

# Botley School



## Upcoming Events

### Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

This week we had a special assembly given by Tony from the Music for School's Foundation, who provide woodwind and brass instrumental lessons in school. Tony demonstrated the variety of instruments available for pupils to learn as well as talking about how sound is formed by vibrations and the history of instrument making. Pupils were sent home with a letter for any families wishing to start lessons. It is also available through this link.

<https://www.mfsf.org.uk/parentinformation>

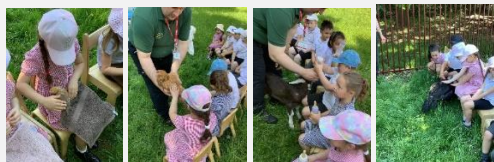


Continuing on a musical theme, we have a number of events coming up this term, including the KS2 Choir performing at the Festival of Voices in Dorchester Abbey, Chestnut class performing at the Sheldonian Theatre, the year 6 Leavers' performance and the Botley Community Concert. After the brilliant performances last year, I am on the lookout for some more parents and community members to perform again this summer, so please see the information below if you are interested. (see upcoming events for dates)

Today we have had our third Governor Day of the academic year. Each term, the Governors spend a day with us to find out more about how the school has been continually developing and improving the provision for students. Today the focus has been on how we teach Humanities subjects (Geography, History and Religious Education) as well as how we are developing the oracy skills of our pupils. As part of this, each governor spent time in the classrooms supporting and getting involved in a humanities lesson. These days are a big part of what our governors do to support our school and ensure that we are providing our pupils with a high standard of learning and care. If you would like to find out more about what governors do, there is information on our website [Governors | Botley School](#)



On Thursday, the EYFS children had an exciting visit from Farmer Gows. The children sat around the animals and listened incredibly well to the farmers. They met and held the chicks, and the children sat patiently waiting for their turn. They watched the goats who happily ate the grass and every child had a bottle to feed the goats, but some got impatient and came out of their pen. It went a bit crazy which the children loved but hopefully each goat had some food.



Tina the turkey happily walked around us and the children loved stroking her. The goose was very excited, and the children loved watching her flap her wings. We each took turns to stroke the goose. We had such a lovely morning and the children were fantastic!

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!  
Mrs Reid

- 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday
- 12<sup>th</sup> May** – SATs Assessment week for Year 6
- 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Assessment week for rest of school
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – May Celebration
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Workshare
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – INSET Day Staff only
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Year 4 Multiplication check week
- 9<sup>th</sup> June** – KS1 Phonics check week
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – MAS transition morning for year 6 pupils
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Year 3 Acer Trust performance at the Sheldonian Theatre
- 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day Morning
- 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 performance
- 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 4 residential at Hill End
- 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Transition morning
- 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Botley Community concert
- 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Leaver's Disco
- 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Botley's Got Talent
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – End of term 1:30

## 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](mailto:operations@botley.oxon.sch.uk) if you have any questions.


## Notices and Reminders

### 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](#)

### Mental Health Parent support



## ONLINE COFFEE MORNINGS


**JOIN OUR SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY!**

Parent/Carer Peer Support Forum

- Weekly Coffee Morning Drop-In
- Wednesday | 11am - 12:30pm
- Online
- Limited to 10 spaces per session


To book follow the link or QR code


[HTTPS://WWW.OXFORDSHIREALTH.NHS.UK/CAMHS/INVOLVEMENT/OXON/WWY/](https://www.oxfordshirealth.nhs.uk/camhs/involvement/oxon/wwy/)



Join our friendly, supportive space to connect with other parents and carers, share experiences, and get guidance from our Peer Support Workers. Whether you're navigating CAMHS or looking for ways to support your young person's mental health, we're here to help.

- Choose a Wednesday that works for you and drop in!
- Reserve your spot today!





## OXFORDSHIRE WALKING WITH YOU FORUM

**JOIN OUR SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY!**

"Walking with You" is a welcoming, parent-led group for anyone caring for children and young people (up to age 25) facing mental health challenges.

Find a safe space to connect, ask questions, and share experiences at your comfort level. Learn from insightful discussions on topics that matter to you.


Sessions are led by Parent Peer Support Workers and held online via Microsoft Teams, with occasional coffee mornings. Drop in and out as needed.

