

Botley School



Upcoming Events

Newsletter 18th July

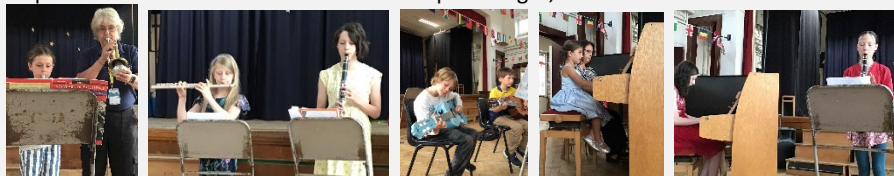
This will be the last newsletter of the 2024 2025 academic year, and what a year it has been! There have been so many highlights, but for me, the most important highlight is the progress and the enthusiasm our pupils show in their learning. They have worked so hard and the progress this year has been fantastic. Thank you to all our pupils who continue to inspire me daily, and to the staff who have worked so hard to support the progress and instil a love of learning.

This week has been particularly busy. On Tuesday we had the grand opening of our newly renovated quad. We were privileged to invite in some of our wider community who have been involved in supporting this work, either with financial donations, or by giving up their weekends and own time to complete the work needed. We had a wonderful assembly, including a short talk from Mr Karl Penhaul, who has donated funds towards the cost of the renovation in memory of his mother Eileen, who joined the school at the age of 5 in 1938 when it opened. For more information on this, please check out the [Oxford Mail article](#).



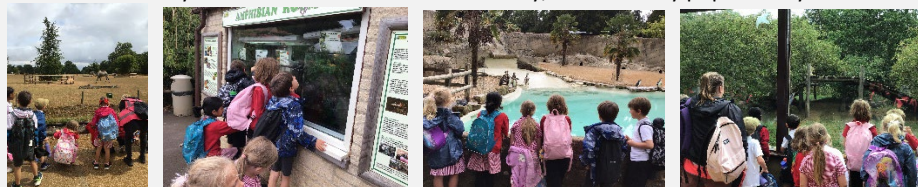
We have now moved all our KS2 classes upstairs and on Wednesday the children were able to have their transition mornings in their new classrooms, with their new teachers and teaching assistants. As I walked around the classes it was so lovely to see them all settling into their new spaces so happily.

On Wednesday evening, we held our second every Botley Community Concert, made up of performances from our youngest musicians and choir and performances from staff, parents and friends in the second half. We finished with a wonderful opportunity for everyone to sing together. I had a message from Mr. Nathan Thomas (CEO) after the concert offering his congratulations to all the performers continuing that 'the night was stolen by the numerous solo performances from the students. A triumphant night, well done to all involved.'



I can't fit all the photos onto the newsletter, so please go to the [music pages of the website](#) to see more! There are also more pictures from the year 6 leaver's performance, the year 3 Sheldonian performance and the choir trip to the Festival of Voices.

Yesterday, Apple, Poplar and Cherry Classes had a day out at Cotswold Wildlife Park to support their learning about animals and their habitats. They had a fantastic day despite the heat and small burst of rain. They started the day by exploring the walled gardens in their groups and looking at the interesting animals there. At 11am, they went to see the penguins being fed. Then, they saw some of the bigger animals including lions and giraffes! They had a picnic lunch outside before going on the train around the park. They finished the day by going to the reptiles, bats and insect houses. The pupils and staff had an amazing time and the children were exhausted by the end of it but behaved brilliantly, as our Botley pupils always do!



This evening, as I type, the year 6 pupils are enjoying their Leaver's Disco, with the fantastic DJ John Johnny!

- 18th July** – Year 6 Leaver's Disco
- 21st July** – Botley's Got Talent – pupils only
- 22nd July** – Leaver's Assembly to school and year 6 parents – 9:15
- 22nd July** – End of term 1:30



This will be my last newsletter for this academic year so I would like to finish by wishing our year 6 Leavers every success in their new schools in September. I know the Botley values will hold them in good stead and that they will continue to shine wherever they go!

I also wish every success and happiness to our leaving staff this term, Miss Fiaz, Miss Jones, Mrs Preston, Miss Honey and Mr Ali-Mehmood. You will all be much missed but you go with so much love and best wishes behind you from everyone at Botley.

Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in making Botley such a special place to learn, especially the teachers and teaching assistants who dedicate their time to supporting our pupils and the community. I would also like to say a special thanks to our support team, Mrs Ayres, Shaeen Yasin, Mrs Higton, Mrs Hill and Mrs De Lira who keep everything running smoothly so that the teachers and pupils can focus on the learning. Finally I would like to thank our Governors for all their support and of course, FOBS and all our parent body who support the school so well. I really am so thankful for everything you all do every day!

I wish you all a fabulous, relaxing and joyful summer break!

Mrs Reid.

SWIFT course

We are looking to run a SWIFT course next academic year. SWIFT stands for School With Families Together and is a course for schools, parents, carers and families who have a primary school aged-child on the autism spectrum or with similar communication and interaction needs. Parents and school staff attend together to ensure they develop a shared understanding of the needs of the child and consistent strategies to support them at home and at school. This course is open to all Botley School parents who have a child on roll in 2025-26 and is free of charge. We are looking to run the course an afternoon a week (Wednesday, Thursday or Friday) for four consecutive weeks or as a whole day one-off course. If there is enough interest we will run both types of course. If you are interested in attending this course, please could you complete the Microsoft Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/GZHG7gpZ8Y>

FOBS update

Thank you to Bob Higton and the FOBS committee for arranging the refreshments for the community Concert this week. This raised over £300 in ticket sales and refreshments for the school, which will be used to go towards different items for the school, the main project at the moment is funding for a new class set of mini iPads for the school. Thank you to everyone who volunteers and supports FOBS in fundraising to enhance the provision for our pupils at Botley.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

To apply for 'Free School Meals' and pupil premium, please download the application form using the link below.

[Free School Meals application form](#)

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 5th January 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026



Contact details

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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

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 £15 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

BOTLEY SKATEPARK OPENING JAM!

6th September

12PM
'TIL 4PM

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COMPETITIONS
AND PRIZES

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NEW DATE
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Active Communities Summer of Fun

23 JULY - 29 AUGUST

Free activities across
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including:

- New Age Kurling
- Football
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- Family Dance Parties
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- Rounders

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For more information and to book, visit
southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities
or scan the QR code

[/ActiveCommunitiesSouthandVale](https://www.facebook.com/ActiveCommunitiesSouthandVale)



GrandSlammers

Tennis

Free Tennis Coaching

Friday 8 August

Wantage Tennis Club

10:00 - 11:00am 5-8 years

11:00 - 12:00pm 9-11 years

Sign up for the opportunity to work with coach Andy at
Wantage Tennis Club. Learn new skills, make new
friends and have fun.



To enquire email Youmove@southandvale.gov.uk
or book your space via the QR Code

YOU MOVE



Wicket Warriors Cricket

Free cricket coaching in Faringdon, Shrivenham and Abingdon this
summer. 5-8 year old sessions and 9-11 year old sessions.

Enquire via youmove@southandvale.gov.uk

or follow the QR code to book



Faringdon



Shrivenham



Abingdon

YOU MOVE



Dear Parent,

Holiday Activities & Food (HAF): Summer Holiday Provision

If your child/children receive benefits-related free school meals and are in Reception to Year 11, they can attend 16 days of free activities over the summer holidays. A nutritious meal is provided each day, so you do not need to provide a packed lunch unless you choose to.

To book onto the activities, visit the website <https://eequ.org/hafoxfordshire>. You do not need a voucher or code because the system will check that your child/children are eligible. If necessary, your booking will be forwarded to the HAF Team at Oxfordshire County Council for review. When the eligibility check/review has been completed, it still needs to be confirmed by the Provider who may need to ask for some additional information. You will get an email saying either that your booking has been confirmed or that it has been declined.

For guidance on how to book please click on one of the links below:

- [Quick guide on how to book a HAF session](#)
- [Direct access to the video in the guide for bookings made on a computer](#)

[Direct access to the video in the guide for bookings made on a mobile phone](#)



Free
Holiday Activities and Food
for eligible 4-16 yr olds
who get benefits-related free school meals.

- Climbing
- Crafts
- Sports
- Cookery
- Dance
- Dodgeball
- and more

fun, friendship and adventure

Find a club for you
eequ.org/hafoxfordshire

Department for Education

OXFORDSHIRE HAF programme HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



Ofsted Registered ELITE CAMPS

HAF CAMPS SUMMER

Mon 28th Jul - Fri 22nd Aug
Botley Primary School, Botley

Elite Activities Include..

