

Botley School



Dear Parents/Carers,

The second full week is when the school really starts to settle – although this week the weather made that a bit more challenging than we would expect for this time of year!

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the information evenings. The slides for each class will be available on the [class pages](#) of the school website, so you can refer back to them or view them if you were unable to make the meetings. If you have any questions, please do email the class teachers or catch the staff on the gate or doors at the start or end of the day and we will be happy to answer your questions as swiftly as possible.

We completed this week with a visit from a representative from the Department for Education (DfE). During her visit we looked at maths teaching, phonics teaching, SEND provision and the Early Years. By the end of the morning, she was extremely complimentary about the hard work and progress the school has made and the provision for our pupils. She was delighted by the fantastic learning behaviours on display in every classroom and the amazing tailored curriculum and support we provide to ensure we are a truly inclusive school. It was an extremely positive visit and I am so delighted that the hard work and improvements we have made at Botley since the last Ofsted have been recognised and validated. I could not be more proud of the Botley pupils and team.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Reid

**Friends of Botley School
Meeting
7pm Monday 22nd Sept
At Botley School or on Teams**

Upcoming Events

- 22 Sept** – FOBS AGM
- 26 Sept** – Macmillan Cake Sale
- W.B. 29 Sept** – SEN profile meetings
- 2 Oct** – School Census day
- 9 Oct** – EYFS harvest stay & play
- 10 Oct** – Harvest assembly 9:15
- 12 Oct** – Oxford Half marathon school's challenge
- 14 Oct** – NSPCC workshops for years 2, 5 and 6 pupils
- 14 Oct** - Phonics parent meeting online 4pm
- 21 Oct** – Prospective Parent Tour
- 3 Nov** – INSET day
- 4 & 5 Nov** – Parent consultation meetings
- 7 Nov** – Poetry week assembly 9:15
- 14 Nov** – FOBS Fireworks
- 17-21 Nov** – Yr 6 Residential
- 19 Nov** – Prospective Parent Tour
- 21 Nov** – Yr 4 trip to Chedworth
- 27 Nov** – Yr 3 trip Ashmolean
- 11 Dec** – EYFS Christmas stay and play 9:15
- 11 Dec** – KS1 performance 4:00
- 12 Dec** – prospective Parent tour
- 12 Dec** – Workshare
- 17 Dec** – Xmas lunch/party day
- 19 Dec** – Christmas Assembly 9:15

The 'Friends of Botley School' is our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). All parents are automatically part of it. The first meeting of the year is on Monday (22 Sept) at 7pm. You can come in person or if more convenient you can join via Teams on this link:

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 376 254 805 822 4

Passcode: h7Fa7Lz2

(give yourself plenty of time if you haven't used Teams in a while)

FOBS needs parent volunteers to plan and help at events. It makes a huge difference if lots of people can give a little time.

This year we are also looking for a new secretary. The job involves sending announcements of events via the school office, arranging 3 committee meetings a year, and writing/circulating notes from the meetings. These activities take around 8 hours per year. If you think you could take up the secretary role, or have any questions, please contact the office or email fobs1930@gmail.com. Full support will be given by the out-going secretary to the new secretary.

Whether or not you can be the new secretary, we hope to see you on Monday evening!

Help from Kier

We are delighted that Kier have agreed to help the school to give a benefit to the local community while it completes the Botley Road/station works. So far their team has tarmacked the strip at the edge of the car park, which used to have beautiful planters on, but which had become overgrown with weeds. They have also removed the unnecessary bollards from the school playground and tarmacked here too. We are grateful for their help and look forward to more Kier improvements which the school would otherwise struggle to afford to do.

Apply for Year 7 Secondary place

The admissions portal for parents of year 6 pupils to apply for secondary school places is now open. Please see further details on the next page of the newsletter. There is an open evening for Matthew Arnold School on 2nd October starting at 5:30. Again, please see further information later in the newsletter.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

To apply for 'Free School Meals' and pupil premium, please download the application form using the link below. If you are not sure if your family is eligible, please do speak to the wonderful office staff or Mrs Yasin, who will be able to help you.

