



Ox Close Federation Newsletter Friday 17th May 2024 – Volume 29

Well Done Year 6



We would like to congratulate Year 6 upon completing their Key Stage 2 SATs tests this week – the whole team are so proud of the children. They showed amazing determination, endurance and effort and they approached the challenge with confidence. Well done to all of the children and the staff. Huge thank you to the staff for supporting the children so well not only this week but in the run up. Everyone deserves a well-earned break this weekend – I really hope that the sun shines!

Bike to School Week – 10th – 16th June 2024

During the week of 10th -16th June, it is National Bike Week. As part of this initiative, we would like to invite all children to come to school on their bikes as often as they can during this week.

Children's bikes can be kept safely at school in the following places:

- Reception: on the grass at the left-hand side, near the pedestrian gate they enter and exit through.
- Year 1 and 2: in the bike sheds at the Main Entrance.
- Year 3 - 6: behind the car park gates on the right-hand side.

Staff will be on hand to help children find where to store their bikes. I would ask that you put your child's name somewhere on their bike as there will be other children who have the exact same bike. Remember that children should be wearing a helmet when riding and we would ask that you keep hold of this after they get to school and bring it back for them at the end of the day, as there won't be a lot of space to store them within school.

Ox Fest 2024 – Thursday 27th June

Wow! We have had a great response to our appeal for any parents/carers who would like to run an activity stall for our Pride and Wellbeing festival (if there are any others who would like to find out more, please contact Mrs Woods through the school office!).



This year we are planning to make this a fundraising event - vouchers will be available to buy through the school shop on Arbor at a price of 50p per voucher (maximum of 5 vouchers per child). The funds raised by the event will be used to create a new sensory garden for Springmoor Grange.

Don't forget to keep the afternoon free, and help me in manifesting for dry and sunny weather this year. We will be having a food and confectionery van again this year - hopefully the queues will be a little shorter too. We are really excited to make our final Ox Fest one to remember ... and can't wait to share the event with you all!

Sports Day

We are pleased to announce that the final Sports Days to be held at Ox Close we will be **Wednesday 3rd July** and **Thursday 4th July**.

All children will compete in a selection of team events where they will collect points for their ENRICHED house team. The winning house will be the team with the most points.

If you would like to support our Sports Day, could we please ask that you make your way onto the School Field via the carpark gate to the right of the school. From here, you will be able to support children as they participate in a circuit of events. It would be lovely to share our final Sports Day with you. Further information will follow closer to the time.



Date	Year Group	Time
Wednesday 3 rd July	Years 5 and 6	9:30am
Wednesday 3 rd July	Years 3 and 4	1:30pm
Thursday 4 th July	Years 1 and 2	9:30am
Thursday 4 th July	Reception	1:30pm

Safeguarding Update – Sun Cream

We are reaching that time of the year where the sun is shining and sun cream is needed. As you know, we are a nut free school as we have children in school who are allergic to nuts. I am therefore asking your help to ensure that any sun cream that you use, does not contain a nut oil.

The image below shows one brand as an illustration of how it can be different but please check the ingredient list in order to keep all of our children safe in school.

NIVEA Sun Children's Assortment



Contains Almond Oil	Does not contain Almond Oil
<p><u>Kids Protect & Care</u></p> A collection of Nivea Kids Protect & Care products, including two blue sprays (SPF 30 and 50), a blue lotion (SPF 50), a blue tube (SPF 50), and a yellow tube (SPF 50).	<p><u>Babies & Kids Sensitive Protect</u></p> A collection of Nivea Babies & Kids Sensitive Protect products, including a white spray (SPF 50), a white lotion (SPF 50), and a white tube (SPF 50).
A collection of Nivea Kids Protect & Care Coloured Roll On products, including a blue spray (SPF 30), a blue spray (SPF 50), and a blue tube (SPF 50).	<p><u>Kids Protect & Care Coloured Roll On</u></p> A collection of Nivea Kids Protect & Care Coloured Roll On products, including a pink tube and a teal tube.

Nursery Collection and Car Park

Please can parents, carers and children be careful around the staff cars when collecting children from Nursery. We have seen a number chasing one another whilst waiting and there has been some minor damage.

Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

Reception	Delaney D	Year 4	Patsi H
Year 1	Lucy H	Year 5	Katie C
Year 2	Amelia P	Year 6	All of Year 6
Year 3	Chloe H		

Attendance

Overall attendance for the week is 95.7% and the Year Group with the highest attendance is Year Reception with 98.5%. The overall school attendance for the academic year is 95.1%.

Punctuality

The Primary starts at 8:45am, with the gates opening from the new time of **8:35am**. Please ensure that your child is at school on time so that they do not miss out on any learning. This week, we have had 601 late minutes – much lower than normal, well done everyone.



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 21 st May	Year 6 Visit to Life Centre in Newcastle
Thursday 23 rd May	Nursery – Butterflies Stay and Play
Thursday 23 rd May and Friday 24 th May	Year 3/4 Captain Chemistry Workshops
Friday 24 th May	3:15pm – Close for Half Term Break
Monday 3 rd June	8:35am – Children return to Nursery and School
Tuesday 4 th June	Year 5 Visit to Life Centre in Newcastle
3 rd – 14 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
10 th – 14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 13 th June	Year 1/2 Zoo Lab Workshops
Friday 14 th June	Nursery Graduation Photos
Monday 24 th June	Reception Visit to Auckland Castle Project
Thursday 27 th June	OX FEST
Friday 28 th June	Federation Closed – PD Day
Wednesday 3 rd July	9:30am – Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 3 rd July	1:30pm – Y3/4 Sports Day
Thursday 4 th July	9:30am – Y1/2 Sports Day
Thursday 4 th July	1:30pm – Reception Sports Day
Thursday 11 th July	Year 3/4 Visit to Theatre
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 Celebration Trip
Wednesday 17 th July	10am and 2pm – Nursery Graduation and Celebration
Thursday 18 th July	9:30am – Year 6 Celebration Assembly
Friday 19 th July	2:15pm – Year 6 Guard of Honour
Friday 19 th July	3:15pm – Ox Close Federation Closes
Monday 9 th September	Springmoor Grange School opens to children

Making bird feeders to hang on the trees.



Looking for minibeasts.
We even found a frog!

Outdoor Learning in Reception



Enjoying delicious s'mores and hot chocolate



Learning about fire safety.

