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13rd November 2026

Radley College after school trip

On Thursday 5th November students of S3L3, S3F and S2F went to enjoy a play called Action.
Thanks to Radley College, Europa School pupils had the chance to watch a French theatre piece.
It was an amazing performance that was very inclusive, allowing students from the audience to participate and at the same time learn a few new French words! *Très bien!*
The play was about two friends who decide to create a film and as the viewers, we follow them on their journey to success.
C'était très drôle, j'ai aimé l'histoire de la pièce et les acteurs étaient très bons.
I would definitely recommend Action as something worth watching and an overall fun, engaging experience.
Sasha P, S3

A huge thank you to our dedicated team Mme Mallett, Mme Tachouères, Mme Lopez,Mr Swigg and Greta who came with us and took part in this fun adventure!"
Bénédicte Dubois, French teacher







Diary

Mon 16th Nov	Royal Literary Society writing workshop
Wed 18th Nov	Flu Vaccination S1-S5
	Junior Concert S1-S3
Thurs 19th Nov	S4 Parent Meeting- Online 5-8pm
Fri 20th Nov	S3 Cake Sale
	Free Bike Checks at School 3-4.30pm
Tue 24th Nov	S2 Parent Meeting- Online 5-8pm
Thurs 26th Nov	Basketball Interyear
30th Nov - 2nd Dec	MYP Mocks
Thurs 3rd Dec	S3 Parent Meeting -Online 5-8pm
Sat 5th Dec	Christmas Fair 11am-4pm
Tue 8th Dec	Senior Concert S4-S6
Thurs 10th Dec	PSHE parent workshop- 6.30pm
Fri 11th Dec	Winter Ball

NHS

Flu Vaccination
EUROPA SCHOOL UK SECONDARY (S1-S5)
Wed 18th November

Please complete the consent form
All details are in the email sent out on 3rd November

NHS Oxford Health

Autumn term School Nurse Newsletter

An Update from Accent Catering



Reassuring Families About the New 2027 School Food Standards

Important Update from Your School Catering Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have recently seen news coverage regarding the Department for Education's upcoming changes to the GOV.UK School Food Standards, which are set to become mandatory in September 2027.

At Accent, our heritage is built on serving food that is as delicious and exciting as it is wholesome. We have always cooked our meals from scratch using fresh, seasonal, and locally sourced ingredients, so **we are incredibly proud to say that our lunchtime menus are already aligned with these new guidelines.**

We know that changes to school routines can raise practical questions. We want to reassure you that **our core priority remains keeping lunchtime varied, delicious, and nutritious for your children.** These national updates are not about taking away the joy of school lunches — they are simply bringing the rest of the country up to the high standards we already hold ourselves to.

What is changing nationally (and how we already compare)
The updated guidelines represent the first major refresh of school food in over a decade. The primary focus is on boosting fibre from wholegrains and pulses while easing back on added sugar. Here is how we are managing this transition smoothly:

1. **Fresh, Wholesome Ingredients:** The new rules call for increased fruits, vegetables, pulses and whole grains. This is already our approach and you will see subtle changes to menus that add more nutritious pulses like lentils or chickpeas) into our popular dishes and sauces to pack a nutritional punch, especially in to our vegetarian / vegan dishes.
2. **Healthier Cooking Methods:** We rarely, if ever, deep-fry items so removing deep fat fryers from school kitchens entirely is nothing new for us; our talented chefs already bake, roast, or grill our foods to keep them incredibly tasty and satisfying.
3. **Balanced Treats:** Sweetened baked goods and cakes will be limited across secondary schools. Our pastry chefs are already experts at this, crafting wonderful fruit-based desserts and reducing added sugars across our baking long before these guidelines were introduced.
4. **Total Transparency:** Schools will be required to publish full menus online and appoint a dedicated school food governor. We welcome this transparency and will continue to make our full menus and allergen information readily available to our schools and parents / carers via school websites and at appropriate school events.

Rest Assured: The school favourites are here to stay
We understand that some children can be hesitant around dietary changes. Please be reassured that **your child's favourite meals are not disappearing.** Staples like pasta and pasta bakes, curries, jacket potatoes, and classic roast dinners will remain firmly on the menu. Our culinary development teams and on site catering team are now doing what they do best: refining our recipes behind the scenes to make sure these meals remain on the menu, meeting both the pupils' requirements and the new criteria.

Our Next Steps
These rules do not officially come into effect until September 2027, we have a brilliant window of time to refine our offerings even further. Over the coming terms, we will continue trialling small, innovative recipe updates and gathering direct feedback from the pupils both in the dining room and also via our student panels to ensure they love every single bite. We are fully committed to making lunchtime a relaxed, positive, and tasty experience for every child. If you have any specific concerns regarding your child's dietary requirements or allergies, please feel free to contact us directly or via the school office.

