

Botley School



Newsletter 6th June

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you all had a week of relaxation and fun. There was great excitement at Botley this week when a magical pop-up tent from the Oxford Playhouse appeared on the field. We have a long established link to the Oxford Playhouse Education Department, and so we were delighted to be asked if we would like to be the first school to host their travelling workshops and show.



The show, entitled *"The History of Almost Everything,"* took us on a whirlwind journey through time – from the prehistoric times to space travel – all through drama, music, and comedy. Following the performance, the children took part in an exciting workshop led by the Oxford Playhouse, where they explored themes from the show and had the chance to get involved in creative activities linked to the performance. The experience left a big impression on our pupils. Roya said, *"I liked the show because they spent lots of time making something for our school and they didn't have much time to practise!"* Daniel added, *"It was the funniest show I have ever seen!"* and Wilf commented, *"I like how there was a song that went with each history topic we have learnt about."* A huge thank you to the Oxford Playhouse team for bringing history to life in such an engaging and memorable way!



Well done to our Year 4 pupils who completed the statutory Multiplication Check this week. We are all extremely proud of how hard they all worked and tried in the tests. Next week will be the turn of our year 1 pupils who will be completing the statutory Phonics Check.

In staffing news, while we were sad to say goodbye to Sam O'Leary in the school office at half-term, we are happy to welcome Philippa Hill who will now be at the front desk every Monday and Tuesday. Do say 'hi' to Philippa if you have not met her yet, and please bear in mind she has a lot of systems to get used to over the next few weeks!

In other staffing news, Miss Fiaz and Mr Evans-Lee are both unable to be in work at the moment owing to ill-health. I know you will all be joining us in wishing them both a speedy recovery. In the meantime, we are extremely fortunate that Mrs Ruth O'Reilly is covering in Poplar class next week and our very own Mrs Monica Lica is a fully qualified Forest School Leader, so will be covering Mr Evans-Lee's Forest School sessions until his return. My thanks go to all the staff who have been supporting and helping out with cover arrangements in the past few weeks, and to Miss Jones in particular who has been leading the KS1 planning and end of year assessments in Miss Fiaz's absence.

Next week is looking exciting already with two more events planned in the calendar for year 5, the choir will be preparing for their performance at the Festival of Voices the week after, Year 6 are rehearsing for their end of year performance, and Chestnut class are busily learning the songs for their performance at the Sheldonian in July. Finally, remember to sign up if you would like to perform in our Botley Community Concert on July 16th.

With all the excitement in school, I hope you all have a relaxing and restful weekend!
Mrs Reid.

Upcoming Events

9th June – KS1 Phonics check week

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

18th July – Year 6 Leaver's Disco

21st July – Botley's Got Talent

22nd July – End of term 1:30

Notices and Reminders

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.

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](#)

Mental Health and Wellbeing Parent Survey

We are currently completing an audit of our mental Health and Wellbeing provision at Botley School. We would love to hear parent’s views as part of this audit process. Please take a few minutes to complete the parent questionnaire to help us with our audit.

[Mental Health and Wellbeing Parent Questionnaire](#)

Mental Health Parent support

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!



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



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 via the contact details on the poster, Thank you.

Botley Bridges Family Nurturing

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

MONDAY 9TH & 16TH JUNE AND
7TH & 14TH JULY
6.30-8.30PM



Botley School, Elms Road, OX2 9JZ (parking available)

Join our workshops tailored for parents and caregivers of children aged 0-7. Learn practical strategies to navigate the ups and downs of raising children, building emotional resilience and raising a connected family.