Look forward to special guest events with professionals from CAMHS leading some of our sessions.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

MAY	02	GET OUTSIDE & SUMMER ACTIVITIES
	02	12PM - 1PM ONLINE
JUN	06	COFFEE MORNING SOUTH OXON
	06	10PM - 9PM - LOCATION SHARED WHEN BOOKED
JUL	04	SLEEP
	04	12PM - 1PM ONLINE
AUG	13	WELLBEING WALK
	13	LOCATION AND TIME SHARED ON BOOKING

**TO REGISTER FOLLOW THE LINK OR QR:**



WWW.OXFORDSHIREALTH.NHS.UK/CAMHS/INVDL/SEARCH/06/04/2024

## 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



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Tel: 01865 519215



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

## **Botley School Community Concert!**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> June, or when all the performance spaces are taken.

We are looking forward to hearing from all the musicians out there!



# Elite Camps Botley



Botley Primary School, Elms Road, Botley, Oxfordshire, OX2 9JZ

Tue 27<sup>th</sup> - Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May

OVER 8's

UNDER 8's

ARTS & CRAFTS

TUE 27

### SOFT ARCHERY

Tag Rugby, Hockey, Yoga, Football, Gymnastics



### TISSUE PAPER BEE COLLAGE

WED 28TH

### LASER TAG

Football, Dodgeball, Kwik Cricket, Hockey, Tag Rugby



### PARACHUTE PLAY

Football, Dodgeball, Kwik Cricket, Hockey, Tag Rugby

### SUNFLOWER PAPER CRAFT



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

BOOK NOW

01235 415 846

elityouthsports.co.uk

Cumnor Pre-school presents...

## NEARLY NEW SALE

Cumnor Primary School Hall



£2 entry

Saturday 3rd May, 5-7pm  
Sunday 4th May, 10am-12pm

Buy and sell top-quality children's clothes (baby to primary school age), toys, books, games, maternity and nursery equipment  
Bargains always on offer!  
Card payments accepted



To sell (60% seller 40% pre-school split) or for more information email:  
nearlynewsalecumnor@gmail.com

**FOREST FOXES**  
**Nature Socials**  
 FOR AGES 10-12  
 AT  
**HILL END**  
 OX2 9NJ  
 8 FEB~15 MARCH~3 MAY~14 JUNE  
 2-4:30

CONTACT [JULIAD@QUAKER.ORG.UK](mailto:juliad@quaker.org.uk)  
 TO BOOK

Not a runner? Why not volunteer on the day! email [runjericho@gmail.com](mailto:runjericho@gmail.com)

RAISING MONEY FOR ST BARNABAS PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Run Jericho**  
 10k \* 5k \* 1mi KIDS RUN

**SUNDAY 08 JUNE 2025**

Multi terrain, chip-timed race through  
 Jericho, Worcester College, Oxford Canal and Port Meadow

**10K RACE**    **5K RACE**    **1 MILE KIDS FUN RUN**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**  
 Visit [www.runjericho.com](http://www.runjericho.com) to find out more

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**PART OF JERICHO FEST WEEKEND**

You are invited to the  
**Fourth Oxford Céilidh**  
 with local band **Mouse & Trousers**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 6-9pm  
 at Oxford Rugby Club, North Hinksey Lane

Live music, dancing and bar. Families of all ages welcome.

Tickets available at <https://fourth-oxford-ceilidh.eventbrite.co.uk>

Families £28 / Adults £9 / Children £6



# ART CLASSES



A PLACE TO BELONG, GROW & CREATE

**BOOK A  
 TRIAL NOW!**

- Art Classes for Children 6+
- Teen Art Classes
- GCSE & A-Level Support
- Holiday Art Workshops
- Seasonal Family Workshops
- Birthday Parties & Events

COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING | OFSTED REGISTERED | CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



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 oxford@art-k.co.uk  
 art-k.co.uk/class-oxford  
 37 South Parade, Summertown, Oxford OX2 7JN



BODY POLITIC, THE NORTH WALL ARTS CENTRE & THE NORTH WALL PRESENTS:

# FAMILY DANCE PARTY

JOIN US FOR A 'HIP-HOPPING, TOE-TAPPING' DAYTIME DISCO FOR ALL OF THE FAMILY

**DATES AND TIMES:**

SPRING FAMILY DANCE PARTY  
 SATURDAY 8TH MARCH | 10:30AM & 1PM  
 ST JOHN'S CHURCH, KIDLINGTON, OX5 1DD

MAY FAMILY DANCE PARTY  
 SATURDAY 10TH MAY | 10:30AM & 1PM  
 CUTTESLOWE PAVILLION, CUTTESLOWE PARK, OX2 8ES

SUMMER FAMILY DANCE PARTY  
 SATURDAY 5TH JULY | 10:30AM & 1PM  
 ST JOHN'S CHURCH, KIDLINGTON, OX5 1DD

**BOOKING INFO:**  
 Play what you can, under 2yrs go free!  
 01865 319450  
 www.thenorthwall.com  
 contact@thenorthwall.com

