

Botley School



Upcoming Events

9th July – Year 6 performance

9th to 10th July – Year 4 residential at Hill End

16th July – Transition morning

16th July – Botley Community concert

17th July – Year 1, Year 2 & Cherry Class trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

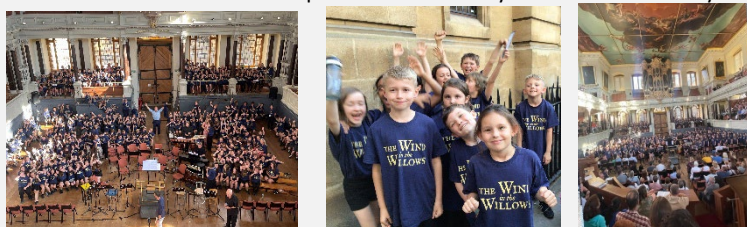
18th July – Year 6 Leaver's Disco

21st July – Botley's Got Talent

22nd July – End of term 1:30

Newsletter 4th July

This week our year 3 pupils had a fantastic opportunity to perform at the Sheldonian Theatre with pupils from all 5 Acer Trust primary schools, and students from Icknield Community College, accompanied by an orchestra of staff, parents, governors and students. The music for the performance of *Wind in the Willows* was composed by Dr Legg, Deputy Headteacher at Icknield, the Lyrics were written by Mr Rowe, the head of drama and there were sections of historical information provided by Dr Hicks, the head of history. The pupils were absolutely amazing, they sang their hearts out, having spent this term learning the songs in their music lessons in school. I may be slightly biased, but the readers from Botley were absolutely amazing and stood out from the other primary school readers as they had not only practiced their very challenging sections, but had memorised them perfectly and could concentrate on presenting them with confidence in a concert space full to the rafters! I had the joy of performing alongside the pupils in the orchestra, and can say it was one of the highlights of my career as a primary music specialist. It was an amazing event for pupils and the audience – one of whom felt it was better than his trip to the Glastonbury Festival! Well done year 3!



Continuing on a musical note, on 23rd June, we were delighted to welcome back a former pupil from the class of 2022, Yalan Fang, to perform in our school assembly. Yalan is a brilliant pianist who was taught piano at Botley by Mrs Divchev-Curr. The pupils (and staff) were absolutely blown away by her skill and performance standard, you could literally see their jaws drop in amazement. The opportunity for our wider community to be equally impressed is now available online. Yalan has entered the London Youth Piano Competition Online. If you follow the link it will take you to her performance of a piece by Rachmaninov. The more likes she gets the better her chances in the competition, so please give our Botley alumni all the support you can by watching and liking her YouTube competition entry. [YouTube London Youth Piano Competition entry](#) If your child has been inspired by Yalan's playing and is interested in instrumental lessons in school, please see ads at the end of the newsletter or enquire in the school office. **Good luck Yalan!**

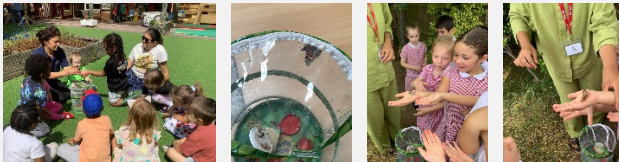


We finished the week with our Sports Day morning. The weather was perfect – not too hot, slightly cloudy, and no rain! The pupils all worked their socks off for their house teams, building points towards the totals for the end of the morning. The morning started with the house captains leading their teams out onto the field with their team songs playing and parents making a guard of honour as they came through. Then, alongside the Sports Leaders, they led the whole school in a musical worm up to 'Banana, Banana Meatball', doing a brilliant job, even when the Wi-Fi made that challenging!

The pupils then went into their year group spaces and completed a range of sporting challenges to win points for their house teams. From jumping, to running, to hockey skills, to aiming, the pupils displayed some of the excellent skills they have been practicing in PE as well as amazing teamwork and resilience. The morning finished with the competitive races, including the sprints and the long distance. Once all the points had been totalled, it was clear how hard all the pupils had tried as the totals were so close, but the overall winners for the Sports Day event were **Red Team**, with **775** points. Congratulations to all the teams and a huge thank you to all the staff for ensuring the event ran so smoothly, and especially to Miss Doran for her organisation of the morning. A special shout out also to the FOBs team for providing refreshments for the spectators, and also for funding the amazing new PA system which meant everyone could hear what was being announced wherever they were on the field!



