



Botley School

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we were delighted to be featured in the Oxford Mail under the headline 'Happy, Diverse and Inclusive'. The feature also gave dates for our Early Years open events so please do spread the word in the community!



Attendance is crucial to a child's success in school and today, parents should have received a letter explaining the rules around attendance. If you have not seen this, please follow this link to the attendance pages of the website. [Attendance Procedures | Botley School](#) where the letter and lots of other information about attendance and absence procedures can be found. It is vital that children access learning every day, as even one missed lesson can produce a gap in their knowledge that makes the next steps of learning harder to manage. This table demonstrates how much lost learning there can be, even for a child with good attendance.

Attendance Description	Attendance Percentages	Number of learning days missed	Number of individual lessons missed
Perfect attendance	100%	0	0
Excellent attendance	97% - 99%	6 days	30
Good Attendance	95% - 96%	9 days	45
Concerning Attendance	Less than 95%	Over 10 days	Over 48
Persistent Absenteeism	Less than 90%	Over 19 days	Over 95
	Less than 80%	Over 38 days	Over 190
	Less than 70%	Over 57 days	Over 285
	Less than 60%	Over 76 days	Over 380
Severe Absenteeism	Less than 50%	Over 95 days	Over 475

By working together we can make sure every child gets fair access to education through great school attendance!

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Reid

**FOBS Meeting
Monday 22nd
7pm Botley
School**

Upcoming Events

- 15 Sept** – KS1 parent meeting
- 16 Sept** – EYFS parent meeting
- 16 Sept** – Yr4 parent meeting
- 17 Sept** – Yr 3 parent meeting
- 18 Sept** – Yr 6 parent meeting
- 19 Sept** – Yr 5 parent meeting
- 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

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.

Start of the School Day

The school day starts promptly at **8:45**. The school gates open at **8:30** and the school doors open at 8:40 to give pupils 5 minutes to get to class and learning starts at **8:45**. Please ensure your child is in school ready to learn in their classroom by **8:45** so they do not miss any valuable learning time. If you wish to make use of the free breakfast club, this opens from 8:00am each morning.

Talking of which... free breakfast club next week

The free breakfast club is open to all, from 8am every day. All pupils are welcome, for a healthy and filling breakfast, and a soft start to the school day. There is no booking form for next week, just turn up!

Break Time Snacks

This is a polite reminder that KS2 pupils are only allowed fruit or vegetable snacks at morning break. This is part of our commitment to encouraging healthy lifestyles and to ensure parity across the school. KS1 and Early Years have fruit or vegetable snacks provided at school through specific government funding for children in those years. KS2 do not have this provided but are expected to bring fruit or vegetables for their snack. Pupils bringing other food items onto the playground will be asked to put them in their bag for lunchtime.

Uniform

It is lovely to see so many of our pupils looking smart and ready to learn in their uniform. There are still some pupils who are not in the correct uniform at all times or who are wearing jewellery in school. Pupils will be asked to remove any items of jewellery and may be given spare uniform to wear if they do not have the correct uniform on in school.

Elms Road safety and access

This is our start of the year reminder to our community that driving up Elms Road at arrival or collection times should be avoided as this makes the area much more dangerous for all our pupils and families walking to and from school. Can I also remind everyone that Elms Road is residents only parking, and therefore no parents should be parking on the road. I regularly receive complaints from residents and walking parents about feeling unsafe because of inconsiderate driving and parking. Please do not stop in the middle of the road to allow pupils to get out of the car, as this causes traffic to build up which is dangerous for the children and families trying to cross the road. If there is a specific medical or accessibility reason why you need to park closer to the school, please contact the school office, who will forward your request to the appropriate member of staff.

Collection arrangements

Another start of the year reminder that pupils in school can only be collected by siblings who are 14 and over. This is within the policy for collection arrangements agreed by the governing board and is part of our commitment to safeguarding all our pupils here at Botley School. You can find the policy on the school website:

[collecting-children-from-school-policy.pdf](#)

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

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Tel: 01865 519215



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



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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



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Education CLEANING

POSITION	Cleaners
HOURLY RATE	£12.77 <u>ph</u> 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



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Does your child enjoy singing?

West Oxford Young Singers is run Jo Gill and Sue Baker from the County Music Service. The group meets on Wednesdays from 4-5pm at West Oxford Primary School, and is open to children in years 3-6 from any local school. We sing a wide range of songs as well as developing the children's singing and musical skills through games and other activities. We also perform regularly in concerts. Taking part costs £5.50 per week, paid half-termly, with the possibility of reduced fees for families who would find this unaffordable. There is more information about the choir at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-groups/choirs-and-performing-arts/west-oxford-young-singers.

If your child would like to give the choir a try, they are welcome to come along for a free trial session next Wednesday, 10th September. Please get in touch with Jo (jo.gill@oxfordshire.gov.uk) directly to arrange this, or just bring your child along to West Oxford School at 4pm on the day. You are also welcome to email Jo with any other questions about the choir.

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 @

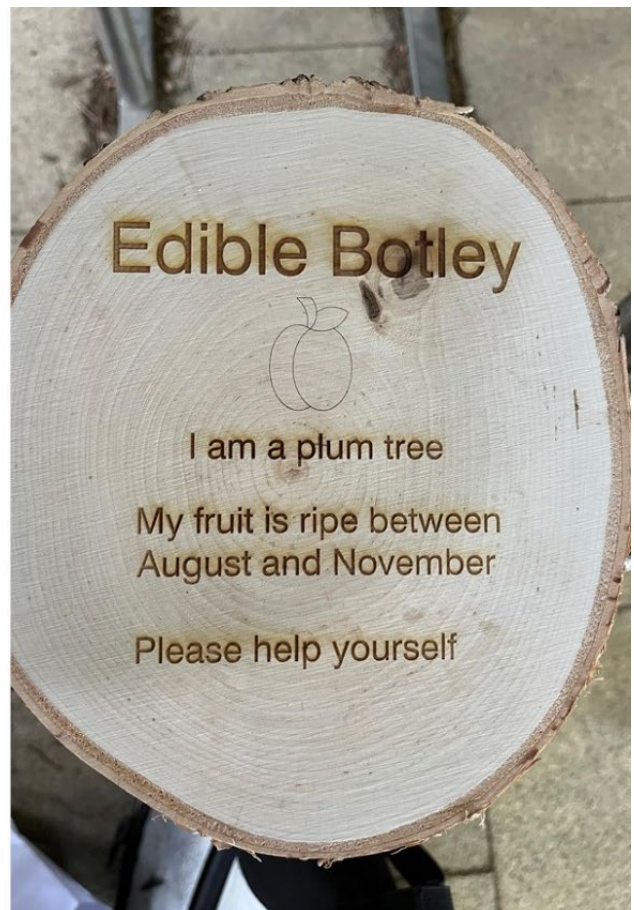
melissakinnear@yahoo.co.uk

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!



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** 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

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DRAW DATE: 22ND SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 2PM

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- Snakes & Ladders Family Entrance
- Chiltern Valley Winery Tour & Tasting for two
- Oxford Cocktail River Cruise for two
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