



Dashwood Banbury Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents who filled out the parent's survey. It is really important that we gather your views to ensure that we are doing everything we can to support the pupils and the families in our community. One of the main areas of feedback was for us to give you more advanced warning about events that are coming up. So, I have put together an overview of things that we have organised during term 2. I will then prepare one for term 3 and so on!

Term 2 up and coming events:

Date	Event	More Information
Friday 21 st October	End of term 1	School ends at normal time and we will return on Monday 31 st October.
Monday 31 st October	We are very lucky that <u>The Raise a Reader Campaign Bus</u> will be making its way around the country stopping off at different schools to raise the profile of reading and YES! Guess what? It will be visiting Dashwood. After school on this day, the campervan will be in the staff car park outside main reception. The reading team will be giving out goodie bags and free books and will be available to chat to parents about reading. An opportunity not to be missed!	
Friday 4 th November	Year 5 Trip to The Black Country Museum.	A separate letter has gone out detailing information for this trip.
Tuesday 8 th November	<u>Reception Opening Evening- 4.30-5.30pm</u>	This opening evening is for parents and their children who may wish to start their learning journey with us in September 2023 . Please contact the office if you would like to book a place. The presentation starts at 4.30pm.
Friday 11 th November	<u>Year 5 Sycamore Class trip to Greatworth Farm.</u>	A separate letter has been sent out detailing information for this trip.
Friday 11 th November	<u>PTFA Winter Ball:</u>	Reception- Year 2: 3.15 - 4.15pm and Years 3 to 6- 4.30- 5.30pm. Tickets will be £3.00 each; this includes the ticket and refreshments. Please put your money in a sealed, named envelope and put it in the PTFA post box in the office by Wednesday 9 th November. <i>Please note that you must buy a ticket and cannot just turn up on the night.</i> Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and year 2 can bring some party clothes, in a named carrier bag, and the teachers will get them changed and take them to the hall at



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	<p>3.15pm. You will then collect them at 4.15pm. More information about collection points will be sent when we know how many pupils will be attending.</p> <p>Pupils in years 3- 6 will need to be picked up as normal from school at 3.15pm and then return to school at 4.30pm. They will enter through the office so we can sign them in. More information about collection points will be sent when we know how many pupils will be attending.</p>
Friday 18 th November	<p><u>Year 5 Beech Class trip to Greatworth Farm.</u> A separate letter has been sent out detailing information for this trip.</p> <p><u>Children in Need Day:</u> The theme for this year is: <i>Together we can change younger people's lives.</i> Pupils can come to school dressed up if they wish too. We normal say something spotty e.g spotty T-shirt or make a spotty badge. Please don't go out and buy things especially for this event! If you can, please donate small change for this charity event.</p>
Friday 25 th November	INSET Day – School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 30 th November	<p><u>Year 1 The Gruffalo Play</u> to parents at 9.15am in the school hall. A separate letter will be sent to pupils to tell them what character they are and the costume that will be needed.</p>
Friday 2 nd December	<u>Festive Dress up day</u> – pupils can come to school dressed in winter themed outfits e.g. Christmas jumpers/party clothes. If you can, please bring in a tombola prize for the Winter Fayre.
Tuesday 6 th December	<p><u>Reception Church Visit – 1-2.30 pm</u> – pupils will visit Marlborough Church and will do Christmas craft activities.</p> <p><u>Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert at St Leonard's Church – 2-2.45pm-</u> We are delighted that we are able to go to the Church this year for our carol concert. Parents and Carers are welcome to join us from 2pm.</p>
Wednesday 7 th December	<u>Years 1-3 Christmas Carol Concert in the school hall:</u> Parents and Carers are welcome to come and join us to sing some carols at 9.10am in the hall . Please note, it will be standing only so we can all fit!
Wednesday 7 th December	<p><u>PTFA Winter Fayre</u> – a range of games, cakes and festive fun to be had.</p> <p>The event will run from 3.30-4.30pm in the hall. If you would like to donate cakes for the festive cake sale, then please bring them into school on Tuesday 6th December or the morning of Wednesday 7th December.</p>
Monday 12 th December	<u>Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Year 6 pupils.</u> This will be for those pupils that have signed up. A separate link will be sent out once we have received it from the NHS.
Tuesday 13 th December	<p><u>Nursery Christmas Song Showcase</u> to parents. Morning nursery performance at 9.15am and afternoon nursery performance at 2.45am. All day nursery can choose which performance they attend.</p> <p>Pupils can come to school dressed up in their festive celebration/ party clothes for the performance.</p>
Wednesday 14 th December	<p><u>Reception Classes Nativity performance to parents.</u> 2pm in the hall. A separate letter will be sent to pupils to tell them what costume will be needed.</p>

Wednesday 14 th December	<u>Year 1 trip to watch The Gruffalo at The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury</u> A separate letter will be sent to parents/carers with further details of this.
Thursday 15 th December	<u>Christmas Dinner Day.</u> A Christmas dinner can be booked through parent pay as normal. Separate information will follow nearer the time.
Friday 16 th December	<u>End of term 2:</u> School will close at normal time – 3.15pm
Tuesday 3 rd January	Term 3 starts