

Botley School

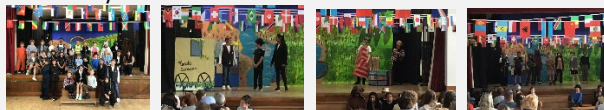


Newsletter 11th July

I hope you are all finding ways to keep cool in this hot weather. Enjoying the outside space and activities this week and suitably timed to happen while Wimbledon Tennis is taking place, we had visiting tennis professional coaching for the classes across the school this week. Also enjoying the outside space were year 4 who went on their first school residential with an overnight stay at Hill End. They started their stay with an **Anglo-Saxon vs Viking workshop**. The children were split into two groups and learned all about the skills and lives of each group. Towards the end of the workshop, they prepared for battle – each child was armed with a shield, spear, and armour as they faced the other clan with great bravery and excitement. After lunch, the two clans competed in **axe throwing, archery, and javelin throwing**. The children showed fantastic focus, determination, and teamwork throughout these activities. Once the workshop finished, we spent some time getting to know our surroundings and settling into our dorm rooms. There was lots of excitement as we spotted the occasional sheep coming right up to the fence! In the evening, we enjoyed a delicious **BBQ with burgers, hot dogs, jelly, and ice cream**. Afterwards, we set off on our evening activities which included a **nature walk, outdoor games, and finished with a campfire and s'mores**. The staff and children were thrilled to see a familiar face when Mrs Karen Poolman led their outdoor activities on day 2 of their trip. This is the first time year 4 have been away for a night with the school, but it was such a success I am sure it will now become a regular feature of our enrichment offer. Thank you to Mr Jones for organising an amazing adventure, and to Raees, Mrs Pires and Shaeen for supporting the trip as well. More photos available on the [school website](#)



Following on from the success of 'The Wind in the Willows' with year 3 last week, year 6 performed a different but equally entertaining version of the story for their leaver's performance this week, with a dress rehearsal for the school and the final performance to parents on Wednesday. They really pulled out all the stops, singing beautifully, creating all the scenery and organising all the movement of props, the sound effects and the music independently. A fantastic achievement that was thoroughly enjoyed by all! Well done year 6 and the Year 6 staff led by Mr Griffiths.



Come and meet our new caterers on Monday

Come and meet our new caterers Aspens at pick up on Monday (14 July). They will be on the main playground from 3pm with our new menu, parent packs, and cakes to sample (including gluten free). Do come and browse, or ask them any questions.

Background: From September 2025 we will be changing our catering provider from Caterlink to Aspens, following an Acer Trust procurement procedure. The meal price will remain at £2.55, we will still have a 3-week menu cycle and the new menu will be published next week. There will be no change initially to how meals are ordered, but we will switch to using Aspens' tried and tested system at some point in the next school year.

And come and see our new Quad on Tuesday

On Tuesday we will have a special assembly to celebrate the reopening of our Quad, and say thank you to the volunteers and donors who have made it possible. From 3pm parents are welcome to come and see the Quad, either just before or just after pick up. Access will be via the Hall only. Please note if you come after you have picked up your children, you are responsible for them in the Quad and until you leave the school grounds! Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Reid

Upcoming Events

- 16th July** – Transition morning
- 16th July** – Botley Community concert
- 17th July** – Year 1, Year 2 & Cherry Class trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
- 18th July** – Year 6 Leaver's Disco
- 21st July** – Botley's Got Talent
- 22nd July** – End of term 1:30

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 interest in attending this course, please could you complete the Microsoft Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/GZHG7gpZ8Y>

FOBS update

The Friends of Botley School raised £810.32 at the school discos back in March, and a lot of fun was had. FOBS will be serving refreshments at the Botley Community Concert on 16 July. All offers of help with this or any other fundraising will be greatly appreciated. Please email fobs1930@gmail.com

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](#)

Online safety and mobile phones

We have a steady number of issues involving use of mobile phones to send unkind messages or to get involved in issues that should not be being discussed by pupils of primary age. We are particularly concerned about pupils having unmonitored access to mobile phones with snap Chat and WhatsApp messaging apps. The PEGI rating for both these APPs is 13, so should not be freely available to pupils in our school. Please can I ask that if your child has a mobile phone with access to these apps, you urgently sit down with them and check the messages that they have sent, and those they have received. I would also recommend removing these apps from their phones, or even better, provide a phone for your child that does not have the internet at all (brick phone) to ensure they are not seeing inappropriate or upsetting messages or social media posts without your knowledge. You can find specific parent information created by the NSPCC regarding Snapchat by following this link: [Is Snapchat safe for my child? | NSPCC](#) and information regarding WhatsApp by following this link [Is WhatsApp safe for my child? | NSPCC](#). Further parent information is available on the school website [online safety pages](#)

Term Dates 2024-2025

Term 3

Tues 22nd April 2025 –

Tues 22nd July 2025

Half term holiday:

26th May-30th May 2025

INSET DAYS

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 4th April 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 30th June 2025

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



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Botley School Community

Concert

Performances by Botley School Pupils, Staff,
Parents, Governors and Community Members

Wednesday 16th July

7pm-9pm

Botley School Hall

Adult ticket: £5 Child ticket: £2:50 Under 3 on laps: Free

Tickets available from: Botley School Office & Botley Library

All proceeds go to Friends of Botley School



This Accreditation is awarded to

Botley School

For completing our Healthy Smiles Programme

Oxfordshire Oral Health Improvement Team

June 2025 - June 2027

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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!
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For more information and to book a lesson please contact:

Lee Luland (School Guitar Teacher)

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

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

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 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 FOOTBALL FOR 5-6 YEAR OLDS!

