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Dear Families,

Easter has passed and we are into the Summer term, the final term of the year. It's always a busy one, with lots of learning, loads of events and as we prepare our Y6's for their next stage of education in Secondary school, we also welcome our new Reception children who will join us in September. We are currently working on the arrangements for teaching and learning for next year, the final plan won't be available until July, but we have some lovely news to share. Miss Elise Yearsley, currently working with Kites Class in her final teaching practice with Brookes University, will be joining the Wroxton team permanently from September. She has already become a valued member of the team and we know you will all make her feel really welcome. Mrs Julie Jennings is also confirmed to be joining the Wroxton team permanently working with our youngest children. Julie will be reaching out to families with new Reception pupils during June and we will arrange for them to come and spend some time in their new school. We only have two spare places for next year's Reception, so if you know anyone who might have a child looking to start school this year that hasn't chosen Wroxton, do let them know, we would be happy to show them around.

In other good news, it has been agreed that the Eagles outside area will get a revamp this Summer, with a new Astro surface which will enable us to smarten up this important provision for our youngest children and add some more opportunities for their outside physical play and development. The roof work is complete and Justine tells me we can already see a reduction in the volume of fuel oil being used because the insulation in the new roof is so good! We are also benefitting from the improved light and ventilation system and the CCTV is really helping us to look carefully not only at who is on site, but also events outside as they happen. This has already helped in some conversations with children when things have not gone as everyone would have wished.

Further investment from ODST has also been confirmed to refurbish the front of school and change the doors to make entering and exiting not only easier, but more welcoming for all. The Music Room project has now been ratified by the Trust and the additional funding needed to aid it coming to fruition is in the pipeline. The planning application has been made and the current, tentative expectation, is that ground could be cut on this project, assuming all is agreed with planning, in late 2025. Ahead of this the new fencing will be erected just as soon as planning is confirmed for it. The investment by ODST in our school over this year and next will amount to well over £120,000 with a further commitment for the replacement of the boiler in the pipeline, bringing it to around £225,000 by the time it is all completed.



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This is a very strong indication of the commitment from Trustees towards Wroxton and is very much welcomed.

Thank you to everyone who has donated things for our loose parts play. Playtimes are transforming and we can now confirm we are officially an '**O.P.A.L**' School. This stands for 'Outdoor Play and Learning'. This is a national organisation working to transform the 20% of children's time at school which is 'playtime' but is frequently overlooked. Play is a Human Right under Article 31 of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child, and it is our ambition at Wroxton to make sure all our children make the most of this important time each day with their friends and have a wide and varied range of play to meet all their needs. If you would like to find out more about O.P.A.L please have a look here <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/> and you can find our agreed Play Policy for Wroxton on our website here <https://www.wroxtonprimary.co.uk/policies.html> We are always looking for new things for the play 'stash' and over the coming months will be developing all of the different types of play. Please let Mrs Di Giorno know if you would like to get more involved with this project or have any good leads on where we might be able to ask for exciting things to add to our play resources.

Just a reminder about how to keep up with communications and events. Each half term you get a Class Newsletter with the specific information for that class regarding learning, trips and expectations for that term. I write one of these information letters about once a term, but really only when there is something to say. The dates list on this is always updated – as it is below. Please add these to your diary, they always come with the health warning that they are subject to possible change due to operational reasons outside our control, but we really do keep these changes to a minimum. We try to give you a picture of the entire year as far out as we can, but the exact detail obviously comes much nearer the date. There is the school website – where the home page is updated with the upcoming events each week and is a quick way to see 'what is on' <https://www.wroxtonprimary.co.uk/> and our Social Media accounts which not only tell you what is happening and update messages for trips and the like but also share wonderful photos of your children. Please follow, if social media is your thing.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057132324011>

<https://twitter.com/WroxtonPrimary>

We have now confirmed the term dates for the next Academic year. Please make a note in your diaries and remember holidays can not be authorised during term time.



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2024	
Autumn Term 1 School opens	Tuesday 3rd September 8.45am
School Closes	Wednesday 23 rd October 3.15pm
Autumn Term 2 School Opens	Tuesday 5 th November 8.45am
School Closes	Friday 20 th December 1.30pm
2025	
Spring Term 1 School Opens	Monday 6 th January 8.45am
School Closes	Friday 14 th February 3.15pm
Spring Term 2 School Opens	Monday 24 th February 8.45am
School Closes	Friday 4 th April 1.30pm
Summer Term 1 School Opens	Tuesday 22 nd April 8.45am
School Closes	Friday 23 rd May 3.15pm
Summer Term 2 School Opens	Monday 2 nd June 8.45am
School Closes	Friday 18 th July 1.30pm

As promised below are the upcoming dates, some have been added and a few changed, so please check your diary.

Your sincerely

Victoria Woods
Executive Headteacher

Date and times	Event	Notes
Wednesday 1 st May	Kites Trip To 'Aladdin' @ MK	Details have been sent. Any issues, please speak to Class teacher
Thursday 2 nd May	Y2 Multiskills	Children will be notified by letter of the details



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Friday 3 rd May	May Day Revels	A letter has been sent to all families with full details. We look forward to lots of fun – weather permitting.....
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 10 th May	Friends of Wroxton School	Craft and Quiz Evening – FOW will send out further information
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16th	Falcons SAT Tests	NO requests for absence can be authorised this week
Friday 17 th May 2.45pm	Kites Celebration Worship	All welcome in the hall
THURSDAY 23rd May, 3.15pm	School CLOSES for Half Term	
	PLEASE NOTE THS IS A THURSDAY AND MAY DIFFER FROM OTHER LOCAL SCHOOLS	
TUESDAY 4th June 2023	Summer term 2 starts School OPENS 8.35am	
	PLEASE NOTE THS IS A TUESDAY AND MAY DIFFER FROM OTHER LOCAL SCHOOLS	
WEDNESDAY 19th June Note change of day by 1 day (event will be cancelled if weather is unsuitable)	SPORTS DAY	All invited to come to school for the afternoon of races and healthy competition. Timings and final details to follow
Friday 21st June Note change of day by 1 week	Friends of Wroxton School Disco	FOW will send details
Wednesday 26 th June	Friends of Wroxton Non Uniform Day	FOW will send details
Friday 28 th June Note change of day by 1 week	Friends of Wroxton - FETE	FOW will send details
W/C 1 st July	Banbury Schools Y7 Transition	Please liaise with the secondary school directly for exact details. Each school is slightly different.
Tuesday 2 nd July	Royal Opera House 'Create Day' Kites Class	A free in school event working with school across the country and the ROH



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Thursday 4 th July	Y6 Leaders Service at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford with other Oxfordshire Diocesan Church Schools	Details to follow.
Friday 12 th July	Art EXHIBITION	Annual chance to see your children's amazing artwork. Details to follow
Friday 19 th July	Annual Reports sent home. These will contain details of the next year regarding classes and teachers	
Thursday 18 th July Note change of day by 1 day	Music SHOWCASE	Annual chance to hear your children's amazing music. Details to follow
Monday 22 nd July	CO Jo's, OPAL, Forest School, PE Family Day	Come and enjoy all our outdoor learning opportunities with your children
Tuesday 23 rd July	Service of Thanksgiving for our Leavers at All Saint's Church	All welcome to join our service.
	Meet the Teacher morning	Children will come back from Church and then spend the morning with their new teachers in their new class rooms.
Wednesday 24 th July	LAST DAY OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM There will be NO NIGHT OWLS TODAY	Year 6 Families, only, are invited to attend the fun leavers assembly at 9.15am