[Free School Meals application form](#)

English as an additional language (EAL) at Botley School

At Botley School we are so proud of the diverse cultures and languages spoken by our community. The number of children who speak English as an additional language in our school directly affects the level of funding we receive each academic year. This funding helps us provide tailored support and resources to meet the needs of all our learners. In the next few weeks, we will be sending out a Microsoft Form for parents to update what languages are spoken within the family home. A pupil's first language is not English when the pupil:

- Has been exposed to a language other than English during early development, and
- Continues to be exposed to this language in the home or in the community

The home language usually refers to the language(s) regularly spoken in the pupil's home. A pupil may have more than 1 home language (speaking different languages to different family members) and the home language may change over time. If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Doran or email her at botleysenco@botley.oxon.sch.uk.

Term Dates 2025-2026

Term 1

Thursday 4th Sept 2025 –
 Fri 19th December 2025
 Half term Holiday:
 27th – 31st October 2025

Term 2

Tuesday 6th Jan 2026 –
 Friday 27th March 2026
 Half term holiday:
 16th Feb – 20th Feb 2026

Term 3

Monday 13th April 2026 –
 Friday 17th July 2026
 Half term holiday:
 25th May-29th May 2026

INSET DAYS

Monday 1st September 2025
 Tuesday 2nd September 2025
 Wed 3rd September 2025
 Monday 3rd November 2025
 Monday 5th January 2026
 Monday 1st June 2026
 Monday 20th July 2026



Contact details

Office.2569@Botley.oxon.sch.uk
 01865 248573



E-mail: office@acertrust.org.uk
 Tel: 01865 519215

Apply now for Year 6 secondary school place:

The application portal is now open for families of Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school place for September 2026.

We strongly encourage families to apply online via the following link: [Year 7 - secondary school applications | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

If online applications are not possible, forms can be printed from the school office or completed digitally.

Key Dates:

The portal opened on 12 September 2025 and will close on **31 October 2025** (deadline for **on-time applications**).

Reminder for parents of the following important points:

- **Apply on Time**
Late applications will not receive an offer on National Offer Day (**2 March 2026**) and may reduce the chance of securing a place at a preferred school.
- **Address Updates**
If families have recently moved or are planning to move, they must upload proof of address (e.g. tenancy agreement, Council Tax bill, or exchange of contracts) alongside their application. They should also inform their child's current primary school to avoid discrepancies in the system.
- **Sibling Information**
Parents should include details of any siblings already attending the schools they are applying to.
- **List Multiple Preferences**
Encourage families to list more than one school preference (up to four can be selected).



Could You Help a Child Discover the Joy of Reading?



The charity obtains enhanced DBS checks on all volunteers before placement
Charity Number 1146276

ARCh Assisted Reading for Children is an award-winning Oxfordshire charity that transforms children's lives by helping them grow in reading ability, confidence, and wellbeing- all through the power of one-to-one support.

We're looking for more volunteers across Oxfordshire to spend a little time each week during the school day, supporting children one-to-one in a local primary school.

Whether you're retired, working part-time, or looking for something meaningful to do alongside work, there's a place for you at ARCh. Full training, ongoing support, and resources are all provided- just bring your warmth and enthusiasm!

If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please get in touch – we'd love to hear from you!
info@archoxfordshire.org.uk
www.archoxfordshire.org.uk



Get Involved 2nd - 8th June
VOLUNTEERS' WEEK volunteersweek.org
 #VolunteersWeek



AMBITION. INCLUSION. COLLABORATION, KINDNESS.

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2025 5.30 PM - 8.00 PM

ARNOLDS WAY, OXFORD OX2 9JE • WW.MASCHOOL.ORG.UK

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS



GUITAR LESSONS



- Spaces available for beginner to advanced players. No need to own a guitar
- All styles covered - rock, pop, blues, classical, metal. Grades, performance, composition and theory all covered
- Lessons take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the school, with each 25 minute session taught on a 1-1 basis at £16 per lesson
- Fun, informative lessons tutored to inspire those interested in music!



For more information and to book a lesson please contact:

Lee Luland (School Guitar Teacher)

Email: LeeLuland@live.co.uk
Tel: 07872478886

Piano lessons

Every week on
Mondays and Tuesdays
during school hours



For more information contact Diyana
Mob: 07707216175
Email: divchevcurr@yahoo.co.uk

Please note Lee has spaces for new students on Thursdays if any prospective parents would like to get in contact, Thank you

Please note Diyana will have spaces for new students from September if any prospective parents would like to get in contact and reserve their place. Thank you



Free perks, rewards & training!

