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‘Great to be Inspired, Inspired to be Great’

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Dear Parents and Carers

1. Celebration of academic results

I am writing to thank you for your support for your children’s learning. Unfortunately, due to technical delays, the Key Stage 2 results have only been released earlier today so these have not been analysed yet. However, we have other results available with much to celebrate:

Our Year 4 children undertook their online **Multiplication Times Table Check** earlier this term. They had to answer 25 questions under timed conditions. These are our results compared with national figures for the last three years:

	Dunmore average	National average	Dunmore % full marks 25/25	National % full marks 25/25
2024	20.8	20.6	30.5	34
2025	22.5	21	37	37
2026	23.7	Not yet known	61	Not yet known

As you can see from the table above, our results have increased each year for the last three years and this year are the highest children at Dunmore have ever achieved. I want to thank the children for their commitment to learning their times tables, the parents who have supported this and to the staff for their teaching to ensure that our children at Dunmore are achieving more highly in this area.

Phonics screening check:

Our Year 1 children undertook the phonics screening check earlier this term where they have to read forty words. We are delighted with these results and know that we are enabling children with their reading to access all areas of the curriculum. Thank you to parents/carers and wider family members for all the reading support at home. We are very grateful.

	Dunmore – Year 1	National – Year 1
2025	75%	80%
2026	77%	Not yet known

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EYFS: Good level of development

We are also delighted with our Early Years results. These are the highest results that we have had in the last five years. Thank you to all the parents/carers support for your children's learning and sharing their learning on Tapestry too!

	Dunmore	National
2025	68%	68%
2026	72%	Not yet known

2. Summer Reading and Writing challenges

We would really value your support with your children's learning during the summer holidays. There is the summer reading challenge which is being delivered by libraries. Children are very welcome to bring in their reading certificates when we return in September. Here is more information:

The Library Oxfordshire

READ to the BEAT

...with a **FREE** children's reading challenge at your local Oxfordshire library!

4 July to 5 September 2026

The Summer Reading Challenge 2026: **Read to the Beat** celebrates the joy of reading with a theme inspired by music. Children can discover how books spark creativity and imagination.

Finish the challenge and get your own medal and certificate!

Look out for fantastic new books and activities at your library!

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

THE READING AGENCY | **UNIVERSAL** | **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

As part of our drive for improving writing standards across the school, we would like to give your child the opportunity to keep writing over the summer holidays by taking part in our Dunmore Summer Holiday Writing Challenge.

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Today, children going into Y1-6 will receive a writing book and begin to take part in the challenge with their current class. The writing book will then be sent home where we would love for you to encourage them to keep writing about anything and everything!

If your child needs ideas of what to write about, here are some examples that your child can have a go at. These challenges, amongst others, will also be stuck to the front of their summer writing book.

Key Stage 2 challenge:

Write about anything outdoors. 	Write a postcard and send it to a friend or relative. 	Design a lunchbox for a trip to the beach. What would you include? 
Make a smoothie or a snack. Write about what you did. 	Write a diary entry for a day or a week of your holidays. 	Imagine owning an ice cream shop. Write about the unique flavours and the customers you serve. 
Write a thank you note to someone.	Write a list of 10 things that make you happy.	Write about a superpower you would love to have.

Key Stage 1 challenge:

Write about anything outdoors. 	Write a postcard and send it to a friend or relative. 	Design a lunchbox for a trip to the beach. What would you include? 
Can your grown-up help you to make a smoothie? Write about what you did. 	Write a diary entry for a day or a week of your holidays. 	What is your favourite game to play? Write about it! 
Write a thank you note to someone.	Write a list of 10 things that make you happy.	Write about a superpower you would love to have.
Create a to-do list for everything you want to do during the summer holidays. 	Visit your local library and write about your visit. <u>Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge while you're there!</u>	What are you looking forward to in September? Write about your hopes and dreams for the new school year ahead.

The Summer Holiday Writing Challenge provides:

- Great opportunities to talk together and share experiences.
- Use imaginative skills
- Amazing way to boost confidence and self-esteem.
- Great preparation for their return to school in the autumn.
- Support for the move into a new year group.

We hope that you will encourage your child to continue to use and develop their writing skills during the summer holidays. Please send your child back to school with their writing book ready to use and share with their friends in the first week back in September.

