



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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Friday 17th January

Dear Parents,

The children have all made a really positive start to the term, and there is a renewed focus for our children on their learning. I have had the pleasure of meeting children with their English books this week and they were really proud of their writing. The children talked to me about what they are focussing on to improve this term in their writing and were proud of the longer pieces of writing in their books - where they had used good character descriptions, and accurate punctuation.

The less frosty weather this week has been a welcome change, but as you will know it means that our school site is looking worse for wear with mud - this is particularly challenging on the pathways and playgrounds. This weekend Mr Smith is going to give the playground some attention and we are hopeful that it removes the layer of mud that currently sits there, making it a bit more pleasant for everyone outside. We are asking the children to keep off the muddy areas, and reminding them to use the pathways around school - please can we ask parents to give the same reminders to their children at drop off and pick up - thank you.

Have a great weekend and break from the normal routines.

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

Y5&6 Curriculum Update

We have started our learning on our new History topic about Canals and the Industrial Revolution with a focus on how it impacted Banbury. We are looking forward to exploring enquiry questions such as 'How were passengers and goods transported before canals? What are canals and why were they built? How did the canal impact Adderbury? What was the industrial revolution? How did Banbury change during the industrial revolution? How did the canals benefit Britain? To support our learning on the topic, we will visit the Dudley Canal and Caverns where children will take part on a focused workshop and go on a boat trip!



In Science, we will be studying light, which builds on the Year 3 content. The children will continue to focus on practical skills and will research key scientists linked to our topic. PE this term will be dance and hockey. This term will be an Art focus, practising our drawing and printing skills. Our new class book will be Holes by Louis Sachar should you wish to purchase a copy for your child.

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Road Closure

Please see the attached traffic regulation notice. From the 20th February for up to 5 days the Milton Road from Bloxham will be closed between 0930AM and 1530PM. If this will impact you please use an alternative route to collect your child during this time.

Pedestrian Gate

You will have noticed the new gate in our bottom car park. Can we please request that pedestrians ensure they are using the pedestrian gate, rather than walking through the vehicle gates in the morning. Thank you.

Spiceball Parkrun 2025

If you have made a commitment to greater levels of fitness and 60 Active minutes a day with you and your family, why not try the brilliant free parkruns - put on by volunteers at SPICEBALL PARK, BANBURY each week, Saturday and Sunday 9am (register at 8.30am). You must register online before, you can't just turn up, but after that everything is free and easy to be involved. An extra day, Sunday has been added for a Junior 4 - 14 yrs focus. Remember no prior running ability needed - this is all for FUN and HEALTH and FITNESS.



Worship Team

At Christopher Rawlins we have a Worship Team made up of volunteers from Key Stage Two. These children take a lead in our worship throughout the year and one of their roles is to lead a prayer each week in assembly. We would like to share this prayer written by Iris and Molly for the start of the year. Look out for a 'meet the team' interview in our next newsletter. Mrs. MacLean



Dear Lord,

Thank you for the education that we are lucky to have and enjoy. Thank you for giving us a fresh start at the beginning of this new term, with new and different opportunities. Thank you for watching and keeping us safe over Christmas. We are grateful for everything you have done for us. Amen. Written by Iris and Molly.

Indoor Athletics

On Thursday, a team of year 5/6 children went to the Warriner School to take part in the indoor athletics event. The sporting value we were focusing on was DETERMINATION and all our children certainly displayed this across a range of running and field events. I think all the children really enjoyed themselves and they represented the school very well.

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High Flyers

What a fun couple of weeks we've had! The past couple of weeks have been packed with exciting activities and plenty of laughter.

High Flyers certificates this week go to Michael :For always smiling, being polite, and friendly. Iris: For being super helpful. Solly: For his constant smiles, caring for his friends and being a joy to have around. Ollie: For his amazing tidying up skills and being a great help. The children have been absolutely wonderful, and we're so proud of them all.

Why not try our new Craft and Create Fridays. The children will get to try out a variety of Art projects such as painting, drawing, sculpting, and more. All materials provided : we've got all the tools needed for a hands on art experience, so your child can just bring their enthusiasm.

February Holiday Club 17th and 18th of February

This time , we're bringing you a fun- filled and exciting two-day event with the amazing theme of Walt Disney's Moana and Science! There will be lots of amazing activities planned to keep the children entertained, engaged and learning through play. From adventurous Moana - inspired fun to exciting hands-on science experiments, it's sure to be a hit! Spaces are limited so make sure to book early to avoid disappointment. We can't wait to see your children there for a couple of days filled with fun, laughter and learning.

You can book through our website, <https://www.highflyers.org.uk> or on our booking platform <https://highflyersoxfordlimited.ipalbookings.com/>

Vouchers - for those working over 16 hours, you can take advantage of the 'Government's Choices Scheme', to save 20% on childcare. Also, when booking through our system you can pay by bank payment, so there is no booking fee.

We also offer 10% off for siblings attending the club.

Diary dates

January Monday 27th	Y6 SATs Information Meeting 3:15PM
February Tuesday 4th	Bible Service Y3 at school 1:30PM (Y3 parents invited)
February Thursday 6th	Parent Book Look 3:15PM
February Tuesday 11th	Y3 Youlbury Outdoor Learning Day
February Thursday 13th	PTFA School Disco EYFS 13:45 - 14:30 Yrs 1&2 14:30 - 15:30 Yrs 3&4 15:30 - 16:30 Yrs 5&6 16:30 - 17:30
February Tuesday 25th	Y1 Phonic Check Information Meeting 2:45PM

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Learning Certificates

Owls

Rahela for joining in brilliantly with singing and movement time and showing increased confidence.

Penguins

Teddy for his enthusiasm and engagement in phonics this week and recalling his tricky words.

Lily G for fantastic listening in group times and a contributing her super ideas and comments.

Flamingos

Pearl for great effort and application of her learning in English when using conjunctions.

Phoebe for being a very enthusiastic and motivated member of the class in PE.

Woodpeckers

Ella for using the pictorial representations to find out how many tens and ones are in a number.

Emily for working hard to improve her writing by slowing down and recognising the sounds in words.

Hummingbirds

Albie for working really hard with improving your handwriting, well done!

Dolly for working really hard with improving your handwriting, well done!

Parrots

Enzo for working hard on his handwriting and contributing to Literacy lessons.

Riley for working hard in Maths this week, learning how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100.

Egrets

Theo G for some super writing in English this week describing a character for a story.

Lola E for making super contributions to science lessons this week.

Hérons

Liam W for showing some great understanding in maths this week on our work on measures and converting.

Oliver D really trying hard with his description in Literacy, using powerful vocabulary and different types of sentences.

Kingfishers

Mylo for determination and increasing independence in English.

Ellie for an excellent attitude towards learning, strong work ethic and showing compassion to her classmates.

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