WE'RE HIRING!

BE A PART OF OUR CLEANING TEAM

Education CLEANING

Cleaners

POSITION

HOURLY RATE

£12.77 ph Mon-Friday 4-7pm

HOURS

3hrs a day. 15 Hours a week

LOCATION

Matthew Arnold Academy

Arnold way oxford OX2 9JE

CONTACT DETAILS

Madie Ferns 07976 951924

Every Wednesday during term-time 4.00 - 5.30pm

Outdoor Explorers



£8.00 per child p/w

Experience the magic of nature & the joy of outdoor adventure, together with your children, after school each Wednesday:

- Fun outdoor self-led activities
- Hands-on nature exploration
- Unwind, connect with the environment & make friends

www.hill-end.org/activities/upcoming-events

Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, OX2 9NJ 01865 863510



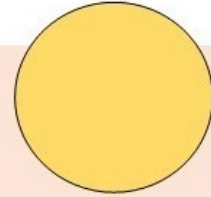
Saturday 20 September 2-4pm
St Michael's Church, Cumnor



CRAFTS ACTIVITIES FOOD

**For families with children of
primary school age**

**Free, but please book with 01865 861541
office@cumnor.org**



Girls aged 7-10 Years old



**Do you want to have Fun,
Make New Friends
& Learn New Things?**

Then join 2nd Botley Brownies

Tuesdays 6:15pm to 7:45pm

Contact:

secondbotleybrownies@outlook.com



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Book now:
www.nextthing.education



LIMITED SPACES, BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE TODAY!
W: www.nextthing.education T: 01442 873150

ART CLASSES



A PLACE TO BELONG, GROW & CREATE

**BOOK A
TRIAL NOW!**

- Art Classes for Children 6+
- Teen Art Classes
- GCSE & A-Level Support
- Holiday Art Workshops
- Seasonal Family Workshops
- Birthday Parties & Events

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07384 670391
oxford@art-k.co.uk
art-k.co.uk/class-oxford
37 South Parade, Summertown, Oxford OX2 7JN



GIVE YOUR CHILD AN INVALUABLE LIFE SKILL AT WHITE HORSE LEISURE AND TENNIS CENTRE

Do you want to improve your child's water confidence and give them the ability to swim?

Discover how to kick-start your child's confidence in the water at better.org.uk/swim-school

BETTER



WHAT'S MORE, YOUR CHILD WILL...

- Develop social skills whilst having fun with new friends
- Feel motivated as they progress through stages
- Improve their confidence with every stroke
- And most importantly, learn a life saving skill

Better Swim School offers affordable lessons for all ages and abilities taught by qualified teachers with our own industry leading swim school programme. Our safe and friendly environment will ensure your child enjoys life long fun in and around the water.

Book now to secure your child's place at better.org.uk/swim-school

Edible Botley

Do you have an edible (for humans) fruit/nut tree/bush that is accessible from the pavement/public space that might benefit from a sign to enable any fellow humans to help themselves when ripe?

