



Dr Radcliffe's School Newsletter

EDITION 3: 2024

Welcome to our newsletter

Thanks to the parents and families who have attended the recent Remembrance Service in Church and to those pupils and parents who attended the Remembrance Concert in Church of which there are further details below.

Thanks to our PTA members who are doing such a great job, including in getting ready for Christmas events, including the Christmas Fair this weekend on Saturday. The choir will be signing carols at 11.15am and 12.45pm led by Mr Brigg. It will be great if as many choir members as possible can attend for those singing sessions and thanks to Mr Brigg for leading on the day.

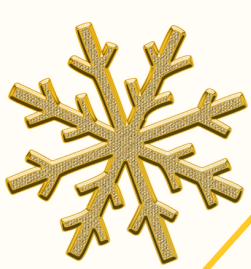
I am glad to say that Dr Radcliffe's success in sport continues with the Y3/4 and Y5/6 girls' football teams qualifying for next step of our local sports partnership competition recently. We have also had over ten children qualify for the next step of the local Cross-Country competition, including our Y5/6 boys' team. Our Y5/6 boys' football team recently played at Warriner against local schools, winning all six matches, scoring 14 and not conceding a goal. Thanks to all of you for your support in kits, signing letters etc.

Thanks to all of you who have donated to our JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/drradcliffes-school> £540.00 has been raised - thanks to all who have donated to date. Any further donations for the Accelerated Reader program and class interactive whiteboards would be gratefully received. If you wish to contact me to look at the existing whiteboards, discuss Accelerated Reader or anything else on this, please let me know. If you can pass details onto any wider family members who may be interested e.g. grandparents, we would be very grateful.

Please can you make sure that children are at school for 8.45am please? We have had a good punctuality record and look forward to that continuing. Well done to Year 5 who have the current highest attendance rate in the school since September of 97.04%.

Congratulations to Miss Leach and her family who welcomed baby Sienna into their family recently. We wish them all the best for the future.

Looking forward, we look forward to seeing you at one or more of our Christmas events – details of which are in the [diary dates available here](#):



Notices



Please could parents and carers ensure that children are not allowed to touch the bikes left in in the bike racks ?

We have had a couple of incidences of bikes being damaged or bells etc being removed which of course has implications for safety. Thank you!



Friends of Dr Radcliffes
Community
WhatsApp group



Christmas Fair

Saturday 30th Nov, 11am-2pm
at Dr. Radcliffe's School

TOYS, BOOKS, RAFFLE, CAKES and REFRESHMENTS,
GAMES, CRAFTS, TOMBOLA, NAIL ART, GLITTER TATTOOS,
FATHER CHRISTMAS, MUSIC & MUCH MORE

£1 entry. Cash only event. All proceeds go towards supporting the school. Mr O'Malley is dreaming of a whiteboard for Christmas!

Please can we remind parents and carers that all children need to have outdoor shoes in school at all times.

Please could we ask parents and carers to make sure that any clothing or shoes brought into school - including coats and outside gear - is named? We have an enormous amount of clothing in lost property which without names we cannot reunite with its rightful owners!



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News



Nathanael Prigent, Arlo Robins, Charlie Simpson and Freddie Thompson were chosen to sing in the Steeple Aston Remembrance day concert organised by Nicolas Cleobury in aid of the British Legion and the church roof appeal.

The boys sang a setting of For the Fallen, very beautifully. The concert also featured an ex Dr Radcliffe's pupil, Holly Viner who played the theme from Schindler's List on the violin, as well as The Aston Singers.

The boys are to be congratulated not only on their wonderful singing, but also for their willingness to learn this new music and take part in this special concert.



We were very lucky to have two amazing artists in school this term. They helped the children in years 1-6 produce some wonderful clay work. The children made time capsules. They learnt lots of new skills and were very proud of their achievements.

I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to Cotswold Art Through Schools. They have provided the children at Dr Radcliffe's with some great artist over the last few years and we are extremely grateful.

Tracy Fane

Attendance

Our target for 2024/25 is 96%



Attendance by class:

Year R - 94.94%
Year 1 - 95.01%
Year 2 - 95.41%
Year 3 - 95.95%
Year 4 - 95.27%
Year 5 - 97.04%
Year 6 - 94.81%



Well done Year 5 who are still at the top of the table for whole year attendance since September with 97.04%!



Church Services



December 1st - Holy Communion at North Aston 9.30am, Steeple Aston 11.00am, Evensong at Tackley 5.30pm

December 8th - Morning Prayer at North Aston 9.30am, Family Service 11am, Holy Communion at Tackley 5.30pm

December 16th, Fun, Family Nativity service with donkey and sheep! 4pm at Duns Tew.





Banbury Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal



This year, together with the church in Steeple Aston, we will be supporting the Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal. The Salvation Army help people who are struggling by collecting and distributing toys and gifts for children in the Banbury area who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present.

