

Botley School



Newsletter 20th June

My FOMO is definitely on high alert having been at home ill for the week and missing lots of excellent events. On Monday the inaugural Acer Trust Primary University Challenge took place. Mr Thomas (CEO Acer Trust) organized the event and sent the following in an email afterwards. 'It was a lovely event and it was lovely to bring the students together from the five schools. The final scores were:

Stadhampton – 165

Chalgrove - 165

Botley - 185

Glory Farm - 190

Watlington - 295

All of the students were fabulous, took it very seriously and really looked like they were on the show! It was close from 2nd to 5th but Watlington were worthy winners."



On Wednesday members of the KS2 Choir participated in the annual Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey. The choir have worked so hard learning the songs and performance techniques and I was devastated not to be able to be with them at the event. Thank you to Mr Jones who stepped in at the last minute so that the choir could still attend in my absence and to Mrs Webb and Mrs Keyes who volunteered on the trip. I understand they had a fantastic time and sang brilliantly. I was particularly pleased to get an email from the organiser of the events saying "Botley sang really well yesterday - you'd have been proud of them!" Well done Choir!



Also in the past two weeks, 20 students from Year 5 participated in a new West Oxford Schools Partnership Lacrosse Festival held at Matthew Arnold School. This is the culmination of training and new equipment provided for schools in our partnership and is a new and welcome addition to our KS2 PE curriculum. Year 6 then also went to Matthew Arnold this week to participate in the annual transition sports afternoon. Great fun and brilliant sporting attitudes all round!

Have a great weekend

Jo Reid

Job opportunities

We are looking for someone to staff After School Club on Wed-Fri, from September. If a parent is appointed, their children who attend Botley School can go to After School Club for free on those days. All the details are available on the school website [vacancies page](#) and at [Play Worker - After School Club at Botley School, Oxford, Oxfordshire | MyNewTerm](#)

Upcoming Events

30th June – Additional INSET day school closed to pupils

2nd July – MAS transition morning for year 6 pupils

3rd July – Year 3 Acer Trust performance at the Sheldonian Theatre

4th July – Sports Day Morning

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

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 Sports Day and at the Botley Community Concert. All offers of help with this or any other fundraising will be greatly appreciated. Please email fobs1930@gmail.com

Booking for free Breakfast Club



If you would like to book for the free breakfast club, the link arrives via an MCAS announcement every Monday/Tuesday for the following week. It is also always on the school website in the '[Latest News](#)' section.

Please email operations@botley.oxon.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Quad working party

We are working hard on transforming our Quad/courtyard from semi-jungle into a calm, reflective space, before a celebratory opening event in July. If you are free on the morning of **Saturday 5 July** we would love your help in a volunteer work party to spread shingle, tidy up the beds, and add some finishing touches. Please email operations@botley.oxon.sch.uk if you can help.

Free fridge available

We have a spare fridge which is no longer needed. It is in good working order, though obviously second-hand. It will need to be collected from school, and a waiver will need to be signed. Please email operations@botley.oxon.sch.uk if you are interested.

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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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Botley School Community Concert!

Wednesday 16th July 2025

7pm

Are you a musician looking for a chance to perform?

Would you like to join with the Botley School Choir and pupils of Botley School in creating a magical evening of music?

We would like to invite pupils, staff, governors, parents, Acer Trust staff and Trustees, music teachers and community members who are instrumentalists/singers to sign up to perform in our community concert.

The performance can be solo or a group performance.

The music performed can be up to 5 minutes in length so we can include as many community musicians as possible.

Musicians need to provide their own instruments and equipment for the performance with the exception of pianists, who can use the school piano.

The concert will conclude with everyone performing together.

Audience tickets will be available to buy later in the summer term, with all proceeds supporting Botley School. If you would like to participate, please use the form links below.

If you would like to sign up as a soloist, or as part of a group, please use the application link below.

