

Botley School



Upcoming Events

Newsletter 25th April 2025

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all enjoyed the glorious spring weather at the start of the holidays and are looking forward to the mini-heatwave they are predicting towards the end of the month. As always in the summer term, please remember to ensure your child has a sunhat and water bottle in school so we can help them make the most of learning outside in beautiful weather. Please also apply sun cream before the start of the day, even if it looks cloudy – you never know when the sun will make an appearance!

We have started the term with lots of excitement following the opening of the new free breakfast club. This runs from 8:00 each morning and we have had many pupils joining the club this week. We decided to ask the pupils what they think about the new club and here are a few of their thoughts.

I really enjoyed the croissants for breakfast and having lots of activities to do. (Chestnut pupil)

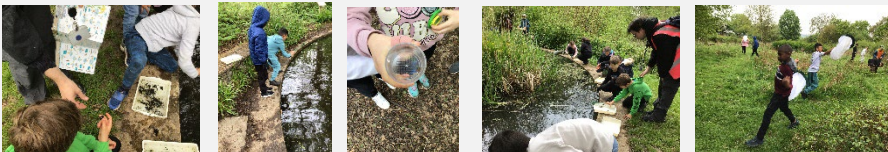
I really enjoyed being able to draw a picture and finish it in after school club (Silver Birch pupil)

It was amazing because I liked the food too! (Ladybird pupil)

If your child would like to enjoy some free breakfast and activities next week, remember to sign them up so we know how many pupils to expect. (See information on the next page.)

This term we will be completing our main assessments, with our year 6 pupils completing their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATS), but we also have a number of exciting events coming up in school as well so it is crucial that pupils are in school every day to make sure they are not missing out on any learning, or on any of the fun!

Speaking of fun, our year 4 Silver Birch class enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to Hill End Outdoor Learning Centre today. The children took part in a range of hands-on activities including pond dipping, hedge surveys, and exploring the role of pollinators in our ecosystem. These sessions helped deepen their understanding of wildlife sustainability and the importance of protecting natural habitats. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect classroom learning with the great outdoors, and the children returned inspired and full of new knowledge about the world around them.



I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Mrs Reid

- 1st May** – Assessment period for KS1 begins
- 1st May** – Farmer Gows Mobile Farm Visiting EYFS
- 5th May** – Bank Holiday
- 12th May** – SATs Assessment week for Year 6
- 19th May** – Assessment week for rest of school
- 22nd May** – May Celebration
- 22nd May** – Workshare
- 23rd May** – INSET Day Staff only
- 2nd June** – Year 4 Multiplication check week
- 9th June** – KS1 Phonics check week
- 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

Booking for new free Breakfast Club



We will send out a link to a short booking form each week. It will be quick and easy to do. The link will come via an MCAS announcement and be 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.

Notices and Reminders

Staffing news

We are very sad to announce that we have three members of staff who will be leaving us this term. Cheryl Wilkins, who has been a dedicated member of our nursery staff for many years, will be leaving us at the end of next week. Sam O'Leary will also be leaving this term, having worked in the school as both a Teaching Assistant and more recently, in the school office. Lastly, we will also be saying goodbye to Daisy Jones at the end of the summer term. I know you will be joining me in wishing them all the very best for their future roles and give heartfelt thanks for all their dedication to the pupils at Botley school.

I am pleased to announce that Sharon Hemsley will be working full time to replace Cheryl in the Nursery until the end of the summer term and we have recruited two fantastic new members of teaching staff for September to teach in the Nursery class and year 1.

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.oxfordshirehealth.nhs.uk/camhs/involve/oxon/www/>

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!

WVY Supportive Steps CAMHS

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
JUN 06	COFFEE MORNING SOUTH OXON
JUL 04	SLEEP
AUG 13	WELLBEING WALK

TO REGISTER FOLLOW THE LINK OR QR:

www.oxfordshirehealth.nhs.uk/camhs/involve/oxon/www/

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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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!

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

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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 - [cumnorcricketclub.com](https://www.cumnorcricketclub.com)
Whatsapp Annabel - 07720 606955

FOREST TOTS AT HILL END

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