

DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 15th September 2023

Headteacher's Thoughts

The children have settled well into their new classes as we reach the end of our first full week of the academic year. Showing their understanding and commitment to new school rules of Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe – which is great. We had our first celebration assembly this morning in a hybrid form due to the Year 6 classroom being not quite ready – this year is slightly different as the children will not receive a certificate but will be included in our celebration book and receive a Headteacher sticker instead.

Throughout this term, we are lucky to have rugby coaching from the Gloucestershire Rugby Club. Years 3 and 4 will participate for the first sessions and then Years 5 and 6 will follow. We are thrilled to have this opportunity with the experts.

Additional Reminders

- As indicated in our uniform policy - We politely request that all long hair (boys or girls) should be tied back for Health and safety reasons. 'Alice' bands should be black, or navy and any hair ties used plain to avoid distraction to other children.
- Don't forget to label all school uniform so that we can make sure that it is returned to the correct owner rather than relying on the children's sniff test.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Respect

We will be learning about respect for people because you admire something about them, respect for other people's feelings, wishes and rights as well as respect for the environment. We will learn that we can't expect to be respected unless we show respect.

'So, whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them'.

Matthew 7:12

Future Diary Dates.

Tuesday 19th September – Y4 visit to Lunt Roman Fort

20th/21st & 27th/28th September Y6 Bikeability

22nd & 29th September Y5 and new learners Bikeability

Tuesday 26th September – Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 5th October – Harvest Service in Church

Tuesday 10th October – Y5 Viking Day

Wednesday 11th October – Y3 Anglo-Saxon Day

Thursday 12th October – Y1-Y6 Art Day (more details to follow)

Achievements Assembly

A big well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly this week.

Cygnets:	Eli Fisher
Ducklings	Whole Class – for settling in well
Owls:	Benjamin Wilton-Powell, Tilly Wootton
Mandarins:	Freddie Fowler, Flora Bynorth
Eagles:	Whole Class – for settling in well
Robins:	Esme Borer, Loki Silvester, Evie Wright
Kingfishers:	Joshua Webster, Lucas Hodgson
Red Kites:	Benjamin Almgill, Aleena Carlisle

2023 – 2024 Term dates

Please see below term dates for this year to aid with booking holidays outside of valuable learning time. As always, we monitor our attendance regularly working closely with the county attendance team. Please make sure you complete the **official absence form** when your child will be absent -which can be found [here](#) to help the office process the information. Thank you.

Ducklington CE Primary School School Terms and Holiday Dates 2023-2024

Autumn term	<i>Wednesday 6th September - Friday 20th October 2023 (INSETs 1st, 4th & 5th September)</i>
Half term Holiday	<i>Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October 2023 (INSET 30th October)</i>
Autumn term	<i>Tuesday 31st October - Wednesday 20th December 2023, 1.30pm finish</i>
Christmas Holiday	<i>Thursday 21st December - Friday 5th January 2024 (INSET 8th January)</i>
Spring term	<i>Tuesday 9th January - Friday 9th February 2024</i>
Half term Holiday	<i>Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024</i>
Spring term	<i>Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March 2024 (Bank holidays 29th March & 1st April)</i>
Easter Holiday	<i>Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 12th April 2024</i>
Summer term	<i>Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May 2024 (Bank Holiday 6th May)</i>
Half term Holiday	<i>Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024</i>
Summer term	<i>Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July 2024, 1.30pm finish</i>