

Botley School



Newsletter 28th February

Welcome back after the half term. I hope you all had a relaxing break. We got straight back to business this week with lots of excellent learning taking place across the school.

Year 6 had a special session with IMPS learning about first aid and keeping safe. Botley School have long been advocates of the IMPS programme (Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools) as we are firm believers of our young people being empowered young to take personal responsibility (where appropriate) for their own risk management and equip them with the skills to cope in an emergency situation. During the visit, the pupils learnt about the skills and strategies needed for dealing with an unconscious person. The children were guided through the dangers involved in dealing with an emergency situation along with being involved in a demonstration of dealing with an unconscious person how best to put someone into the recovery position. The trainers were brilliant as always and they were pleased to see how eager the children were to know more about safety and first aid. The children were taught how to initiate Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation be aware of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). There certainly was no shortage of Y6 volunteers happy to be saved! You can find out more about the session by visiting the IMPS website, which gives you lots of facts and information on why this is such a great learning experience for our young people and one that could potentially help them save someone's life!
<https://www.impsweb.co.uk/what-we-do/>

This term has many other opportunities for enriching our curriculum. Next week in addition to most of the school completing their DT project work. we have both the annual Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day races on Tuesday and the World Book Day extravaganza on Thursday. Information on both these events has been sent through MCAS this week. We also have our STEM week coming up the week after so keep your eyes peeled for further information. Further dates for the summer term events have been added to the side of the newsletter.

FOBS are also in the process of organising the school disco so watch this space!

Have a great weekend
Mrs Reid

Free Breakfast Club from April!

Exciting news! We are going to be offering a free breakfast club from 8am to all children from 22 April onwards. As you might have heard, the government is running a pilot scheme before rolling out free breakfast clubs to all primary schools in England. We successfully applied to participate in the pilot scheme. We will still open from 7:30am for the families who need this. We will be working hard this term to make sure everything is in place for 22 April, including a parent survey next week. There's some more information here if you want to know more - [First schools confirmed for landmark free breakfast clubs - GOV.UK](#) Please email operations@botley.oxon.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Notices and Reminders

KS2 Choir Club

KS2 choir club has started again on Wednesday lunchtimes. We will be working towards two performances in the summer term, Festival of Voices in Dorchester Abbey and the Botley Community Concert here at the school. If your child wishes to be part of the choir for these events, please complete the [KS2 Choir Club Form](#) so Mrs Reid can add them to the register.

Upcoming Events

- 4th March** – Pancake Day Events
- 6th March** – World Book Day
- 10th to 14th March** – STEM week
- 28th March** – Workshare afternoon
- 3rd April** – 1:30 end of term
- 4th April** - INSET day, staff only
- Easter Break**
- 22nd April** – Start of Summer term
- 23rd April** – Living in England Day
- 25th April** – Yr 4 Trip to Hill End
- 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
- 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

Ramadan 2025

Ramadan begins next week and is an incredibly important time for many in our community. A MCAS message was sent to parents with the Ramadan Fasting Policy and letter attached at the start of the week. A prayer space is available to all staff and pupils who wish to pray at lunchtime. If your child will be fasting this year, please read the letter and policy before completing the Fasting Notification Form. This can be found in the appendix to the policy, or can be completed online using the link below. There will also be paper copies available in the office.

[Ramadan Fasting Notification Form 2025](#)

Pancake Day

Pancake Day is next Tuesday 4th of March, a traditional that Botley School has long celebrated. All children are encouraged to participate in a fun day of races and pancake design. However, we are fully aware that this is also the time of Ramadan. If your child is fasting and would like to join in with the pancake decorating, they may take their pancake home to eat at Iftar time then please let the class teacher know before the day.

World book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March with a day of book-themed events in school. We will also be sending home the £1 World Book Day vouchers, which can be used to buy a £1 special World Book Day book or to discount any book by £1.

Dressing Up:

The children are invited to come to school in costume as a favourite book character. The idea of World Book Day is to celebrate enjoyment of reading, and we do not want anyone to feel under pressure to create an elaborate costume. Some costumes require little or no preparation. Lots of ideas can be found here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resource/dressing-up-ideas-for-parents/>


Free School Meals and Pupil Premium



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Research shows that better food in schools is improving what children eat during the school day, and there's evidence of a clear link between what children eat at lunchtime in school, where they eat it and how they focus with their teachers in the afternoon.

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. This includes infant pupils in maintained infant and primary schools, free schools, academies, special schools and pupil referral units.



Free School Meals are also available to pupils in years 3 and above whose parents receive certain benefits and register using this application form. Please return this form to your child's school if you think you qualify for Free School Meals.

Pupil Premium - completing this form could also raise money for your child's school...



The Pupil Premium is a Government scheme that provides funding to schools of £955 - £1,345 per pupil whose parents receive one of the qualifying benefits listed on this application form.

The school can use this money to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers

Q. How can I apply?
A. Simply complete this application form and return it to your child's school

Q. Why should I apply?
A. Your child will benefit from free school meals which could save you hundreds of pounds a year and the school could benefit from Pupil Premium funding worth £955 - £1345 per pupil.