Thank you for trusting us to feed your children every day.
Ian Crabtree
Managing Director, Accent Catering

Inspiring the next generation

PSHE Parent Workshop POSTPONED

'NAVIGATING THE ONLINE WORLD'

I am really sorry to say that, due to an unforeseen medical issue the workshop on 'Navigating The Online World' has been postponed and moved to **THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER**.

It is still 6:30pm in the Schumann Hall.

Here is the new link to register for the workshop

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.
Lizzie Tolson

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Celebrating Our Year S5 Personal Project Exhibition

On Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 November, our Year S5 students presented their Personal Projects at the school exhibition.

The event celebrated the culmination of their work and gave students the opportunity to share the questions they had explored, the goals they had pursued and the products they had created.

It was also a chance for them to reflect on their learning and explain the research, planning and skills involved in bringing their ideas to life.

The breadth of projects was impressive, with students exploring topics across food, art, sport, science and many other areas.

We were particularly proud of the creativity and commitment they showed, and of the confidence with which they engaged with visitors and discussed their work.

Their thoughtful responses demonstrated a strong understanding of their chosen topics and the learning behind their projects.

The exhibition was a fantastic celebration of the students' hard work, curiosity and achievement.

Thank you to everyone who visited and supported them.

Ivana Charalambous

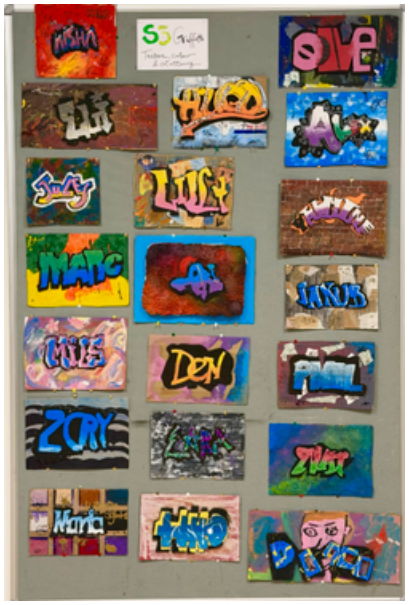






Alfajores de maicena

As part of her Personal Project, Stella A, presented some delicious alfajores de maicena, which were particularly appreciated by visitors to the exhibition. She is now keen to share <u>the recipe</u> so that everyone can enjoy making these traditional treats at home!



S3A Graffiti Art

(Exploring: Texture, Colour, Lettering)

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Christmas artwork fundraiser



Order cards for the children's **Christmas artwork** have now arrived and ready to collect from Reception.
Parents can use the unique QR code on their child's order to order personalised Christmas cards and gifts, helping raise funds for the school.

Order deadline: Sunday, 22nd November, 12 noon.

Local ART COMPETITION



Children aged 5–16 are invited to enter this fun art competition, with age-group categories and fabulous prizes.

Every entry will be displayed at Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot. Create in any medium; 2D work must be no larger than A3.

Hosted by Sunningwell School of Art, Abingdon.

Entries close 3 December.

Find out more: link

S3 Community Project: The Story Gallery - Share your Story!

Created by S3 students Victoria, Giulia and Emily, **The Story Gallery** celebrates the diverse cultures, traditions and experiences, within our school community.

Students, staff and community members are invited to share a short story, memory, legend or tradition by emailing vmar31@europaschool.uk , **by 25th Nov.**

All money raised will go towards school improvements.



Giulia, Emily and Victoria S3

EUROPA SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS FÊTE

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

11:00AM - 4:00 PM



- SANTA'S GROTTO
- GINGERBREAD WORKSHOP
- CARICATURE WORKSHOP
- FRENCH CRÊPES
- MUSIC & CAROLS
- RAFFLE
- FACE PAINTING
- GLITTER TATTOOS
- BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
- MAGIC SHOW
- LUCKY DIP
- ELFRIDGES
- INDIAN FOOD
- HOT FOOD (PIZZA, PAELLA)
- SWEETS STALL
- CRAFT MARKET
- MULLED WINE & HOT CHOCOLATE

BOOK ACTIVITIES

RAFFLE TICKETS

CHRISTMAS FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

This event is organised by parent/staff volunteers who give their time to make it a fun day for everyone and help raise funds for the school. It can't happen without YOU, our fantastic community! We are looking for volunteers (students, parents, guardians, grandparents, friends, aunts, uncles, staff - all welcome!) to cover short slots.

SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT





CAKE DONATIONS NEEDED

for the Christmas Fair cake stall

DONATE A CAKE

CLASS HAMPERS

Please send your hamper photos to raffle@europa-pta.org by 22 November