If so please contact Melissa Kinnear @

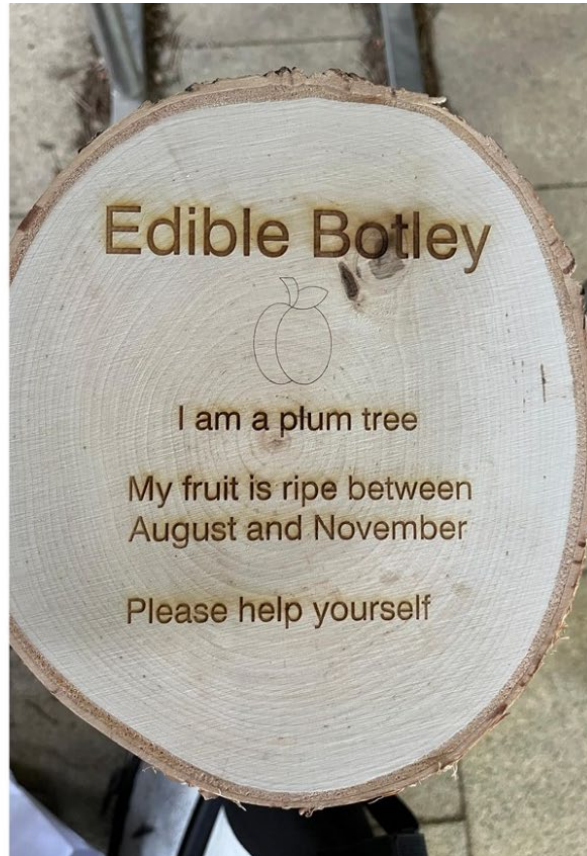
melissakinnear@yahoo.co.uk

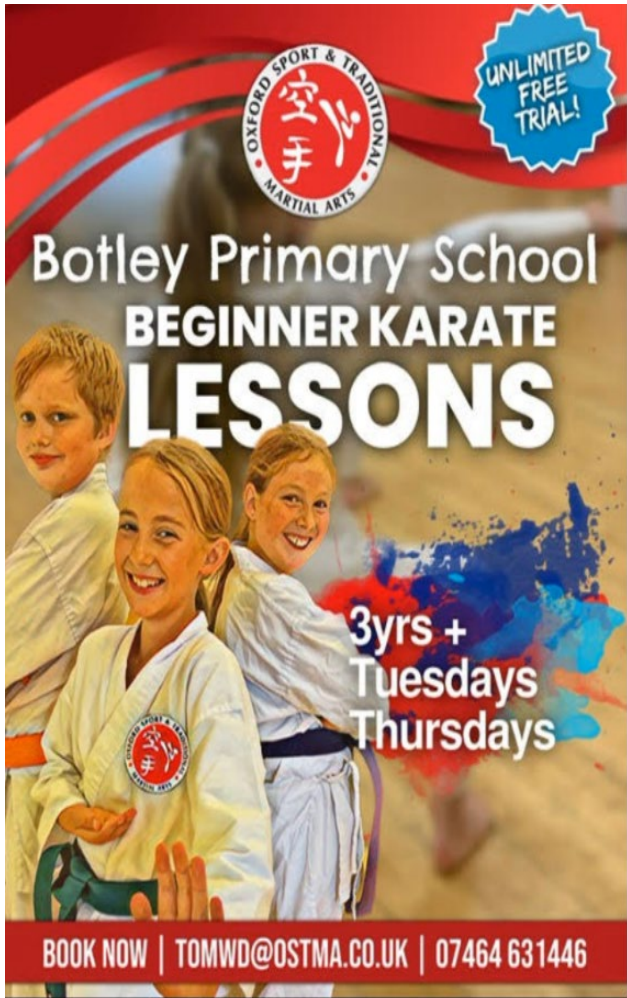
In the email please let her know:

1. the address for the tree/bush
2. the type of tree/bush (so she can work out when the fruit/nuts are ripe).

Once this information has been gathered she will start crafting signs for all the trees/bushes in Botley!

Looking forward to harvesting with neighbours!





OXFORD SPORT & TRADITIONAL MARTIAL ARTS

UNLIMITED FREE TRIAL!

Botley Primary School
BEGINNER KARATE
LESSONS

3yrs +
Tuesdays
Thursdays

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Could you inspire the next generation of cyclists?

We are searching for **Cycle Instructors** to join our expanding **Bikeability** team.



We are looking for confident communicators to deliver fun and inspirational cycle training in schools.

If you have loads of enthusiasm to share and are looking for rewarding work to deliver during school term time, we would love to hear from you.

Role: Variable Hours Contract

Hourly Rate: £13.20 plus holiday pay. We have an employee benefits scheme too!

Training and Support: we provide full, free training and ongoing support including nationally recognised qualifications.

For more information, please contact:
jobs@outspokentraining.co.uk, 01223 473820

www.outspokentraining.co.uk



Iranian Community Network (ICN)

English Language Classes & Digital Skills

2025 Hybrid (Online_Offline)

Designed to help you to improve English Language with everyday digital skills

Practical classes with interactive instruction to help you feel comfortable, communicating in English and integrating into your local community.

To reserve a place, please text or email us your contact details

We operate under GDPR rules and regulations, your information will be stored securely and in confidence.

admin@icn-uk.org or Text **07951 035096**

WWW.ICN-UK.ORG
 CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 1198007

TRY A CLASS FOR FREE



Now showing, CONFIDENCE!

