoyed a cricket workshop at Boundary Park. Meanwhile, Wrens and Swallows beautifully pivoted after their Beale Park trip was postponed, enjoying a wonderful field picnic instead. This trip has now been rescheduled, and we are incredibly grateful to the PTA for subsidising it. Looking ahead, it was fantastic to welcome Year 5 parents into school to prepare for the upcoming Hill End residential. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Sánchez

Introducing the Becorns!

We are delighted to share the enchanting photographs from our 'Becorns' home competition! Inspired by artist [David M Bird](#), children foraged for natural materials to construct their own tribe of woodland characters. It was a joy to see how they breathed life into acorns, twigs, and leaves at home, beautifully integrating and photographing them in nature!

Each creation captured a distinct personality, making the entire collection utterly lovable and endearing. Huge congratulations to our winners, and well done to all families who took part for putting a massive smile on our faces. [Please enjoy the gallery here](#) and the winning entries from Leena, Cece and Eden!



South Moreton Church Flower Festival and Village Open Day

Our Becorn tribe and further artwork will be on display at next weekend's flower festival at South Moreton Church, along with lots more to see! It promises to be a fantastic afternoon - we look forward to many school families joining the fun!

Our Flower Festival and Village Open Day at South Moreton Church is really coming together, so much so that we're now opening the doors at 1pm to give you plenty of time to enjoy everything on offer. So join us on Saturday 13th June, 1–5pm, for:

- Flower displays by our Flower Club
- An art exhibition by local artists: Jane Duff, Liz Gascoigne, Victoria Squires, Pat Gillett, Jacquie Hughes, Louisa Calder, Morag Conway, Lucy Kelaart, Hannah Woollen and Alice Roberts
- Artwork by South Moreton School and by South Moreton Pre-School
- South Moreton Boxing Club & The Cornermen (men's mental health)
- Ommingbird Yoga demo class at 2.30pm
- Chair massage demo with Anita Choat
- Absolute Reps demo
- Heavy horses
- Petting zoo
- Children's nature trail
- Raffle
- Tea & homemade cakes
- Will Venn on piano

*And the fun doesn't stop there — The Crown is offering a **10% discount** on food and drink all evening to anyone who picks up a voucher at the event.*

Can you help? We'd be very grateful for:

Flowers and foliage from your garden

Raffle prizes

Homemade cakes for our tea table

Any outdoor furniture we could borrow for visitors to sit with their tea and cake

Flower arranging begins at 10am on the day, so do come along if you'd like to lend a hand.



Year 6 trip to the John Radcliffe Hospital

Yesterday, our fantastic Red Kites class went on an incredibly important visit to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford as part of the Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools (IMPS). Building beautifully on their previous 'Junior Citizens' trip, the children got a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at how a hospital runs. They toured the Emergency Department, discovered how the triage system prioritises patients, and even got to step inside a real hospital room on the Children's ward.

Alongside exploring the hospital, the children took part in vital, hands-on first aid training. They brushed up on how to stay safe in emergencies, mastered the basics of CPR, and practiced putting each other into the recovery position. It was a thoroughly educational day out, and we are so proud of how maturely Red Kites conducted themselves. We hope these crucial, life-saving skills stay with them for years to come!



Changes to charges for meals, clubs and childcare from September

Please see the email sent home today with details of these changes which will take effect for the new academic year.

We have taken into account useful feedback from parents that you would appreciate the possibility to book meals over a longer period. **The menu now on MCAS runs for the full half term.**

Please note that meal bookings must all be made by the Friday of the previous week.

Year 3 Cricket Workshops at Boundary Park

On Tuesday our Year 3 pupils were invited to a cricket skills afternoon run by Oxfordshire Cricket. The children got to build on the bowling, batting and fielding skills they learnt during their enhanced day in school before half term. The children had a great time and even a heavy shower just after we got started didn't dampen their enthusiasm to have fun and improve. Thank you to parents for collecting your children from Didcot without your support we wouldn't have been able to offer the children this opportunity.



