

Dr Radcliffe's CE Primary School

Newsletter 4 - Spring Term

Message from the Assistant Headteachers

Welcome to our Spring term newsletter!

As we continue to help students embody the school ethos of living 'life in all its fullness' this half term has seen the children enjoy a fantastic range of enriching activities and experiences. We have taken groups of children to athletics and swimming, we have spent time enjoying the woods, visiting the church and on local walks, play rehearsals are in full swing and we rounded things off with our P-Factor poetry competition yesterday. We also hosted Be Space, where the children considered some big questions and were encouraged to think of others. We have heard from the two charities we supported last term how our donations have benefited them and the children are supporting OPAL today by wearing their own clothes (raising £179.43), please come and buy some cakes later today at the bake sale! All proceeds will go towards the planned OPAL mud kitchen. We have seen so much inspiring work from the children inside and outside the classroom over the past weeks as well as some wonderful Friday talents. We wish you all a brilliant half term holiday and look forward to welcoming you back, refreshed, after the break.

Dr Radcliffe's in the News!



We were very proud to have come second in this league table compiled by the Oxford Mail, please follow the link below for more details:

[Oxford Mail](#)

Oxford Mail

Sportshall Athletics

Children from Years 5 and 6 have attended 3 Sportshall Athletics events at The Warrior. The theme of each event was 'Determination' and this was clearly demonstrated by all who participated. Well done to all the children involved and thank you to the staff who enabled them to partake in the events.

Becky Roberts



REMINDER

MCAS App

A friendly reminder please to download the My Child At School (MCAS) app if you have not already done so. We will be moving as many processes over to the app as possible and will look to become a cashless school in due course. Many school clubs are already on MCAS and we have put our first school trip on there!

Please email the office to request your activation email as the original link will have expired.



Safer Internet Day

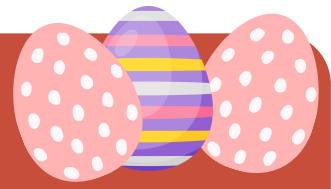
'Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI' was the theme of this year's Safer Internet Day. Children in all classes completed activities on the theme of staying safe online this week. Please take a moment to review the parents and carers resources sheet which was circulated with the newsletter link, Thank you.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>



Please note that we are a dog-free site, dogs must not be brought on to the school premises whether on a lead or carried. Thank you for your understanding.





Diary Dates

- Thursday 5 March - World Book Day - More information to follow!
- Monday 9 March - Class Photographs
- Thursday 19 March - Y3 and 4 Play 6pm
- Easter Service - All welcome, 11am at the church
- Year R and Y1 Easter Celebration - 9.15 in the school hall



Thank you for kindly supporting Katharine House Hospice through our Santa Schools Run. Congratulations on raising a fantastic amount as a school and we are truly thankful to all the pupils, staff and parents / guardians who all took part and donated for a fantastic local good cause.

Thank you for all helping to make a difference, so we can continue to provide our care and services for patients and their families throughout north Oxfordshire and south Northamptonshire.

Enjoy your half term and well-deserved rest.

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Kind regards
Rachel

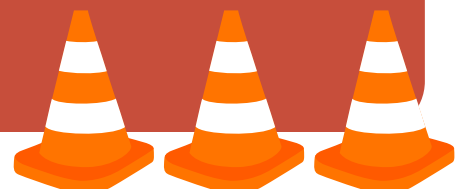
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RAISED!**

Rachel Burns
Community Engagement Officer



**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

Please can we remind parents and carers to drive carefully at drop-off and pick-up times, we have had a couple of near-misses recently. A reminder that the speed limit is 20mph in the village and Middle Aston.



Every Day Counts!

We know mornings can be busy, but getting to school on time makes such a difference to your child's learning and wellbeing.

Our school gates open at 8:30am, giving children time to settle in, catch up with friends, and prepare for the day ahead. The school day starts promptly at 8:45am, so arriving by this time means your child won't miss those important first moments of learning.



Why does attendance matter?

Coming to school regularly helps children understand the link between good attendance and achievement and gives them a purpose to be in school each day. When children attend well, they:

- Keep up with their learning and don't fall behind
- Build strong friendships and feel part of our school community
- Develop good habits that will help them throughout their lives
- Feel confident and settled in their routines



We place a high priority on improving attendance and punctuality across the whole school and we're here to support you if you're facing any challenges getting your child to school.



This week the charity Be Space have been in school leading a space of Prayer and Reflection for the children. Amongst many other activities the children considered questions such as 'What do you hope for the future?' and 'What do you hope the world will be like?'.

Some groups talked about homelessness and produced thoughts and prayers which were displayed.

Thank you to all the Be Space volunteers who transformed the library into such an incredible space, we had lots of very positive feedback from staff and children alike



**To all who kindly gave for our Be a Star Christmas Appeal
We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the items you have so kindly given towards our Be a Star Christmas Appeal this year to support our work in Banbury and the surrounding area.**

As I'm sure you can imagine under normal circumstances Christmas can be a very hard time of year for some families, and due to the current economic situation, we are seeing an increase in people needing our help with gifts for their children. This help is offered not only at Christmas but throughout the year and we are expecting the numbers of people needing to ask for help will increase this year. Without help from such kind people as yourselves we would not be able to help families with toys this Christmas.

Again, please accept our appreciation for thinking of The Salvation Army.

May God bless you



Thank you!

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FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
MOST SUITABLE FOR 5-16 YRS

SCIENCE BAZAAR

Saturday 21 February 2026

9:30am - 11:30am *Relaxed autism-friendly early opening*
11:30am-4pm *Open to all*

Fun activities, hands-on workshops, experiments, talks, show, competitions and cafe



BOOK
TICKETS

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SINDALL**
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NO PARKING ON SITE EXCEPT FOR ACCESS NEEDS

SEND TOGETHER 2026

A DAY FOR PARENT CARERS IN
OXFORDSHIRE TO CONNECT, LEARN AND
SHARE

March 26th
The King's Centre,
Oxford

9.30am - 2.30pm

- ✔ Workshops and Information Sessions
- ✔ SEND Advice Clinic
- ✔ SEND Marketplace
- ✔ Feedback and Discussion Sessions
- ✔ Free event

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Register here: www.tinyurl.com/SENDtogether2026

A LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP EVENT



OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL



OXFORDSHIRE
PARENT CARERS FORUM

BOB

Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire
and Berkshire West
Integrated Care System





THE | OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

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 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

30 & 31 March 2026

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