Logal Beer | The North Wall | Arts Council England | DANCING



Iranian Community Network (ICN)

## English Language Classes & Digital Skills

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](mailto:admin@icn-uk.org) or Text **07951 035096**

WWW.ICN.UK.ORG  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 1191007

**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."**  
Beyhan Bari

### FOREST TOTS AT HILL END

Come and join us at Forest Tots for child led free play in the beautiful ancient woodland of Wytham Woods. Activities vary by season and include bug hunting, nature crafts, stories, mud kitchen, simple tool use, hammocks and campfire cooking.

Tuesday & Thursday mornings, term time

<https://foresttots.wordpress.com>



# LADIES CRICKET

**Indoor Training** | **Outdoor Training**

Monday 24th Feb - 31st March  
20:00 - 21:30  
Cothill School, OX13 6JL

Thursday 24th April - August  
18:45 - 20:00  
Cumnor Cricket Club, OX2 9QH

**LADIES CRICKET FOR 15+ ALL WELCOME**

@cumnorbears - cumnorcricquetclub.com  
Whatsapp Annabel - 07720 606955



## MAY HALF TERM CAMP

27TH - 30TH MAY 2025

ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!

MOVIE MAKING | ROBOTS | 3D CREATIONS | VR | LASER TAG

ROBOTICS CODING | ENGINEERING

ROBOTS | INVENTORS | TECH TOW

"The best camp we've tried! A perfect mix of fun and learning!"

"My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

As Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, & build confidence through hands-on learning. Through fun-based coding & STEM exploration, we explore the real world through... Led by OSTEI certified, friendly staff & equipment. Instructors will support OSTEI through exciting activities and challenges.

**FAST BOOKING!**

27TH - 30TH MAY 2025  
AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY  
£39.99 PER DAY 4 DAYS FOR JUST £144

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CHILDCARE VOUCHERS OR TAX FREE CHILDCARE ACCEPTED  
**LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!**  
E: info@nextthing.education T: 01442 873150

# HALF-TERM NETBALL CAMP

## OXFORD



TARGET NETBALL ACADEMY  
EST. 2024

**SKILLS - FUN - GAME PLAY**

LEARN FROM PROFESSIONAL NETBALL PLAYERS AND GROW YOUR SKILLS!! WITH A SURPRISE GUEST!!

**£60**  
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**28th MAY 2025**

**10-4PM**

**7-14yrs**

**TARGET NETBALL ACADEMY**  
EST. 2024

**Spaces are limited — reserve your place today and improve your play!**

LED BY Charlotte Dunkley + a Surprise guest  
**OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL**  
 targetnetballacademy@gmail.com  
 07469196478  
**SIBLING DISCOUNTS - 10%**

## 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 (16 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 ON SITE!**

More information and online tickets at [www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk](http://www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk)








# Bring a Grown Up!

**FREE Family Learning Workshops at Gosford Hill School**  
Summer Term 2025

Suitable for children in Years 4-6

Subject and Date		Description
DT Workshop Thursday 1st May 4pm - 5pm		Come and make a little wooden character.
Food Workshop Tuesday 20th May 4pm - 5pm		Tasty teamwork!
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.

Scan the QR code today to book your place, or visit:  
[www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/community/bring-a-grown-up](http://www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk/community/bring-a-grown-up)  
Alternatively, you can give us a call on 01865 374971



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

Do you want to improve your child's water confidence and give them the ability to swim?

Discover how to kick-start your child's confidence in the water at [better.org.uk/swim-school](http://better.org.uk/swim-school)



### WHAT'S MORE, YOUR CHILD WILL...

- Develop social skills whilst having fun with new friends
- Feel motivated as they progress through stages
- Improve their confidence with every stroke
- And most importantly, learn a life saving skill

Better Swim School offers affordable lessons for all ages and abilities taught by qualified teachers with our own industry leading swim school programme. Our safe and friendly environment will ensure your child enjoys life long fun in and around the water.

Book now to secure your child's place at [better.org.uk/swim-school](http://better.org.uk/swim-school)

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