IN YEAR ONE & WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL?
Botley Boys & Girls are offering FREE training sessions for boys and girls currently in Year One. The sessions are a great opportunity to try out football and learn some basic skills with a professional coach in fun and safe environment!

MONDAYS 6PM-7PM
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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.oxbridgesingschool.com or email samantha@oxbridgesingschool.co.uk

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

www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk

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](#)



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Part Four
Choices and consequences
Behaviour to ignore
Looking after ourselves

£20 per person for all 4 sessions (concessions available)
To book email coordinator@botleybridges.org

* Family Links Course - Developed by the Centre For Emotional Health
For more information, visit botleybridges.org Registered charity number 1172139

"The programme has helped me feel so much more confident about my parenting."



"..helped me open up and feel less alone with the challenges we've been facing as a family."

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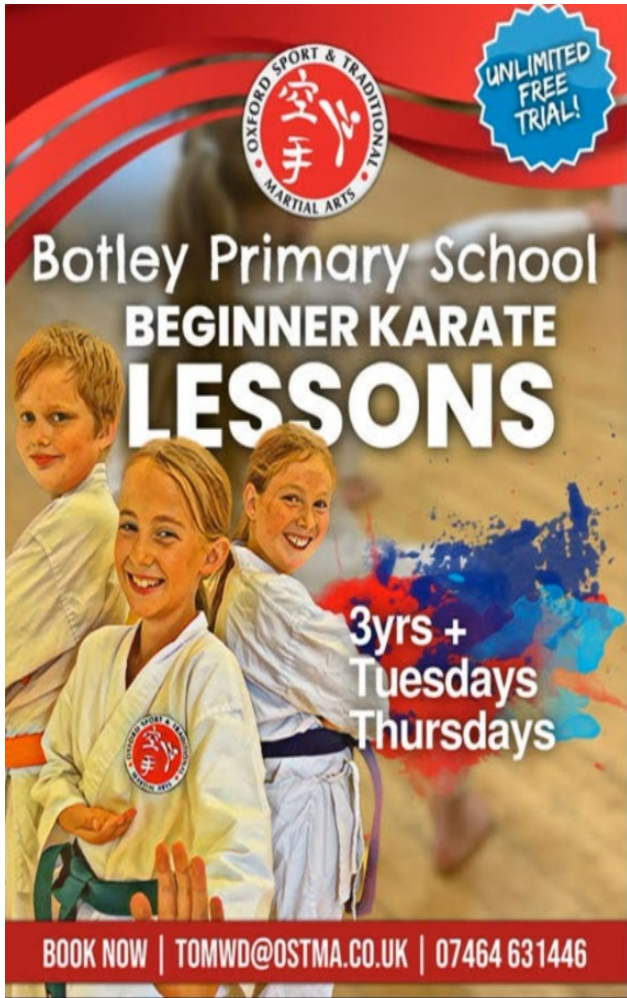


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 Begum Bari

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!

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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

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 @

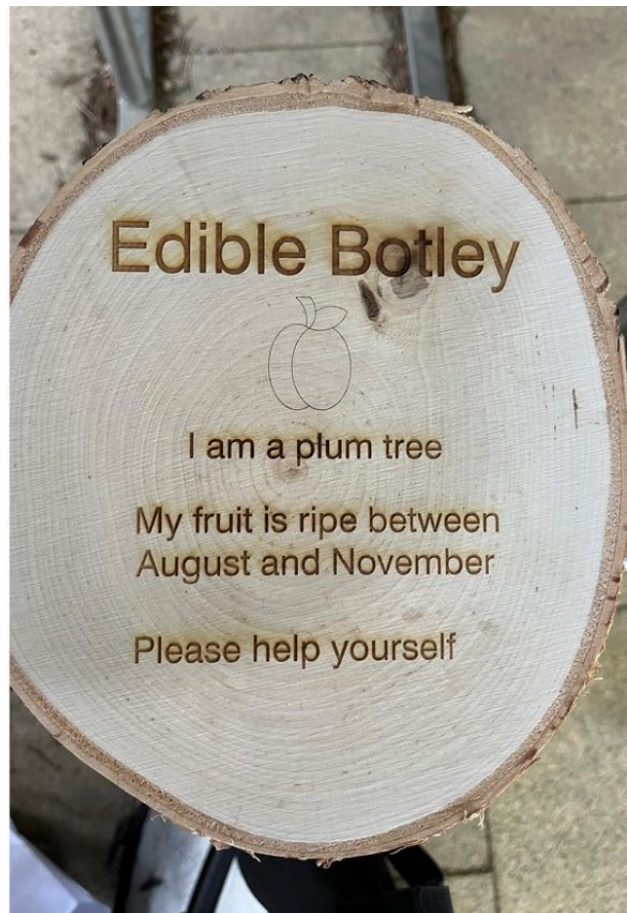
melissakinnear@yahoo.co.uk

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!



Every Wednesday during term-time 4.00 - 5.30pm

An advertisement for Hill End Outdoor Explorers. It features a photograph of two children in a grassy field. One child is wearing a blue jumpsuit and boots, holding a bow and arrow. The other child is wearing a green jacket and dark pants. The text "Outdoor Explorers" is written in white on an orange banner at the top. The Hill End logo is in the top right corner, with the tagline "A place of possibilities". A QR code is in the bottom left corner. The price "£8.00 per child p/w" is written in yellow at the bottom of the photo.

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£8.00 per child p/w

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