



Dr Radcliffe's School Newsletter

EDITION 2: 2024

Welcome to our newsletter.

Thanks to all of you who have donated to our JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/dr-radcliffes-school> £540.00 has been raised in just over two weeks which is fantastic - thanks to all who have donated to date. More information on the page is below. Thanks also to the new Friends committee and volunteers and to all who attended their excellent disco last Friday.

Thanks also to all the parents who attended our Harvest Service at the Church recently and well done to Year 4 for leading it. Children from Years 5 and 6 have attended a Rugby Megafest and Netball tournaments at Warriner. Well done to them.

School will end for children at 3.15pm on Thursday, 24th October and will begin again on Tuesday, 5th November. This Friday and Monday, 4th November, are INSET training days for staff.

We hope you will have a restful week's holiday and we look forward to Term 2.



Dr Radcliffe's C of E Primary School, Steeple Aston

Fundraising for Dr Radcliffe's C of E Primary School, Steeple Aston.

Fundraising for Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST)

Thank you!

Please order
your school
photos by
Monday 28th
October to take
advantage of
free delivery to
school!

Fundraising Priorities

We plan to boost our learning environment this year by raising funds for two exciting projects:

Accelerated Reader

We're aiming to raise £3000 to launch the first year of Accelerated Reader, an extensive library of books and interactive quizzes that motivates and supports all pupils in independent reading.

Further details: <https://www.renaissance.com/products/accelerated-reader/>

Whiteboards for Interactive Learning

We're aiming for £8,000 to complete our suite of interactive whiteboards, one per classroom. We replaced half of the class whiteboards last year, largely through the fundraising efforts of the Friends, our PTA. These whiteboards are essential as part of a modern education. They enhance engagement, support diverse learning styles, and promote collaboration in the classroom.

How you can help

No matter how small, every contribution makes a difference.

JustGiving allows you to make one-off donations or regular payments, with all funds going direct to Dr Radcliffe's.

"Your generosity will make a significant impact on our children's learning. We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and are grateful for your support in helping us to achieve our fundraising goals." Mr Robert O'Malley, Headteacher

Friends Disco

The Friends of Dr Radcliffe's held two discos last week which have raised well over £400!

Watch out for the Friends' news letter coming out next term with exciting dates, new faces and more events coming!



School's Challenge

On Sunday 13th October, pupils from Year 6 took part in the Schools' Challenge of the Oxford Half Marathon.

Having run 12 miles before the event, the children ran a mile, on the official race track in front of a cheering crowd. The children were fantastic and ran brilliantly.

Thank you to all the parents who came and helped me to enable the children to take part in this fantastic event.

Becky Roberts



Y2 Trip to Warwick Castle

Class 2 had a fabulous day exploring the wonders of Warwick Castle last Wednesday. They scaled towers, roleplayed invading the Castle and learnt about all the challenges an attacking army would face. They enjoyed their lunch in the open air watching the 'Falconer's Quest', an incredible display of the speed, wing power and mastery of the air above their heads.

The class impressed everyone with their interesting observations and thoughtful questions. An unforgettable day for all! Thank you to the volunteers who came along with us and made it all possible.



Attendance

Our target for 2024/25 is 96%



Attendance by class:

Year R - 97.18%
Year 1 - 97.54%
Year 2 - 96.97%
Year 3 - 98.33%
Year 4 - 97.84%
Year 5 - 96.97%
Year 6 - 95.22%



Well done Year 5 who are still at the top of the table for whole year attendance since September with 97.42%!



The Oxfordshire Family Information Service is an excellent resource which offers links to support providers for a wide range of issues as well as listing activities in Oxfordshire which may be of interest to families.

If you have any queries on local support available, please contact the school office and we will get in touch with you.



vacancies

Teaching Assistant

Our school needs a highly motivated, talented and inspirational teaching assistant to start as soon as possible. Term-time only 8.30 am – 3.15 pm – Monday to Friday


Pay Grade 4 - £23,114 FTE (pro rated)

Cleaner

Term-time only 10 hours per week. Two hours per day - Monday to Friday (times to be agreed) £11.59 per hour.

We may be able to offer some flexibility with hours for the right candidate.

Church Services over the next few Sundays Everyone welcome!