Q. My child is in Reception, year 1 or year 2 and automatically receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, do I still need to complete this form?
A. Yes! Pupil Premium is only paid to a school if the parent registers using this form and is receiving one of the qualifying benefits listed. Even though your child automatically receives free meals at school completing this application form may entitle your school to Pupil Premium funding.

To apply for free school meals and pupil premium, please download the application form using the link below.

[Free School Meals application form](#)

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



Contact details

Office.2569@Botley.oxon.sch.uk

01865 248573



E-mail: office@acertrust.org.uk

Tel: 01865 519215

Year 5 and 6 Maths for Parents

FREE 5 week course

Day: Mondays
 Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm
 Dates: 3rd March - 31st March
 Online using Microsoft Teams

This course explains the current teaching methods used to help you feel more confident supporting your child.

- The following topics are covered:
- Column Addition and Subtraction
 - Multiples and Factors
 - Long Multiplication
 - Long Division



To book a place please contact Oxfordshire Adult Learning:

01235 216 278

Visit the website and search 'Family Learning'
www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk

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SCIENCE BAZAAR BEYOND

Saturday 1 March 2025

9:30am - 11:30am Relaxed autism-friendly early opening
 11:30am - 4pm Open to all

Fun activities, hands-on workshops, experiments, talks, shows, competitions and cafe

BOOK TICKETS

www.brookes.ac.uk/science-bazaar
sciencebazaar@brookes.ac.uk

@obuengagement #BrookesBazaar25
 @OxfordBrookesPublicEngagementResearch
 @oburesearchpublicengagement

Event sponsored by **MORGAN SINDALL CONSTRUCTION**

Oxford Brookes University, Clerici Building, Headington Campus, Gipsy Lane, Headington, OX3 0BP

NO PARKING ON SITE EXCEPT FOR ACCESS NEEDS

THE STORY MUSEUM

Join author Tom Palmer in this free family event to celebrate World Book Day



Sat Mar 8, 2025 2:30pm £0.00 tompalmer.co.uk/meet-me

Oxford Story Museum, 42 Pembroke Street Rochester House, Oxford OX1 1BP



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 - cumnorcricketclub.com
Whatsapp Annabel - 07720 606955



BODY POLITIC, THE NORTH WALL ARTS CENTRE & DANCIN' OXFORD 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:
Pay what you can, under 2yrs go free!
01865 319450
www.thenorthwall.com
contact@thenorthwall.com








EASTER HOLIDAY SWIMMING LESSONS

MONDAY 7TH-FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

- Confidence building:** £60 per week (30 minute lesson)
- Beginners:** £60 per week (30 minute lesson)
- Stroke improvement:** £90 per week (45 minute lesson)

To book or for further information please email Abbie at swimminglessons@ola.org.uk

Lessons will run in the mornings between 10:30-12:15

Radley Road | Abingdon-on-Thames | OX14 3PS | 01235 524658 | www.ola.org.uk



SEND TOGETHER

A DAY FOR PARENT CARERS TO CONNECT, SHARE AND LEARN

THURSDAY
13TH MARCH
9AM - 3PM
THE KINGS CENTRE,
OX2 0ES

- ✔ Workshops and Information Sessions
- ✔ Panel Discussion and Q&A
- ✔ SEND Advice Clinics
- ✔ SEND Marketplace

FOR REGISTRATION OR MORE INFO: WWW.TINYURL.COM/SENDTOGETHER

A LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP EVENT



Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System



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TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



PARENT WEBINAR

Parents are the most important part of young peoples lives and hold the key to helping them. Let us, help you, to help them.

CAMHS
 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service



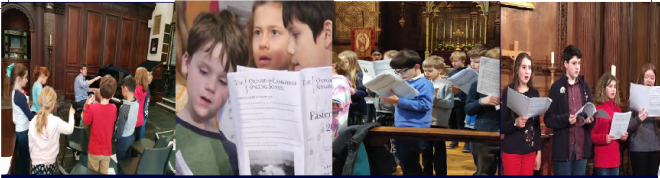
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



SUBJECTS INCLUDE

- TEEN ANXIETY
- SELF HARM
- LOW MOOD
- HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DISTRESSED CHILD

WWW.OXFORDHEALTH.NHS.UK/CAMHS/OXON/SIR/WEBINARS



THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Singing School was established in 2013 to provide children with the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

This Easter, we will be learning some beautiful seasonal music by Handel, Gibbons and John Ireland as well as some light-hearted pieces by Cole Porter and Aaron Copland. And, as always on our courses, we will be giving sessions on vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see www.oxbridgesingschool.com or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

7 & 8 APRIL 2025

ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH, JERICHO, OXFORD

www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk

ABINGDON AIR & COUNTRY SHOW

25th ANNIVERSARY

SAT 14TH JUNE 2025

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



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 ONSITE!

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.

what3words: drifter.warms.developed

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





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
TO BOOK

The next monthly **Forest Foxes Nature Social** will be held on 15 March from 2-4:30 at Hill End Outdoor Centre OX2 9NJ. Ten to twelve year-olds are welcome to join for adventure and friendship in the woods, around the fire. Admission cost- free.

Facilitator and volunteers are wilderness/Forest School trained and DBSed.

To book contact JuliaD@quaker.org.uk by **Monday 10 March**.



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