Part One

Understanding children's behaviour
Listening and communication
Praise and encouragement

Part Two

Praise & guidance VS criticism
Child-led play
Positive moments

Part Three

Boundaries and parenting styles
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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ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

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14TH JUNE 2025
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- Teen Art Classes
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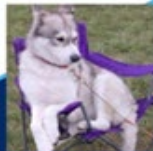


ABINGDON AIR & COUNTRY SHOW

25TH ANNIVERSARY

SAT 14TH JUNE 2025

ABINGDON AIRFIELD / DALTON BARRACKS
10AM - 4.30PM
OX13 6JQ



CAR PARKS OPEN 7.30AM

PEDESTRIAN GATE OPEN 9.30AM

SHOWGROUND OPENS 10AM

PUBLIC ENTRY & EXIT BY VEHICLE IS ON BARROW ROAD - OX13 6JQ

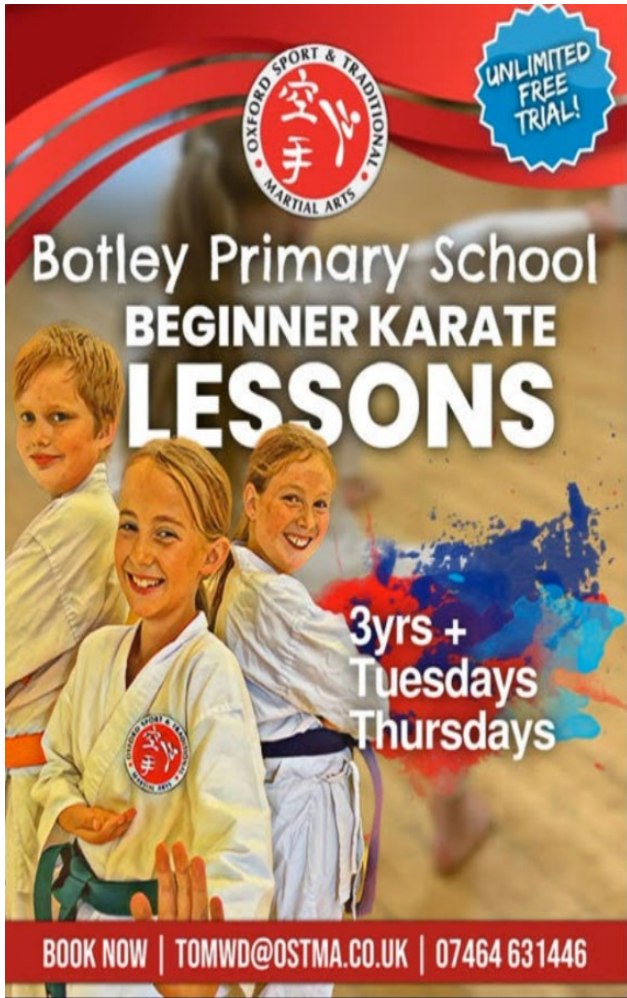
TAKE A34 MARCHAM INTERCHANGE ONTO GOZZARDS FORD / BARROW ROAD.

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ADULT (18 YEARS +) £20 / £25 ON THE DAY
SENIORS (65 YEARS +) £10 / £15 ON THE DAY
CHILD (5-15 YEARS) £7 / £8 ON THE DAY
UNDER 5'S FREE
NOTE: 'ON THE DAY' TICKETS CAN STILL BE PURCHASED EITHER ONLINE OR BY CASH ON THE GATE - NO CASH MACHINES ARE ONSITE!

More information and online tickets at www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk





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Role: Variable Hours Contract

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2025 Hybrid (Online_Offline)

Designed to help you to improve English Language with everyday digital skills

Practical classes with interactive instruction to help you feel comfortable, communicating in English and integrating into your local community.

To reserve a place, please text or email us your contact details

We operate under GDPR rules and regulations, your information will be stored securely and in confidence.

admin@icn-uk.org or Text **07951 035096**

WWW.ICN-UK.ORG
CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 1198007

TRY A CLASS FOR FREE



Now showing, CONFIDENCE!

Drama, dance & singing classes designed to help 4-12 year olds shine

**** My son has adored his first term at Perform. He has blossomed and I've seen his confidence grow every week. ****

Pippa Wotton



Play is a POWERFUL THING

Perform classes help boost children's **confidence, concentration, coordination and communication** skills, as well as being lots of fun.

Our expertly designed drama, dance and singing sessions for 4-7s and 7-12s are run by experienced teachers, hand-picked for their warmth and approachability. They'll be with your child every step of the way – inspiring and encouraging them to develop vital life skills as they discover the joy of performing.

What does Perform offer?

- Performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps
- End of term presentation for family and friends

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:



perform.org.uk/try 020 7255 9120

** 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. **
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