[Community Concert Performer Form](#)

Applications will close on Friday 27th June, or when all the performance spaces are taken. We are looking forward to hearing from all the musicians out there!

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!
info@archoxfordshire.org.uk
www.archoxfordshire.org.uk



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- 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**

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.

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

Find a club for you
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fun, friendship and adventure

Department for Education

HAF programme
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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A 4-part positive parenting workshop to help create calm and happy families*

MONDAY 9TH & 16TH JUNE AND
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Part One
Understanding children's behaviour
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Praise & guidance VS criticism
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Part Three
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Time to calm down
Dealing with stress and conflict

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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3k & 1k

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3k £8 (£10), and 1k (£2.50)

Following the success of 2023 and 2024, we are excited that the Oxford Greenbelt 10k will be returning with THREE routes for 2025: 10k (16yrs and above), 3k (12yrs and above) and 1k (all ages)

This predominantly off-road course takes you through the beautiful West Oxfordshire countryside, with views of Oxford's dreaming spires at high points along the route

More info and online entry: <https://bit.ly/greenbeltrun>

The Oxford Greenbelt 10k Run is registered by the 4th Oxford Scout Group, Registered Charity No. 267799. The funds raised will go towards local scouting.

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

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

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- Improve their confidence with every stroke
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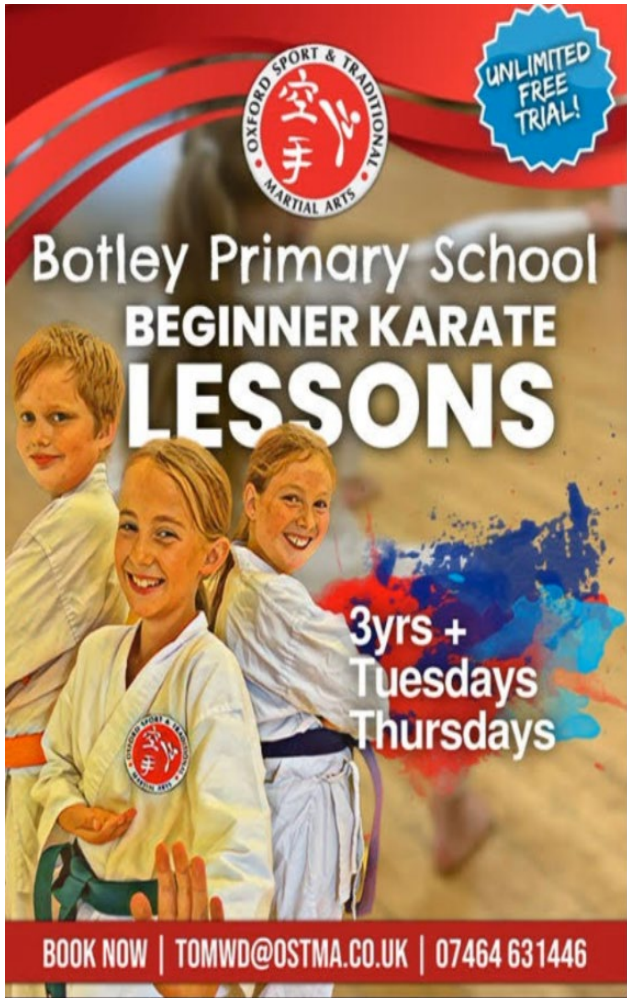
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Ready to try for free?

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:



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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. **
Regum Bari

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
9TH JUNE - 4TH AUGUST
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botleyfootball.com

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.
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Time: 10am–4pm daily

Cost: £48 per day / £195 full week

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

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Connect together. Stronger together. Thrive together.
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Join us for a collaborative event highlighting the vital importance of working together to promote and nurture the mental health and wellbeing of children, young people, and everyone who supports them, through a whole-community approach. Attendees will gain practical tools and strategies to build on the support they already provide.

Thursday 10 July 2025, 1.00-4.30pm

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Booking form



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