

Botley School



Newsletter 14th February 2025

Notices and Reminders

Parents Evenings on 26 and 27 Feb (mostly)

Booking is still open on MCAS for parent's evenings on 26 and 27 February. These are for all children who are NOT on the SEN (Special Educational Needs) register. If you haven't booked yet, please do so on MCAS or by emailing operations@botley.oxon.sch.uk. Your meeting link will be sent to your inbox on 25 Feb. Please check spam/junk folders if needed.

Parents of SEN pupils will have their review meetings in the week beginning 17 March and these will be arranged nearer the time.

Newsletter Link

Please find link below to this term's Primary Newsletter from the 0-19 Children and Young People's Public Health Service.

[Term 3: Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter January 2025](#)

Ramadan 2025

Ramadan begins at the end of February and is an incredibly important time for many in our community. A MCAS message will be sent out with the Ramadan Fasting Policy and letter attached. A prayer space will be made 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

Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day is on Tuesday 4th March and Botley will be holding its traditional Pancake Day Races and events. We will be racing whilst tossing pancakes in KS1 and in KS2 for the pancake trophy. All children will be able to decorate a pancake with healthy items and a winner will be chosen per class. We would love your child/ren to take part –they will need:

- Two pancakes for racing and one for decorating (a total of 3)
- A frying pan – or the loan of one with a sibling or friend
- Healthy items to decorate the pancake e.g. fruits or vegetables, raisins etc PLEASE NO SWEETS

If your child has an allergy (gluten/dairy etc), please have chat with your child's class teacher or with Shine beforehand.

KS2 Choir

Choir will be starting again after half term on Wednesday lunchtime. This is open to all KS2 pupils who wish to join. We will be working towards the Dorchester Abbey Festival of Voices in June, so pupils who join up will be expected to attend every week for rehearsals. A letter with more details will be sent via MCAS after the first choir session this week.

Upcoming Events

26th & 27th February – Parent Consultation Evenings

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


DIALOGUE SOCIETY
Let's Break The Fast Together


**The Oxford Academy,
 Sandy Ln Littlemore,
 Oxford, OX4 6JZ**

**IFTAR
 DINNER
 TIME**

**20 March, 2025
 Thursday, 17:30**



The event is **free** but **you must have a ticket** (minors must be accompanied by an adult). Tickets bookable through the eventbrite link
<https://TOA25.eventbrite.co.uk>



VOICES IN UNITY



The OXFORD Academy



fellowship educational society



The OXFORD FOUNDATION

Join us for a themed interfaith evening of 'Voices in Unity' with a Ramadan dinner.



Ripple Kids



SWIMMING SCHOOL

SIGN UP TODAY

We offer safe, fun environments to help kids build confidence and love the water. For children aged 4 months to 12 years

LOCATIONS:

- Abingdon School Sports and Leisure Centre
- Harwell Primary School
- Kingfisher School
- The Gourmet Goat Farmer (Blue Lagoon Pool)

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFO



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

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 Tel: 01865 519215

February Half Term 

THEATRE

Belongings
Ages 7-11
21 - 22 February
11am & 2pm

Cleo arrives into a new home, unsure of what the future holds. She meets the playful Bertie, who brings her out of her shell, and Laila, who she has more in common with than she first thought.

Together they unite to discover a place called home, the value of play, and learn how to own their own stories.

Tickets £10 (£8 child)

NW Inventors
Ages 8-11

Street Dance Theatre Course
17 - 19 February
9am - 12pm

Enjoy learning some authentic street dance moves, find your groove and explore funky freestyle around Hip Hop, Locking, House and Breaking styles before combining this social, soulful dance style with physical storytelling to bring modern, upbeat scenes to the stage! Great music and good vibes guaranteed.

Tickets £60

Full bursaries available
Email Abie on waltona@thenorthwall.com to apply

Book now: thenorthwall.com

RATTLE & ROLL PERFORMANCE

February Holiday Clubs
St Nicholas' Primary School, Oxford
These clubs are open to children aged 3-11
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.

Cost: £35 per day
All childcare vouchers accepted

Timings: 8am-5pm

To find out more or to book visit www.rattleandrollperformance.com or call 07722 014301



FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
MOST SUITABLE FOR 5-16 YRS

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

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

MORGAN SINDALL CONSTRUCTION

NO PARKING ON SITE EXCEPT FOR ACCESS NEEDS

FEB 17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY HALF TERM 9am-4pm

NEXT THING EDUCATION PRESENTS

TECH CAMP

Coding & Robots | Circuitry & Inventions | Creative Technology | Expert Engineers | Media Madness

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

FEB HALF TERM 2025
17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY 2025

17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY - LIMITED SPACES
AGES 5 - 11 MULTI DAY BOOKING DISCOUNTS!

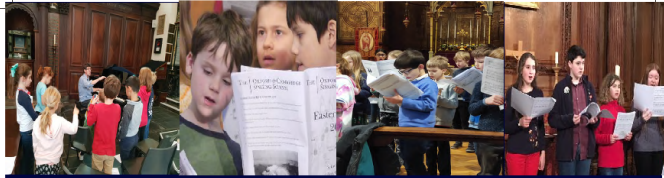
What Parents Say
"Absolutely Fantastic! First time attending & my son loved it!"

HOW TO BOOK

STEP 1: SCAN THE QR CODE
STEP 2: FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP
STEP 3: BOOK ONLINE (SPACES LIMITED)

FEBRUARY CAMPS 2025
£39.99 PER DAY OR £175 FOR 5 DAYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-11
FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE www.nextthing.education

W: WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION
E: INFO@NEXTTHING.EDUCATION T: 01442 873150



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

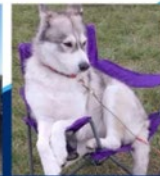
www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk

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



OLA
OUR LADY'S
ABINGDON

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

PARENT WEBINAR

NHS Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

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

QR code with CAMHS logo

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

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