Last but not least, our Nursery and Reception classes have been having a wonderful time learning about mini-beasts and were excited to have a delivery of caterpillars. The children have been watching them and talking about how they have grown and were excited to see them make their chrysalises. This week they changed into butterflies, and we released them into the garden. It was wonderful seeing them fly out of the net into our garden and we look forward to spotting them while we play.



It certainly has been a busy week and a bumper newsletter, but there is still lots more excitement to come before we break up on 22nd July!

Have a lovely weekend to relax and recuperate before the fun starts again on Monday!
Mrs Reid

Staffing update and Class structure for September 2025.

We are sad to announce that Miss Fiaz will be leaving the school at the end of this term. Miss Maryam Fiaz has been a crucial and outstanding member of our Leadership Team at Botley and will be very much missed by us all. Alongside Miss Fiaz and Miss Daisy Jones, we will also be saying a fond farewell Mr Raees Ali-Mehmood, Miss Micheala Honey and Mrs Kelly Preston, who are all moving on to new career opportunities. Further information about the staffing and class arrangements for September 2025 can be found using this link: [Class structures letter 2025](#).

Parent Governor Elections

The Botley School Governing Board is currently seeking to appoint two Parent Governors. Information about the responsibilities and aims of the Governing Board are available on the [governor pages](#) of the school website. Within this information is a page dedicated to [Parent Governor Elections](#) which includes a letter from Mrs Sue Miller, our Chair of Governors. This information will also be sent home via MCAS.

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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



Contact details

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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

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For completing our Healthy Smiles Programme

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June 2025 - June 2027



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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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Half price entry to
The Story Museum
on Alice's Day

- Crafts
- Street theatre
- Storytelling
- Face painting
- Talks
- Wonderland Tea

ALICE'S DAY

Saturday 5th July

- Book tickets: www.storymuseum.org.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](#)

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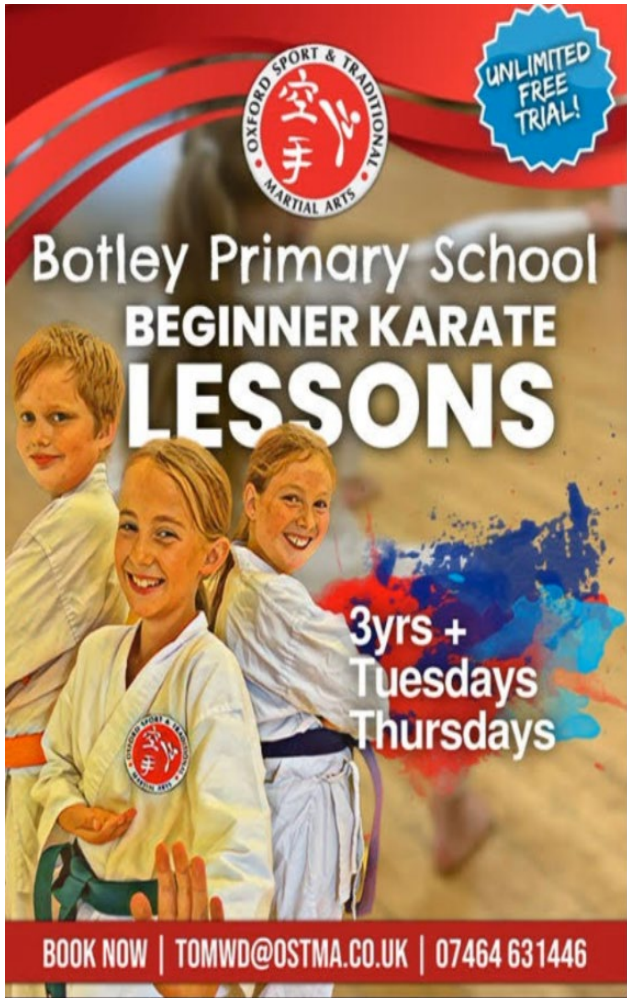
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