27th October - Morning Prayer at North Aston (9.30am) and Steeple Aston (11am), Holy Communion at Tackley (9.30am)

3rd November - Holy Communion at North Aston (9.30am) and Steeple Aston (11am), All Souls Service at Tackley (5.30pm)

10th November - Remembrance Service North Aston 9.30am, Steeple Aston 10.50am, Tackley 5.30pm

17th November - Holy Communion at North Aston (9.30am) and Steeple Aston (11am), Family Service at Tackley (5.30pm)

24th November - Morning Prayer at North Aston (9.30am) and Steeple Aston (11am), Family Communion at Tackley (9.30am)

Other events:

31st October- St Peter and St Paul's Church will be offering 'All Souls' Hot Chocolate and refreshments between 5.30-7pm in the Village Hall for families going around the village - please drop in!

Remembrance Concert

In aid of Royal British Legion and Church Funds

Saturday, 9th
November

7.30

Steeple Aston
Church

Devised and Conducted by
Nicholas Cleobury

Aston Singers
- Charmian Bartlett/Cello
- Rebecca Lewin/Mezzo
- Holly Viner/Violin

Tickets £12 (under 16s free)
from Margaret Bullement
01869 347346
mtheb749@gmail.com

Or the Steeple Aston Village Shop



LIVING WELL with NEURODIVERSITY

NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

A new support service

from Oxfordshire CAMHS in collaboration with AutismOxford
UK Limited



Is your family open to/involved
with CAMHS services?



Is your young person either
suspected or diagnosed as
neurodiverse (autism/ADHD)?

FREE COURSES AND
SUPPORT FOR YOU!

AUTISM

A range of sessions available covering different topics.
Informal spaces for parents/carers to safely share experiences/tips.
Facilitated by professionals and lived experience practitioners.

Scan the QR code to access
the events and resources!

<https://onhs.autismoxford.com/>

If you have any questions, please email us on
youngpeoplesupport@autismoxford.org.uk



CAN YOU BEAT THE GOALIE? COME AND TRY!

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

After school at
Dr Radcliffes. To
raise funds for
Class 6 final year
celebrations!

Can you beat Oxford
United's Simon
Eastwood? Now any
child can try!
£2.00 for 3 shots!



Ofsted
Good rating

Dr Radcliffe's C of E Primary School

Reception Open Morning

Parents of children starting school in September 2025 are warmly invited
to our open morning on
Tuesday 12th November, 9:30 am – 11:00 am



Come along and meet our friendly staff and see how our current
Reception children are learning. To book a place, please contact the
school office.

T: 01869 340204 E: office.3828@dr-radcliffes.oxon.sch.uk

www. <https://www.dr-radcliffes.org.uk/>

The logo for SAVA (Steeple Aston Village Archive) features the word 'sava' in a white, lowercase, serif font, with a white arch above it.

STEEPLE ASTON VILLAGE ARCHIVE

SAVA Annual Exhibition

Come along to the SAVA exhibition on 'The Environment of Steeple and Middle Aston' on the weekend of Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November from 12 noon – 5.00pm at Steeple Aston Village Hall. Admission free (donations welcome). Exhibition panels on local animals, birds, butterflies & moths, insects, trees, hedgerows, wildflowers, geology & footways; village books for sale; family activities; tree survey by children of Dr Radcliffe's school.

We look forward to welcoming families.



Steeple Aston Life – Christmas Cover Competition!

The team at SAL invite all young artists of Steeple and Middle Aston to get your colours out, smocks on and get creating what might become our Christmas front cover.

What does Christmas look and feel like to you? You might want to recreate your favourite Christmas memory or depict the elements and people that make the day magical. Perhaps you're a dab-hand at drawing Christmas creatures or brightly decorated spruces by the fire. What you paint or draw is entirely up to you, your imagination and creativity. All we ask is that your artwork is Christmassy, extremely colourful, and in a portrait configuration (so it suits the orientation of the cover).

Entrants up to 12 years old can enter. All those who enter will be featured on our village website, and the winner will be featured – in colour – on SAL's December front cover. We are delighted that local artist, Niki Thomas, will be our esteemed judge. The deadline for entering is Sunday 17th November. Please include your name, age, email address or family phone number. Either scan and email your artwork (in jpeg format, 300mb) to editorsalife@gmail.com, or drop it off at Barley Port, Home Farm Lane, Middle Aston (the cottage with the sheep sign on it!).