- Soft Archery
- Mini Olympics
- Laser Tag
- GITD Dodgeball
- Hungry Hippos
- Inflatable Fun
- Giant Football
- Nerf Wars

HAF FUNDING AVAILABLE

BOOK NOW
eequ.org/eliteyouthsportsLtd

Little Legends Soccer School

Wednesday 30 July
10am-2pm
Harcourt Hill Campus, Harcourt Hill, Oxford OX2 9AT

10-10:45 3-4 years
Mini Messi's

11-12pm 5-8 years
Brazilian Soccer Skills

12-1pm 9-11 years
Midfield Masters

1-2pm 12-14 years
Striker Academy



For more information and to book, visit southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities or scan the QR code





COURT CRUSADERS NETBALL

FREE NETBALL SESSION

- ✔ Skills & ball techniques
- ✔ Footwork exercises
- ✔ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✔ Fun games & mini matches

TUESDAY 12 AUGUST

6-11 year olds
1130am - 1230PM







Summer Holiday Events

at the Bodleian Libraries

Blackwell Hall, Weston Library, Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3BG

What do you treasure? Discover unexpected treasures of the Bodleian Libraries with our latest exhibition and enjoy crafts, exhibition trails, stories, keepsake printing and more!

Join us for FREE and drop in anytime from 11AM - 3PM on the following dates:

Friday 25 July
Thursday 31 July
Friday 8 August
Friday 15 August
Friday 22 August
Thursday 28 August

For more information, visit: <https://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/event/summer-family-fun-treasured>

Craft activities are most suitable for children aged 4-11, but all are welcome.

Please note: childcare is not provided and all under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

The Toddeian baby area, exhibitions, and café in the Weston Library are open every day.



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- Develop social skills whilst having fun with new friends
- Feel motivated as they progress through stages
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- 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.

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Summer Holiday Swimming Lessons

Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August
5 day intensive course
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28th - 1st

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Elite Activities Include..

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- Inflatable Fun
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ELITE SUMMER CAMPS

Botley Primary School, Botley

Wednesday, 23rd July - Friday, 29th August

Extended Day (8:30am - 5:00pm)
Full Day (9:00am - 3:30pm)
Half Day for 4-Year-Olds (9:00am - 1:00pm)

Nutritious lunches available for £5/day - must be pre-ordered.

Booking Options

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"How lucky are these young singers. They are brilliantly taught and have a lot of fun, and you will be amazed at what they achieve in just a few days - and all in the most beautiful surroundings." - Bob Chilcott

Pupils will learn some beautiful seasonal music and at the same time gain a background in vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history. Singing lessons with a specialist vocal coach are also provided in small groups.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see www.oxbridgesingingschool.com or email samantha@oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk

23 - 25th July 2025
St Barnabas Church, Jericho
Oxford

www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk

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 @

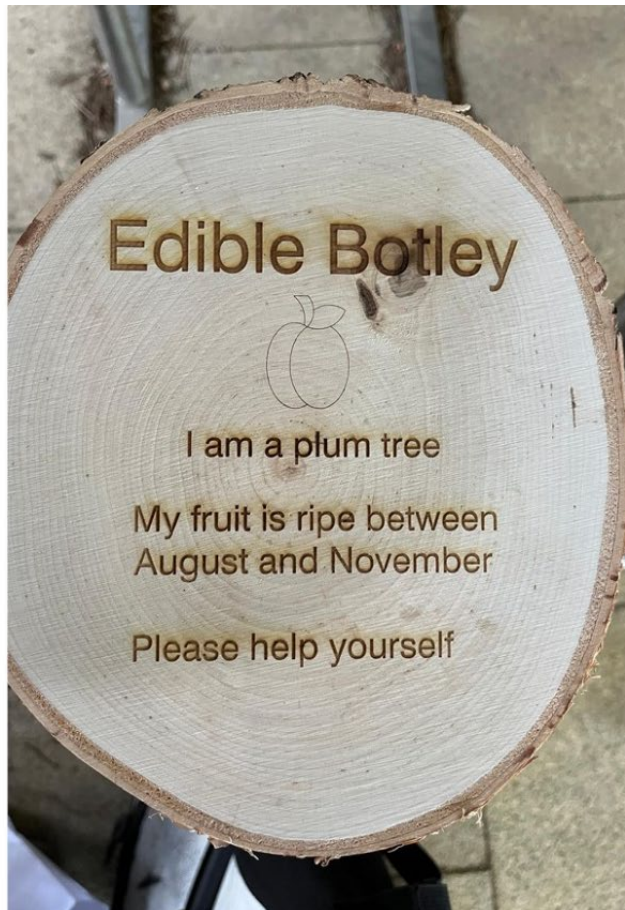
melissakinnear@yahoo.co.uk

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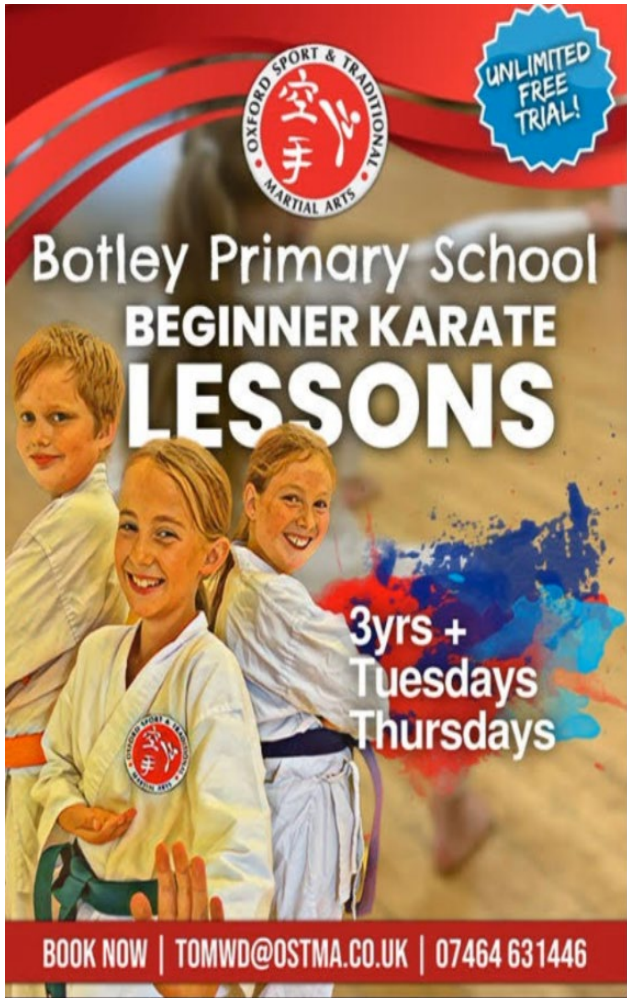
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** Perform helps develop all key areas of a child in a fun, supportive and engaging way. It gives my daughter a brilliant sense of fun, community, purpose and pride in her achievements. **
 Begum Bari

Summer Camp 2025

4th to 8th August - Suitable for 8-13yrs

Join *Hänsel & Gretel* on an Epic Summer Adventure!

Come for the day or stay for the week - the choice is yours.

“Oxford Opera always provide fantastic experiences, filled with games, music and performance skills. The children are engaged and captivated throughout.”

Oxford Opera invites your child to join Hänsel and Gretel on their great summer adventure. Journey with them through the magical forest and meet the wicked Witch! Can you help them escape the Gingerbread House or will you be too busy eating it!

Suitable for 8-13yrs. If you only come for a day or stay for the week, you will have the most amazing time.

- Learn the art of storytelling through games, music, acting and dance.
- Make friends as you take on the Witches Obstacle Course and Hansel's Treasure Hunt
- Explore music, movement and storytelling in an exciting, friendly and fun-filled environment.
- Learn about the amazing power and fun of the unique world of opera - no experience necessary.
- Bring your story to life in a special show to parents, friends and carers.

Led by **Oxford Opera's Education Director Catie Simpson** and **Guy Brigg MBE**, this programme blends opera with fun and joyful learning.

Location: Dr Radcliffe's C of E Primary School, Steeple Aston, OX25 4SF

When: Mon 4 - Fri 8 August

Time: 10am–4pm daily

Cost: £48 per day / £195 full week

Early Bird (until 4 July): £42 per day / £182 full week

Sibling discounts and bursaries available