

Botley School

Newsletter 7th February 2025

'The most important thing is to know yourself'

Socrates

This week was our pupil wellbeing focus week. We organised a number of lunchtime activities including the return of our 'Bubbletastic' lunchtime with pupils all having access to bubble blowing kits so they could 'blow their worries away'.



Other lunchtime options over the week included the Playground disco on Friday and a chance for pupils to join in a Cosmic Yoga session in the hall.

In the class assemblies this week, the theme for wellbeing week was 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.' Using resources from the charity 'Place2Be' linked with the Pixar film Inside Out, the classes were encouraged to try and think about how well they really knew themselves. All the children reflected on this further in their PSHE lessons by answer the following questions: What makes me feel joyful or happy? What makes me feel sad and nervous? What do I enjoy learning about? What am I good at? What makes me laugh? These are questions that even as adults we should ask ourselves from time to time as a way of fostering positive mental wellbeing. They are also great questions for opening up a discussion about how we can help ourselves, and each other, to feel joy, or acknowledge what we are good at.



On Thursday, the school joined thousands of schoolchildren worldwide to sing a medley of Bob Marley songs with a linked theme of togetherness and love which complimented our wellbeing week messages well.

*'Don't worry about a thing
'Cause every little thing is gonna be all right!'*

Bob Marley

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend.
Mrs Reid



Upcoming Events

- 11th February** – Internet Safety Day
- 13th Feb** Reception Cake Sale
- 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

Notices and Reminders

Parents Evenings coming up on 26 and 27 Feb

Booking is now open on MCAS for parents evenings on 26 and 27 February. These are for all children who are NOT on the SEN (Special Educational Needs) register. Parents of SEN pupils will have their review meetings in the week beginning 17 March and these will be arranged nearer the time.

For parents of pupils not on the SEN register, please book in your appointment for 26 or 27 February to meet with your child's teacher about their progress. It's a really important chance to discuss how your child is doing and ask any questions. Please try to book by Wednesday 12 Feb if possible.

The meetings are all online and invitations will be sent to your inbox on Tuesday 25 Feb, after the half-term holiday. If needed, please check your spam/junk folders etc for your invitation. If you don't yet have the MCAS (MyChildAtSchool) app you will need to go onto the MCAS website to book your appointment. If you are having trouble accessing MCAS or booking an appointment, Sam/Sarah in the front office can book an appointment for you or you can email operations@botley.oxon.sch.uk

Nursery parents – please note Sharon is not available on 26 Feb and will be taking appointments on 27 Feb and 3 March.

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](#)

Matthew Arnold School presents...

MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL

Acer TRUST

Disney
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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Monday 10th February, 7pm
Tuesday 11th February, 7pm
Wednesday 12th February, 7pm
Thursday 13th February, 7pm

Tickets on Parent Pay now!

Tickets are £8. If families don't already have an existing MAS Parent Pay account they can email the school office (office@maschool.org.uk) to arrange tickets.

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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CYBER PROTECT WEBINARS

ROCU REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF CYBER UNIT

The Digital Dilemma: Keeping Children Safe Online

January 23rd, 28th, 30th
February 3rd, 6th, 10th, 12th, 13th

TICKETS ONLINE:
Eventbrite: Police - South East Cyber

FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS
run by Police Cyber Protect teams

Hints and tips to secure your family online, covering cyber risks and scams in:

Gaming **Social Media** **Email**

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE:

Click [here](#), scan the QR code
or search online for "eventbrite police southeast cyber"

DON'T LET IT BE GAME OVER
LEVEL UP YOUR ONLINE SECURITY

NHS Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

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

ELITE CAMPS BOTLEY

BOTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL, OX2 9JZ

ELITE CAMPS

	OVER 8's	UNDER 8's	ARTS & CRAFTS
MON 17	GITD DODGEBALL Basketball, Kwik Cricket, Benchball, Athletics, Netball	GITD DODGEBALL Basketball, Kwik Cricket, Benchball, Athletics, Netball	PAPER HEART VALENTINES CRAFTS
TUE 18	NERF WARS Tag Rugby, Hockey, Yoga, Football, Gymnastics	PARACHUTE GAMES Tag Rugby, Hockey, Yoga, Football, Gymnastics	PAPER FLOWER BOUQUET
WED 19	BUBBLE FOOTBALL Football, Dodgeball, Kwik Cricket, Hockey, Tag Rugby	BUBBLE FOOTBALL Football, Dodgeball, Kwik Cricket, Hockey, Tag Rugby	PAPER HEART WREATHS
THU 20	SOFT ARCHERY Netball, Rounders, Volleyball, Dodgeball, Danish Longball	SOFT ARCHERY Netball, Rounders, Volleyball, Dodgeball, Danish Longball	PIXEL ART
FRI 21	SLIME MAKING Benchball, Football, Dance, Handball, Gymnastics	SLIME MAKING Benchball, Football, Dance, Handball, Gymnastics	HEART OWL CRAFTS

BOOK NOW 01235 415 846 elityouthsports.co.uk

Elite Camps: Half term is only 2 weeks away and they are running a 10% discount code to help parents with costs, the code does expire on the 5th February. (NY10) Please see timetable above.



We've now helped 500+ STEM professionals return to work across the UK

Are you looking to return to STEM?



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Are you working below your capability?

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STEM Returners opportunities with



UK Atomic Energy Authority

Location: Culham, Oxford, Hybrid

If so this could be the opportunity for you!

Please contact us for more information:

www.stemreturners.com jazmine.gouldbourne@stemreturners.com

February Half Term

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 Leila, 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 waiatona@thenorthwall.com to apply

Book now: thenorthwall.com



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

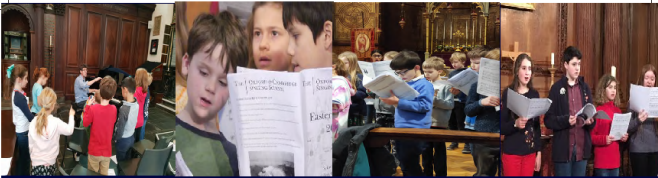
Fun activities, hands-on workshops, experiments, talks, shows, competitions and cafe

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Gipsy Lane, Headington, OX3 0BP

NO PARKING ON SITE EXCEPT FOR ACCESS NEEDS



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.oxbridgesingingschool.com or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

7 & 8 APRIL 2025

ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH, JERICHO, OXFORD

www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk

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



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



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Garden Inn
Abingdon, Oxford

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FEB HALF TERM

THE **STORY** MUSEUM

- Author appearances: Chris Riddell
- Family Shows • Family Workshops
- Comic Workshops & Draw Alongs



storymuseum.org.uk



Tel:01865 807600



Registered charity no. 1107809



FEB 17TH - 21ST NEXT THING EDUCATION PRESENTS **9am-4pm**
FEBRUARY HALF TERM

TECH CAMP

Ofsted Registered

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

SCAN FOR LOCATIONS MAP

NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

FEB HALF TERM 2025

17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY 2025

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

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

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

What Parents Say

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

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HOW TO BOOK

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

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



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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

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