



Dashwood Banbury Academy

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A note from the Principal

I can't believe how time is flying for us all but especially for my pregnancy! I am now almost 36 weeks pregnant and have really appreciated your support over the year. I am hoping to work for as long as possible so my last day will be between Thursday 12th May and Friday 20th May (depending on some medical advice). Mrs Gordon-Weeks is all set to take over from me so I know I am leaving the school in great hands.

In the meantime, I am looking forward to seeing the learning the pupils are doing over the next week and supporting Year 6 with their SATs paper.

Mrs Rogers

Condition for learning and core value:

This term we are focusing on **Spirit of Adventure** with the core value **Bravery**.

Discuss at home what it means to be curious and how asking questions helps us all to learn and acquire new knowledge.

Language to discuss at home:

Bravery: talk about how bravery includes trying new things but also having a go at something even if it is hard. Being brave doesn't mean getting it right all the time.

Learning through experiences

Last week we had our first Dashwood's Got Talent final for three years! It was amazing. The pupils who performed showed brilliant confidence to take action and bravery. Well done to all our finalists and the Year 5 pupils who hosted the event for us too.



Good luck!

Year 6 pupils will be taking their SATs next week and have worked really hard towards them. They will start the day with a breakfast session each morning. We know they will be brilliant and wish them the best of luck! Year 2 are also doing their assessments this term in small groups through informal activities. We know you will all be amazing!

Online safety

We have heard of some worrying issues around the game Roblox which is normally ok for primary pupils to use.

Find out more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-60314572>

Money raised

Congratulations and a huge well done to everyone in the Dashwood community for raising money last term. The final counts came out as:

Red Nose Day: £89.88

Ukraine appeal: £131.50

Thank you to all those who donated money.

Changes from September 2022 to times of the day

Many of you may have heard that a recent White Paper has been released by the government looking at schools and what their vision is for the future:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1063602/Opportunity_for_all_strong_schools_with_great_teachers_for_your_child_print_version_.pdf

This white paper sets out some guidelines which all schools must follow. One of these is that they want to ensure that schools are open for all pupils from Reception to Year 6 for a minimum of 32.5 hours a week. We are currently open for 31.25 hours (clubs and wrap around care cannot be included in this). So, from September 2022, the hours school will run from are:

- **Reception to Year 6:** 8.45am-3.15pm.
- **Morning Nursery** (Cherry and Plum): 8.45am-11.45am
- **Afternoon Nursery** (Cherry and Plum): 12.15pm-3.15pm
- **All day Nursery** (Plum only): 9.15am-3.15pm with an option to pay an additional £12.50 a week to start at 8.45am and not 9.15am.
- Breakfast club and After School Clubs will have the same times as they are now.

We have moved the Nursery times to fall in line with the rest of the school making drop off and pick up times easier to manage if you have siblings in school. The changes mean there will no longer be a staggered start of 8.45-8.50am from September so all pupils will be expected to be in school for 8.45am. We are looking at creative ways to ensure free clubs can still run. The additional school day times will allow us to be creative with our curriculum offer.

Key information, dates and reminders

- Children should be in school wearing **ties, blazers and black school shoes** daily (no jewellery, shoes with patterns that are not black, tattoos or nail varnish should be worn).
- Katy is due to go off for **maternity leave** a similar time to Mrs Rogers so will leave between 12th and 20th May. Mrs Hope goes on maternity leave at the end of this term.

Important dates for the rest of the year

- Friday 13th May: **Homework projects** are due in, Year 5 Rock UK meeting at 2pm in the hall for parents.
- Tuesday 24th May: Year 4 **performance** to parents at 9am in the hall, Year 5 **performance** to parents at 2pm in the hall.
- Thursday 26th May: whole school **Queen's Jubilee Street Party!** Sign-up sheets will go up on classroom doors next week to bring in some food for a '**bring and share**' lunch. (Year 4 will not be signing up to bring food as they will be making their food as part of the camp night but they will join in the street party as part of their timetable). Pupils can **wear red/white/blue clothes** this day to celebrate! We all **break up for the half term** this day.
- Friday 27th May: school is **closed** to all pupils for our additional bank holiday.
- Monday 6th June: **All pupils return** to school for term 6.
- Friday 10th June: Years 3-6 will complete an **Enterprise event** and can bring in small change to buy items they have created.
- Friday 17th June: **PTFA** 'special man in your life' event for Father's day (sign up information will come out later)
- Monday 20th June: **Year 1 Sports Day 9am, Year 2 Sports Day 10am, Year 5 Sports Day 1.45pm.** Parents are invited to watch these.
- Tuesday 21st June: **Year 3 Sports Day 9am, Year 4 Sports Day 10am, Year 6 Sports Day 1.45pm.** Parents are invited to watch these.
- Wednesday 22nd June: **Reception Sports Day 9am, Nursery Sports Day 10.45am/2.15pm.** Parents are invited to watch these.
- Friday 24th June: INSET day – **school closed** for all
- Tuesday 12th July: Year 6 **performance** to parents in the hall at 5pm.
- Wednesday 13th July: **PTFA summer fair** after school.
- Wednesday 20th July: **last day in current classes**, Reception **Graduation** for parents to attend (more information to follow), **Reports** come out to parents.
- Thursday 21st July: **Transition day** – pupils move to their new classes
- Friday 22nd July: **transition day 2, Year 6 Graduation** for parents and **all pupils finish at 1.45pm (no after school club this day).**

Dates for 2021/2022

Term 5

Monday 25 April – **Thursday 26 May 2022**

NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly

Monday 2 May 2022: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)

Friday 27 May 2022: Additional Bank Holiday (School closed)

Term 6

Monday 6 June – Friday 22 July 2022

INSET DAY: Friday 24th June (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 22 July and school will finish at 1.45pm this day.*

Transition days will take place on Thursday 21- Friday 22 July so please ensure your child attends school each day that week to help them settle into their new year groups.

Term Dates for 2022/2023

Term 1

INSET DAYS: Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September (no children in school)

Monday 5 September – Friday 21 October 2022

NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly

Term 2

Monday 31 October – Friday 16 December 2022

INSET DAY: To be confirmed - (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 16 December*

Term 3

Wednesday 4 January – Friday 10 February 2023

NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly

Term 4

Tuesday 20 February – Friday 31 March 2023

INSET DAY: To be confirmed - (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 31 March*

Term 5

Monday 17 April – Friday 26 May 2023

NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly

Monday 1 May 2022: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)

Term 6

Monday 5 June – Friday 21 July 2023

INSET DAY: To be confirmed - (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 21 July and school will finish at 1.45pm this day.*

Transition days will take place on Thursday 20- Friday 21 July so please ensure your child attends school each day that week to help them settle into their new year groups.