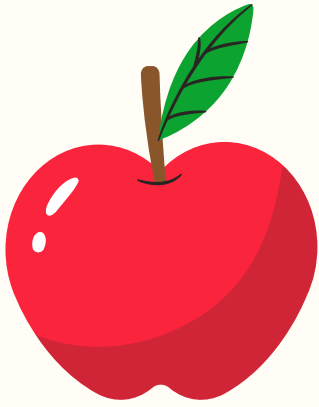
Families in need of support are referred by health visitors and social workers. They ask for new, unwrapped gifts (toys, stationery, hats/gloves etc) so that the families can wrap them themselves. Gifts can be suitable for anyone up to 17 years old.

There will be a box for gifts near the office from Monday 25th November- Thursday 5th December. The toys will be gathered together for a blessing at the Family Service on 8th December before being delivered to Banbury.

Further information about the appeal can be found at : <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/banbury>

If anyone has any Nativity costumes that are too small for their children, Class R would be very grateful of any donations!





School Vacancies

Teaching Assistant required in Key
Stage 2

Permanent Contract

Term-time only

8.30 am – 3.15 pm – 3 days per week

Pay Grade 4 - £24,404.00 FTE

(pro-rated) Actual: £10,369.00

Our school needs a highly motivated, talented and inspirational teaching assistant to start as soon as possible. We are part of the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust www.odst.org.uk and enjoy a rural location in North Oxfordshire.

The successful candidate will:

- Have a true passion for working with children.
- Have previous relevant experience (or a willingness to learn, if not).
- Be committed to working in a school which seeks to meet the needs of each child.
- Understand that provision for each child, family and staff member is what will lead to our school community fulfilling its considerable potential.
- Have good English, Maths and communication skills.

We are looking for teaching assistants who will enjoy working in our school. Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged. If you want further details on the roles available, including role and candidate specifications, hours (including potential for additional hours), and application forms, please call the school on 01869 340204 or email office.3828@dr-radcliffes.oxon.sch.uk

Please apply as soon as possible for consideration for interview.



**NEXT COURSE
STARTING IN
JANUARY 25**

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE SYMPTOMS/DISORDER (OCD)

Can you help us to develop a brief treatment to help parents support their child to overcome OCD?

We are looking for **parents of children (aged 5 to 12 years old)** with lived experience of OCD/OCD symptoms to attend a series of **6 online workshops**. These workshops aim to help us develop an online intervention focused on supporting parents to learn evidence-based tools to help their child to overcome OCD

We want to make sure the treatment works for as many families as possible, so are looking for parents that identify as being from one or more of the following groups:

- Parents in single-parent families
- Parents from minority ethnic groups
- Parents within low-income families
- Parents who have low levels of confidence/experience using technology



- ✓ Your child does **not** need a diagnosis of OCD
- ✓ You will be **paid for your time**
- ✓ **We can help** if you face difficulties in attending sessions, such as supporting you with costs and visiting you in your local community!

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION



To register your interest please scan the QR code or email **OCD-empower@psych.ox.ac.uk**.
(If you're not able to attend 6 workshops but are keen to help us - please still register your interest and we can find alternative ways that you can be involved!)

Reasons to volunteer for Home-Start

- † Families need support more than ever
- † Make a difference in your own community
- † Gain valuable new skills and experience
- † Ongoing support from our friendly staff team
- † Full training provided
- † Expenses paid

Find out more here



HOME START
Banbury, Bicester & Chipping Norton

Interested? If you have parenting experience and 2-3 hours a week to spare, please get in touch to find out more!

info@home-startbanbury.org.uk
01295 266358
Applicants will be subject to a DBS check

Do you have upsetting thoughts or habits that won't go away?

We want to make things easier for children like you, and we need your help to do it!

If you're **between 5 and 14 years old**, and started having thoughts that get stuck or habits you need to do over and over when you were aged 5 to 12, **we'd love to talk to you!**



We want to find a way for **parents to help their children** who have similar thoughts and habits to you. **We'd love for you to help us!**

What's in it for me?

- ✓ **Fun online sessions:** Where where you'll share your ideas on a programme designed to help with upsetting thoughts & habits.
- ✓ **Awesome rewards:** Earn £25 for each session!

Scan here for more information! For more information or to sign up, you and your parents can **scan the code** or send us an email - **OCD-empower@psych.ox.ac.uk**



We're excited to hear from you!



Christmas Family Fun!

From 24 November - 21 December

Join us for Magical Christmas Tales with Santa, A Christmas Carol, Creative Crafts, Cake decorating and Fun Science Adventures!

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org



Share your views

east west RAIL

East West Rail is a new railway which would connect communities between Oxford, Milton Keynes, Bedford and Cambridge, making it easier to reach the things that matter most.

