

Botley School



Newsletter 23rd May

It seems impossible that we have already reached the half term point and there is only one short term left before the summer break! Time really does fly when you are having fun – and talking of fun...

Yesterday we held our traditional May Celebration, which was absolutely wonderful. The weather was perfect – not too hot, not too cold - and the pupils produced a fantastic showcase of traditional and modern dancing. From our youngest class with the Pat-a-cake Polka to our Year 6 with the most ambitious maypole dance I have ever seen performed in a primary school. Every child was included, and at the end so were the wider community as we finished with the whole playground invited to join in the 'Jeruselema' Dance. This was introduced to the May celebration four years ago, and has become a firm favourite that completes our celebrations every year. I think this year set the record for the number of parents and audience members joining in!



In other news this week, following a very lengthy and in-depth period of research and evaluation, the decision has been taken to transition to a new phonics scheme for the school. This directly links to the development area from our Ofsted Report of July 2024 that named phonics as one of our areas for improvement. From after half term, we will be transitioning to 'Monster Phonics; a scheme initially written to support pupils in international school where the majority of the school spoke English as an additional Language. The scheme fits extremely well with the Botley School ethos and the mastery approach to teaching that underpins the rest of the curriculum. In order to make sure the transition to the new scheme is smooth and can have an immediate impact, we will need to complete a day of whole staff training. A letter has therefore been sent home to all parents regarding an additional INSET day that will take place on Monday 30th June. The decision to ask the governors and the Acer Trust for permission to set an additional INSET day has not been taken lightly and we wholeheartedly believe that this is in the best interests of the pupils in school but we understand that this may cause inconvenience to parents, for which we apologise.

Finally, the pupils have all been hard at work on the end year assessments. Year 1 and Year 4 will continue these after half term with the statutory phonics and multiplication checks taking place in June. The pupils have all been working extremely hard and we are so proud of the calm, resilient way they approach these assessments. Please do give them an extra hug of congratulations from us all at Botley!

Have a wonderful half term break and see you on the 2nd June.

Mrs Reid

Upcoming Events

2nd June –Year 4 Multiplication check week

9th June – KS1 Phonics check week

30th June – Additional INSET day

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 new free Breakfast Club



The new breakfast club is going well! It's certainly not too late to join. We send out a link to a short booking form each week, which takes less than a minute to fill in. The link comes via an MCAS announcement and is also on the school website in the '[Latest News](#)' section.

We want to make it as easy as possible for you to book so if needed, you can tell Sam/Sarah in the office what your booking is for the next week.

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

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 1

Thursday 5th Sept 2024 –

Fri 20th December 2024

Term 2

Tuesday 7th Jan 2025 –

Thurs 3rd April 2025

Half term holiday:

17th Feb - 21st Feb 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



Contact details

Office.2569@Botley.oxon.sch.uk

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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!

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 above poster, Thank you.

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THU 29TH	GTD DODGEBALL Netball, Rounders, Volleyball, Dodgeball, Danish Longball		PAPER PLATE TROPICAL FISH
FRI 30TH	ORIENTEERING Benchball, Football, Dance, Handball, Gymnastics		 ORIGAMI HOPPING FROG

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FOR AGES 10-12

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2-4:30



CONTACT [JULIAD@QUAKER.ORG.UK](mailto:juliad@quaker.org.uk)
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25th ANNIVERSARY

SAT 14TH JUNE 2025
ABINGDON AIRFIELD / DALTON BARRACKS
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PEDESTRIAN GATE OPEN 9.30AM
SHOWGROUND OPENS 10AM

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For more information, visit oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk and oxfordhealthbrc.nihr.ac.uk

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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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6.30-8.30PM



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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 1192139

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1. Buy a promotional pack of Rice Krispies, Corn Flakes or Coco Pops in-store
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3. Sign your kids up for free

CLAIM YOUR FREE DAY NOW!



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Family Maps and Trails Day

Wednesday 28 May 10am - 2pm

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English Workshop Thursday 12th June 4pm - 5pm		We all have an inner poet!
History Workshop Tuesday 1st July 4pm - 5pm		Who killed King Harold? A murder mystery.
PE Workshop Thursday 10th July 4pm - 5pm		Tennis and rounders workshop.

We look forward to seeing you at one or all of these **FREE** workshops.

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