



Dr Radcliffe's School Newsletter



MARCH 2025

Message from Mr O'Malley

Welcome to our March newsletter.

Thanks to all of you who attended our parents' evenings earlier in the term. Thanks also to the parent team who are doing sessions in schools to list and label our books for Accelerated Reader. If you are not yet involved but have any spare time, I would be really grateful if you could contact the school office. Who would have known that we had so many books? We are through two classes collections of four and this is before we start on the library so any help would be very much appreciated, particularly over the next few weeks.

With Gift Aid, we have raised about £1,600 of the £3,000 cost of the Accelerated Reader program through our JustGiving page at [Dr Radcliffe's C of E Primary School, Steeple Aston is fundraising for Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust \(ODST\)](#)



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)



Thanks for all your support for the children for other events, including Wear your Scarf to School Day and P(Poetry) Factor, trips including to Oxford and London, and our current clubs, including Code Club and Activators for Y1/2.

Sports events have included Y5/6 Rugby, Athletics and Hockey and also the North Oxfordshire Y3/4 Girls' Football Finals in a very sunny Banbury this week. Our girls came 4th out of the 9 teams who qualified for the Finals with two wins, two draws and no losses.

We look forward to Y5 leading our Easter Service at 11.00am on Wednesday, 2nd April - please feel welcome to attend. We look forward also to seeing many of you at the Reception/Y1 and Y3/4 performances to parents.

Notices

The Big Conversation | Children's Commissioner for England

The Big Conversation is a chance for children and young people to have their say about the issues that are important to England's children. I'm really excited to hear what you think and to have the chance to share the stories of children and young people in this way, focusing on the issues that are most important to England's young people including education, climate change, online ...

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk



Please could we ask parents to notify the provider of the club if your child will not be attending a session of an after school club that they are booked to attend? For school-run clubs - i.e. not football or tennis - please email the office in advance.

Please could you also make sure that the peripatetic music teachers are informed if your child is absent on the day of their music lesson.

Holiday Courses



Please name all clothing and other belongings which come into school. You are always welcome to check lost property!



Book tickets for the Friends Disco by 27th March!



Safer Internet Day

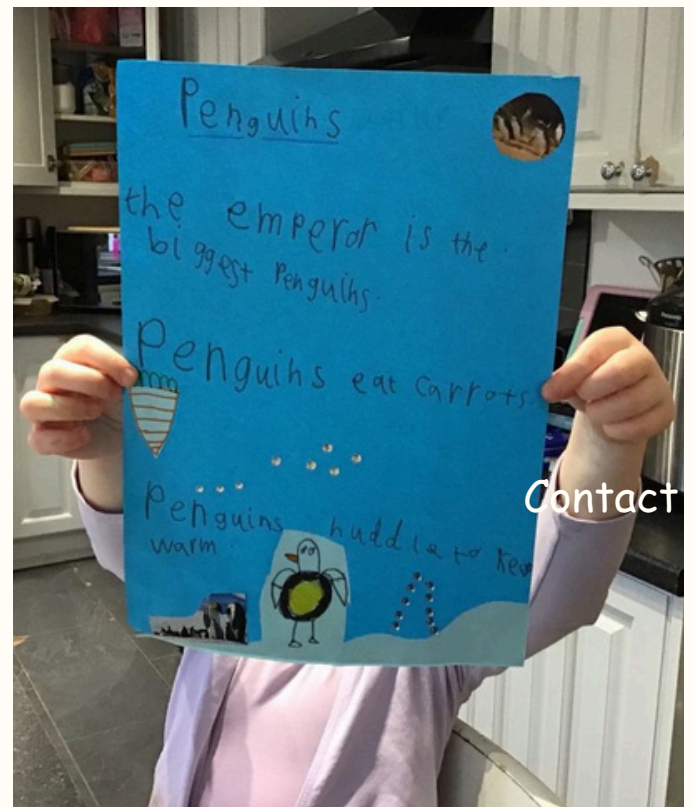


11th February 2025 was Safer Internet Day - The theme this year was 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'

Classes all participated in activities aimed at raising awareness of how they can keep themselves safe online.

Thank you to all of the children who entered the Safer Internet Day competition - sharing 2 facts and a lie on a topic of their choice. One entry from each class was shared in assembly on Friday 14th February and the whole school had a lot of fun trying to eliminate the lies from the truths.

As part of the Safer Internet Day assembly Miss McGurk tried to persuade children to share their personal details and send £10 off to get a free Nintendo Switch, then revealed that it was all a scam in the hope of teaching the children that when it seems too good to be true, it usually is!



Contact

The Archbishops' Young Leaders Award

In Y2 the children are completing the Archbishops' Young Leaders Award. The Archbishops' Young Leaders Award (AYLA) is a leadership and character education program designed for children and young people, available from Key Stage 1 through to Post 16. It aims to equip participants with leadership skills and character virtues. The class have been completing tasks and for the last two weeks they have been performing random acts of kindness. They are helping to lead class reflections and they are passing on smiles whenever they can!

We are very proud of how the class are approaching this new challenge and we are looking forward to helping them complete more tasks as the year progresses. The photograph shows some of the children from Y2 with their Young Leader books.

Tracy Fane



Eat Them to Defeat Them

This year the 'Eat Them To Defeat Them' campaign has been really successful as usual. I have already received many posters covered in stickers! We have also really noticed a difference in the lunch hall with children finishing their vegetables and then enjoying being rewarded with a sticker. Please help your child to return their completed posters as soon as possible. They will receive a certificate congratulating them on either continuing or improving their eating habits. Well done everyone, keep going!