You're invited to take part in our consultation and share your feedback on proposals for the new railway. The consultation will run from **14 November 2024 to 24 January 2025.**

There are several ways you can get involved:

- Attend our in-person or online events
- Visit our virtual consultation room
- View our proposals online and at information points
- Fill in our feedback form



To find out more about our proposals and to share your feedback, scan the QR code or visit: eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation2024

It's important everyone can take part in this consultation. If you have any queries or additional requirements, please get in touch at:

contact@eastwestrail.co.uk eastwestrail.co.uk
 Freepost EAST WEST RAIL 0330 134 0067

Search East West Rail

In-person events will take place from 2-7pm on weekdays and 12-5pm on weekends at the locations below:

- Oxford: 19 Nov 2024**
Oxford Town Hall
- Bicester: 21 Nov 2024**
John Paul II Centre
- Great Shelford: 22 Nov 2024**
Shelford Rugby Club
- Steeple Claydon: 26 Nov 2024**
Village Hall
- Bedford: 30 Nov 2024**
The Grand Hall, Bedford Sixth Form
- Cambourne: 03 Dec 2024**
Cambridge Belfry
- Lidlington: 06 Dec 2024**
Lidlington Village Hall
- Bedford: 09 Dec 2024**
Bedford Swan Hotel
- Wilden: 11 Dec 2024**
Wilden Village Hall
- Tempsford: 13 Dec 2024**
Stuart Memorial Hall
- St Neots: 07 Jan 2025**
St Neots Town Football Club
- Comberton: 10 Jan 2025**
Comberton Village Hall
- Bletchley: 15 Jan 2025**
Bletchley Masonic Centre
- Woburn Sands: 17 Jan 2025**
The Summerlin Centre
- Cambridge: 18 Jan 2025**
The Clayton Hotel
- Cherry Hinton: 21 Jan 2025**
St Andrews Church

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Ho ho ho!

Incredible Prizes Up for Grabs. From your favourite local businesses - fun for the whole family and indulgent treats just for you! Bigger Prizes Bigger Smiles



OUR PRIZES

- Fairytale Farm - Family Ticket
- Oxford Bus Museum - Family Ticket
- North Aston Farms - £50 Meat Box & £15 Dairy Essentials Bundle
- Cotswold Wildlife Park & Gardens - 1 Adult & 1 Child Ticket
- Stratford-upon-Avon Butterfly Farm - Tickets
- Roald Dahl Museum - "Golden Ticket" for a Family of 5
- The Indian Block Print Co - £20 Voucher
- Horse & Groom Caulcott - £70 Voucher
- Bottle of Wine (Donated by White Horse Kings Sutton)
- Birdland Park & Gardens - Family Ticket
- Dirty Dogs Pamper Parlour - Wash, Cut, & Blow Dry
- Demop - Eyebrow Lash Lift & Tint
- Christmas Wreath by Bunch (Local Florist)
- Nellie & Dove - Luxury Candle
- The Heyford - Bowling for 4 People
- Lisa Jayne Art Studio - Painting & Drawing Gift Voucher
- The Atrium Wellness & Skin Health Spa - £50 Voucher
- The Theatre Chipping Norton - 2 Cinema Tickets
- Clarke Farming - "The Cook's Box" (£120 Value!)
- Bunkers Hill Garden Shop - Christmas Tree Voucher
- Rosie Clark Tennis Coaching - 2 Holiday Camp Vouchers
- Herb Centre - Bistro Voucher
- Mizu Japanese Restaurant - £25 Voucher
- Canny Healing Massage - £10 Voucher
- A Gift from Eagles Fine Foods
- Demop - Wash, Cut & Blow Dry



Join Us for a Magical 'Christmas Pedal'

Children are invited to decorate their bikes at home with fairy lights, tinsel, and all the Christmas cheer they can imagine, then bring their dazzling creations to ride around our illuminated circuit - just like the farmers do with their tractors in the big Banbury Christmas Tractor Run for Katharine House Hospice!

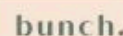


- Where:** Spring Hill Farm, Barford St Michael, OX15 0PL
www.water.however.vans (Banbury Christmas Tractor Run HQ, RC Baker Ltd)
- When:** Saturday 7th December
 Choose from 4:30 PM, 5:00 PM, 5:30 PM or 6:00 PM sessions
- Book:** Reserve your spot now - www.trybooking.com/uk/ECJT
 £5 per bike, per session
- Refreshments:** Enjoy hot and cold drinks, sweet treats including cakes and biscuits, and delicious hot dogs! Donations accepted by cash or card.



Support Our London-to-Paris Challenge!

Next September, Sean, Louise, Jennie and Bruce will cycle 300 km from London to Paris. They need to raise £7,000 between the four of them for Katharine House Hospice to take part. This Christmas Pedal is their first fundraising event, and your support will help them reach their goal! Visit their JustGiving Page for more details - www.justgiving.com/team/loujenseanbruce





Christmas Dinner

THURSDAY

19TH dec



FATHER CHRISTMAS'S FABULOUS FESTIVE FEAST

Roast chicken, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, peas, carrots, brussels sprouts, stuffing balls and optional gravy

WINTER WONDERLAND WELLINGTON

Butternut squash in a puff pastry parcel, roast potatoes, peas, carrots, brussels sprouts, stuffing balls and optional gravy (V)

A CHRISTMAS CAROL COOKIE

Christmas sprinkle chocolate cookie (VG)



Orders must be placed **before 9am Thursday 12th December** via your Meal Manager account. If you need any help or do not have a log-in please contact support@freshstartcatering.ukor call us on **01280 360653** before Mon 9th December