Dates for your diary

Please note the new date for Wrens' and Swallows' rescheduled trip to Beale Park

Date	Event	Notes
1st June - 12th June	Year 4 DfE Multiplication Check	Info for parents on the MTC is here
Tues 2nd - Tues 30th June	Y6 Swimming Lessons @ Cranford School	See email. Payment and permission within MCAS.
Mon 8th - Fri 12th June	Year 1 DfE Phonics Check	Info for parents on the DfE Y1 Phonics Check is here
Tues 9th June	Year 5 cricket tournament @ Boundary Park	Information sent to Y5 families
Fri 12th June	Year 6 transition visit from Aureus School	
Tues 16th June	Year 6 Royal Navy STEM morning	In school workshops
Wed 17th - Fri 19th June	Year 5 Residential Trip	
Wed 24th June, 1.30pm	Sports Day	All families warmly welcome
Wed 24th June, 6pm	New Reception starters - Parent Information Evening	Parents of new Reception cohort warmly welcome
Fri 26th June, 1.30pm	Backup Sports Day	In case of poor weather on 24th
Mon 29th June	Science Week	
Thurs 2nd - Fri 3rd July	Level 3 Bikeability	Information to follow
Fri 3rd July	Y3 and Y4 trip to Sheldonian Theatre Children's Concert	Information to follow
Mon 6th July	Whole School Transition Afternoon incl Reception new starters	
Thurs 9th July	Wrens and Swallows trip to Beale Park ***NEW DATE	Costs are generously subsidised by the PTA to keep them accessible.
Fri 10th July, 2.15pm	Summer Concert, all year groups	All families warmly welcome
Mon 13th July	Reports home	
Mon 13th July	Whole School transition afternoon incl Reception new starters	
Thurs 16th July, 5pm	Year 6 Leavers picnic and celebration	Parents of Y6 warmly welcome
Fri 17th July, 1.30pm	End of Term	Taxi and bus departs at this time

Sunsafer at school

Please can we ask parents to activate 'Summer mode' by ensuring that your child has the following in school every day. Children without protection on sunny days may be asked to play in shady areas which might not be their preference.

- Sunhat labelled with child's name
- Suncream (children need to apply this themselves, or you can apply a long-lasting one before school)
- Water bottle
- Waterproof coat (we can't pretend the rain won't make an appearance!)

READING NIGHTS AT SOUTH MORETON

**We don't set homework at South Moreton
(research says it's not impactful for Primary pupils, and
parents told us they agree)**

BUT - we do expect children to read at home.

1 night of Reading = 1 "Reading Night"
15 minutes R / KS1, 20 mins KS2
Recorded in their Reading Diary
4 nights = 1 point to win prizes

**Reading is the single biggest way parents can support their
child's academic success.**

HOW WE MEASURE

Engagement in reading at home forms part of our assessment of your child. Those that don't read, fall behind.

Children should read at home every day Monday - Thursday. Reading diaries are checked on a Friday.

Those with 4 Reading Nights will be entered to win prizes for their House and Class.



Uniform reminder for Summer Term:

As the weather improves, please can we remind you of uniform expectations. Children are permitted to wear Summer dresses after the break if they wish. Shoes must be closed-toe and sturdy for outdoor play.

All shorts - girls and boys, for school or PE MUST be mid-thigh length or longer.

We will be contacting parents if uniform is not appropriate for school.

MCAS bookings and payments

All bookings and payments for school dinners, wraparound care, extra curricular clubs and trips are now managed within the MyChildAtSchool app or website. It will no longer be possible for the Office to make bookings for you.

Payment for wraparound care continues to be possible with childcare vouchers. Parents can select 'CV' in the MCAS checkout, which allows you to place the order while arranging the voucher transfer.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or need any help. We recognise that change can pose challenges and are very happy to support you.

If you are still catching up:

Please log in to 'My Child At School' via the online website or app using the login detail sent to your email address. You can alternatively add your email address and select 'forgot password' for a reset email to be sent to you.

The app can be downloaded from [Google Play](#) or [App Store](#) here.
The website is here www.mychildatschool.com

Pupil Premium eligibility - help us to support your child

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals and a variety of other financial supports, and school receives additional funding to support your child's teaching and learning. Please help us to claim this funding by contacting the Office if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits.

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Don't forget to join our **@SouthMoretonPrimary** Facebook page!
We welcome you to search and 'like' so that you get the best insight
into the school day to discuss and celebrate with your child.
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