Tracy Fane

Young Artists' Summer Show



Young Artists' Summer Show

I received many wonderful entries for the Young Artists' Summer Show this year. Children from all year groups submitted art demonstrating their talents and enthusiasm. We now just have to wait and see if any art is chosen to be displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts in London.

Good luck everyone!

Tracy Fane



Attendance

Attendance by class for this term:

Year R - 96.9%

Year 1 - 94.9%

Year 2 - 95.7%

Year 3 - 96.8%

Year 4 - 92.7%

Year 5 - 97.1%

Year 6 - 96.1%



Whole School Attendance - 95.9%

Well done to those classes moving above 96%, our school overall target.

Please follow the link below for the latest

Dates for your Diaries



Church Services

March 30th Mothering Sunday - Family Communion at Steeple Aston at 11am, 9.30am at Tackley, Morning Prayer at North Aston at 9.30am

🌸 We will be making bunches of flowers on Saturday 29th March to give out on Mothering Sunday - please feel free to join in with this outside church at 11am if you would like to 🌸

April 6th - Holy Communion at North Aston 9.30am, Steeple Aston 11am, Evensong at Tackley at 5.30pm

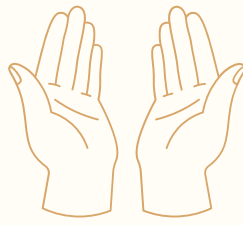
April 13th Palm Sunday - Morning Prayer and procession 9.15am North Aston, Family Communion 11am Steeple Aston, Procession to the Methodist church, 10.30am, Tackley

Steeple Aston Church Fete - SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 13th July - 1.30 - 4.30pm Robinson's Close

Teas, band, raffle, stalls and games - FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!





Be Space

10th - 12th February

Just before half term, the library was transformed into a Prayer and Reflection Space, with support from the charity 'BeSpace' www.bespace.be. Every class had time in the space, exploring the activities in small groups.

Volunteers from local churches helped with the sessions, thinking about 'Hopes for the Future, What we are thankful for, Homelessness and Reconciliation'. Pupils said that they felt calm, happy, excited and peaceful in the space and enjoyed thinking and drawing about the themes and talking to the adults who were helping.

Thank you to the school for welcoming us, and to everyone who helped to make this possible.

Why Words Matter

Terminology Guide

Co-Produced with the Autistic Young Experts Panel



DID YOU KNOW?

2,206 posties were injured by dogs in the past year.

That's **42** attacks each week, with some suffering life changing injuries.

PLEASE HELP US PROTECT YOUR POSTIE

- Never open the door to a postie when your dog is not secured away
- Invest in a letter cage or external delivery point to stop bites through the letterbox
- If your dog is running loose outdoors on your premises your mail can be suspended

Following changes to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in May 2014, an owner or/and a person in charge of a dog, can be prosecuted if that dog attacks anyone, in any place in England, Wales or Scotland.

For more information, please visit royalmail.com/dogawareness

Dr Radcliffe's Governor Vacancies

The Local Governing Body of Dr Radcliffe's C of E Primary school has vacancies for governors. Being a school governor is a hugely rewarding voluntary role which gives you the chance to make a real difference to young people and the local community.

Governors have a strategic role in setting aims and objectives, monitoring and evaluating progress and they act as a source of challenge and support to the headteacher. Our core functions are to ensure:

- That the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined
- That the headteacher performs their responsibilities for the educational performance of the school.
- The sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources.

This role may interest you if you have a passion for education, have skills and knowledge in finance, legal and HR. Your commitment would be to attend six full LGB meetings a year (held in the evening) and six committee meetings a year (held during the day) as well as termly visits to school. Full training is available and governors are encouraged to attend regular training.

The vacancies include the role of Foundation Governors who represent the Church and have special responsibility to ensure the Christian ethos, vision and principles are supported in all aspects of school life, as well as taking on other governor responsibilities. We would welcome active members of any local church congregation to join our team. Additionally, if you have the skills we need but aren't an active churchgoer, other governor roles are available.

If you care about improving education, have time to commit, are a good listener, a team player and are able to make informed judgements, we are keen to hear from you. It's a rewarding opportunity, as you will become part of a team making a positive impact on the lives of children at our school, will gain or refine invaluable leadership and strategic thinking skills, and will work alongside a dedicated group of professionals and community members.

If you would like to find out more and have an informal conversation, please contact our Chair Lisa Boote on l.boote@dr-radcliffes.oxon.sch.uk

You must be 18 years or over to apply.

Dr Radcliffe's CE Primary School, as a member of ODST, is committed to safeguarding children and young people. All post holders in regulated activity are subject to appropriate vetting procedures, reference checks and a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Enhanced check. Online checks may also be carried out to comply with Keeping Children Safe in Education provisions.



TEA, CAKE & CRAFTS FOR A GREAT CAUSE

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH

11AM - 2PM



**HOLLY TREE HALL, DEDDINGTON
(THE HALL BEHIND THE WALL!)**

Pop-up Coffee Shop

Enjoy tea, coffee & delicious cake

Mother's Day Craft Station

Children can make a special 'mess free' gift
- flowers, bookmarks, key rings and more!

Why join us? We (Lou, Jen, Sean and Bruce)
are cycling London to Paris to raise £7,000
for Katharine House Hospice

**All refreshments and craft making in
return for a donation
(cash & card accepted)**

**Bring your friends & family - everyone's
welcome!**



**Give a Little,
Help a Lot**



in support of
**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

Easter Holiday Activities 2025



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|| **CHILD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY** ||
A PRACTICAL GUIDE