Drama, dance & singing classes designed to help 4-12 year olds shine

**** My son has adored his first term at Perform. He has blossomed and I've seen his confidence grow every week. ****
 Pippa Wotton

PERFORM

Play is a POWERFUL THING

Perform classes help boost children's **confidence, concentration, coordination** and **communication** skills, as well as being lots of fun.

Our expertly designed drama, dance and singing sessions for 4-7s and 7-12s are run by experienced teachers, hand-picked for their warmth and approachability. They'll be with your child every step of the way - inspiring and encouraging them to develop vital life skills as they discover the joy of performing.

What does Perform offer?

- Performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps
- End of term presentation for family and friends

Ready to try for free?
 Your child's first class is free, so why not give it a go? Classes take place all over, have a look online or call us:



**** Perform helps develop all key areas of a child in a fun, supportive and engaging way. It gives my daughter a brilliant sense of fun, community, purpose and pride in her achievements. ****
 Begum Bari

perform.org.uk/try 020 7255 9120

OLIVER & JAMES RAFFLE

IN SUPPORT OF DEMENTIA UK

DRAW DATE: 22ND SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 2PM

♥ PRIZES TO BE WON:

- Blenheim Palace Family Annual Pass
- Junkyard Golf Experience
- Snakes & Ladders Family Entrance
- Chiltern Valley Winery Tour & Tasting for two
- Oxford Cocktail River Cruise for two
- Wine Tasting Tour for two at Brightwell Vineyard
- Fairytale Farm Family Entry
- Oxford Playhouse Tickets for two
- Millets Farm Gift Card

**£1 EACH OR £5 A BOOK
ON SALE NOW!**

Oliver & James Funeral Directors,
4 Elms Parade, Botley, Oxford OX2 9LG

New classes on Mondays in Seacourt Hall September 2025

			
PRE-PRIMARY & PRIMARY BALLETT	GRADE 1-2 BALLETT	INTERMEDIATE FOUNDATION BALLETT	RAD QUALIFIED TEACHERS
3-6YR OLDS	7-10YR OLDS	GRADE 3-4 LEVEL	OVER 15 YEAR ESTABLISHED SCHOOL
15:45-16:15	16:15-17:00	17:00-18:00	EXAMS AND SHOWS



oxfordcityschoolofdance@gmail.com
07913148332



RATTLE & ROLL
PERFORMANCE

October 2025

October Holiday Clubs

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years, with funded places available for children in Reception to Year 6

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



Scan the QR code to book

LOCATION:
St Nicholas' Primary School, Oxford

COST:
£38 per day
All childcare vouchers accepted

DATES:
Monday 27 to Friday 31 October

TIMES:
8:00am to 5:00pm

In Year 6?
Join our Young Leader Programme running over Half Term focused on leadership, initiative and creativity

rattleandrollperformance.com

07722 014301



WHAT'S ON

- Fitness taster sessions
- Health talks & wellbeing demos
- Local nutritionists, therapists, fitness coaches & wellness brands
- Family-friendly activities
- Food stalls & refreshments

**Everyone welcome
Free entry!**

For more information visit:
www.botleynorthinksey-pc.gov/news



**LOUIE MEMORIAL
PLAYING FIELDS**



10:00 - 14:00



**Local Wellbeing / Health
Businesses & Providers
Get Involved**

Stall spaces & demo slots
available

Reserve yours now
by filling in this form

<http://forms.gle/yA2y4Koz4sACmWA>





Go Wild This October Half-Term!

Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 October

WILD DAYS for 7-12 year olds

Bushcraft, nature walks, campfire cooking, and den-building in the stunning surroundings of **Hill End** and **Wytham Woods**.

From pond-dipping to minibeast hunting, our expert tutors will lead exciting hands-on activities, making learning fun while kids connect with nature and new friends.



Booking Essential: <https://hill-end.org/news/wild-days>

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Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, OX2 9NJ 01865 863510

£9.50 (child)
£11.50 (adult)
ticket includes lunch



Autumn Adventures - Family Days

Wednesday 29 & Thursday 30 October

10am - 2pm

Come and enjoy the great outdoors at our wonderful site this half term!

- * natural arts / willow weaving * Halloween jokes trail *
- * campfire & s'mores * conkers * woodcraft *
- * explore & play *

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Hill End Centre, OX2 9NJ
01865 863510

Registered charity: 1173987

www.hill-end.org/activities/upcoming-events