We are looking forward to celebrating your child's writing in the Autumn term.

3. Holiday support:

Just a reminder that the supermarket vouchers provided during school holidays for children eligible for free school meals have now ended. The final payment was made at Easter 2026, as national government funding for this scheme has come to an end.

We recognise that many families continue to face pressures with the cost of living. While holiday voucher payments are no longer available, there are other forms of support that you may be able to access. These include:

- **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme**
Free holiday activities and meals are available for eligible children during the main school holidays. This includes a range of local clubs, activities and food provision. Further details are available at: [Holiday Activities and Food page](#)
- **Oxfordshire Crisis Support Scheme**
Help is available for households experiencing financial difficulties, including support with food, energy and essential costs. Details of how to apply are available at [Residents Support Scheme page](#)
- **Cost of living support**
Details of how to access further support including advice and support on benefits, managing household bills, and accessing local services can be found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/help-rising-living-costs

4. Library events:

Date	Time	Event	Who for?	How to book
Every day	Library opening hours	Crafts – a different craft for each week of the holiday, treasure hunt and activity sheets	Children and their grown up	Drop in
21 July	1pm – 2pm	Explore Learning Jungle Jam song-writing adventure with puzzles and challenges	Ages 5 – 11 + grownup	Call 01865 595509

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21 July	2pm – 3pm	Explore Learning Times table workshop to become a maths whiz(ard)!	Ages 5 – 11 + grownup	Call 01865 595509
31 July	10am – 1pm	Learn about Guide Dogs and get to meet them!	Everyone	Drop in
01 August	10am– 11.30am	Puppet Theatre Barge Learn about shadow puppets then create your own monster	Ages 5 – 10 + grown up	At the library Call 01865 815005 or email: Abingdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk
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05 August	2.30pm – 4pm	Storytime brings stories to life with rhythm, movement and hands-on fun! Followed by a sustainable craft activity where children can create their own drums and shakers using recycled materials.	Ages 4 – 12 + grownup	At the library Call 01865 815005 or email: Abingdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk
07 August	11am– 12pm	Interactive Poetry with prize winning poet Kate Wakeling	Ages 4 – 11 + grownup	At the library Call 01865 815005 or email: Abingdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk
10 August	11am– 3pm	Storytime all day!	Ages 4 – 12 + grownup	No need to book – just drop in
14 August	10am– 11am	Explore Learning Jungle Jam song- writing adventure with puzzles and challenges	Ages 5 – 11 + grownup	Call 01865 595509
14 August	11am– 12pm	Explore Learning Grammar Workshop Quests and jousting grammar tournament!	Ages 5 – 11 + grownup	Call 01865 595509
19 August	10am – 12pm	Ozobots – help your little robot go through the music maze	Ages 7+ with a grown up	Book a 30 minute slot At the library Call 01865 815005 or email: Abingdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk
26 August	2.30pm – 4pm	Storytime brings stories to life with rhythm, movement and hands-on fun!	Ages 4 – 12 + grownup	At the library Call 01865 815005 or email: Abingdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

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5. Safeguarding message:

During the school holidays, the school safeguarding team will only monitor their email addresses periodically. There will always be a Designated Safeguarding Lead or a Deputy Safeguarding Lead on duty throughout the holidays.

If a child is in immediate danger, call 999. For other serious or urgent safeguarding issues, contact the Oxfordshire Children's Services directly on **0345 050 7666** or for an out of hours number call **080 0833 408** rather than waiting for a reply from a school email.

Below are other numbers that you might find useful if you or your child need to speak to someone: Children and young people can contact **Childline** free and confidentially on **0800 1111**.

Parents and carers can contact the **NSPCC** helpline on **0808 800 5000**.

If a child or young person is struggling with their mental health, they can text **YM to 85258** free for 24/7 crisis support. Parents wanting advice about their child's mental health can also contact the YoungMinds Parents Helpline on **0808 802 5544**.

6. Thank you

I just want to take this opportunity to thank you for your incredible support during this last academic year. Term finishes at 1.30pm on Friday 17th July.

We are very much looking forward to next year and seeing your children when they return to school on Thursday 3rd September. 😊

Yours sincerely,



Mr S J Bartholomew
Headteacher