

Botley School



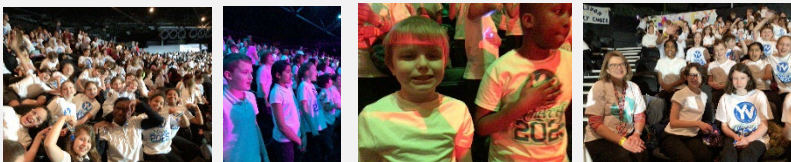
Newsletter 31st January 2024

This week we have been continuing our focus on the Lunar New Year in our Ladybirds class. The pupils have learnt that during Chinese New Year celebrations, people give red envelopes containing money as gifts. They decided to write a letter to a friend, put it in a red envelope with money (a chocolate coin!) and post it! The children excitedly chose a friend to write to and spoke about all the wonderful things they enjoy doing with their friend. They then visited the 'post office' to buy a stamp to put on their envelope and then put them in the post box. The children are now excitedly waiting for their letter to arrive at home!

On Wednesday, the Ladybirds had a special visitor to our class, one of our Grandparents who told us about China and how she celebrated. We learnt how to say some words and watched a few clips of lion dancing. The children loved sharing their learning from the class and were eager to practise the Chinese writing we had learnt.



At the other end of the school, our year 5 and 6 pupils had an amazing time at the Young Voices Concert yesterday. They joined a mass children's choir of over 5000 children in the BP Pulse Arena in Birmingham. The selections of songs included a dance medley, a pop medley and songs from hairspray. The guest singers and performers included Tommy Blaize, who some parent might recognise as the lead singer in Dave Arch's Strictly Come Dancing Band, as well as the children's favourite MC Grammar. There were awe-inspiring dance performances from the Urban Strides dance group and a chance to join the 'rave' for parents and children alike that got the arena jumping. The children were fantastic ambassadors for the school and threw themselves into the performance. It was a long night with some extremely tired children (and staff) in school today, but totally worth it for such a fabulous experience. Thank you to all the staff who supported the event, either by attending, or in helping with the administration of the tickets and contact forms.



The finale of the concert was a Bob Marley Medley, which we will also be singing as part of the Young Voices Worldwide Bob Marley Sing Along on Thursday 3rd February. This is to mark what would have been his 80th birthday. The school will be joining the event via live link at 3pm. This might mean that children are slightly late out at the end of the day, but we will get everything ready for home time in advance so we can try to release the children as soon as possible. Please look out for more details next week.

Have a great weekend
Jo Reid

Upcoming Events

3rd to 7th February – Well-being week

6th February 3pm – Bob Marley National sing along

11th February – Internet Safety Day

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

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](#)

Drumming Lessons

We have been trying to source a drumming teacher for Botley School and are currently trying to work with [Drumbeats Music](#) to facilitate this. In order for lessons to go ahead we would need to have at least 1 to 2 hours of lessons booked for it to be financially viable for the music instructors to come to Botley.

Pupils do not need their own drum kit as we have access to a drum kit in school as well as some drumsticks for pupils to use in lessons. Pupils from year 2 to year 6 would be eligible to request lessons, either as a group lesson or as an individual lesson. Lessons are normally 20 minutes long. Group lessons are £10 per pupil per week, and individual lessons are £13.50 per lesson per week. The fees are normally collected in advance at the start of each term. If you are interested in your child signing up for lessons, please complete the expression of interest form.

[Drumming Lessons Expression of Interest Form](#)

Bob Marley 80th National Sing Along

As mentioned in the main part of the newsletter, we have been learning a medley of Bob Marley songs ready to join in with a Nation Wide Singing event being held on Thursday 6th February at 3pm to mark the 80th anniversary of his birth. I have uploaded a PowerPoint to the music curriculum page on the school website that has links to the free resources from the team at Young Voices who are organising the event. If your child would like to practice the songs and the dance moves, they can follow the videos in the PowerPoint.

[Bob Marley 80th](#)

Matthew Arnold School presents...

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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



Contact details

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Tel: 01865 519215

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

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

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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 eliteyouthsports.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.



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February Half Term

Ages 7-11 THEATRE

Belongings

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)

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!
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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

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 @OxfordBrookesPublicEngagementResearch
 @oburesearchpublicengagement

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

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Event sponsored by



Theatre & Creativity Workshops
where imagination can run wild!

Our workshops inspire children and young people to reimagine classic stories whilst building confidence, theatrical skills and creativity.

Term time weekly classes & school holiday workshops in Oxford.

We were so impressed with the group's complete engagement and immersion in the material.
Drama Club Parent

Fun, energetic, wonderful!
Drama Club Member

Holiday Workshops at St Andrew's Church, OX2
February Half-Term - Make a Play in a Day, Giggle Clut, Make A Film In A Day, Introduction to Stand-up Comedy, Introduction to Shakespeare, Folk tales and Stories and Immersive Theatre Masterclass.
Easter Holidays - Make a Play in a Week, Giggle Club, Introduction to Shakespeare, Make a Musical in a Day, Introduction to stop-motion animation and a Directing Masterclass.

Weekly Drama Classes 2025
Each term our drama club members choose a Shakespeare or classic text and create their own version over the 12-week term, culminating in a final show for friends and family. Our classes provide the perfect environment for children to improve their stagecraft skills, build confidence, make friends, and, of course, have fun! To sign up for a free taster session email boxoffice@creationtheatre.co.uk

Ages 5-7
Sat | 1pm - 2pm | St Peter's Church, OX2

Ages 8-10
Sat | 4pm - 5pm | St Peter's Church, OX2 or
Wed | 4:30pm - 5:30pm | Headington Baptist Church, OX3

Ages 11-13
Sat | 11am - 1pm | St Peter's Church, OX2 or
Wed | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Headington Baptist Church, OX3

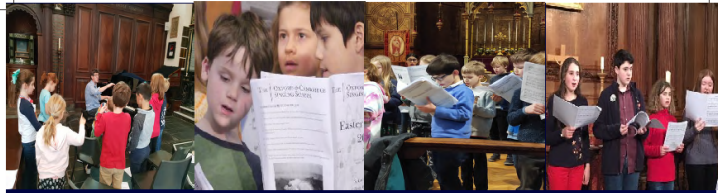
Young Company (ages 14-19)
Sat | 2pm - 4pm | St Peter's Church, OX2

SCHOOL OF CREATIVITY

Unleash your child's imagination

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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, JERICO, OXFORD

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SWIMMING SCHOOL

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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)



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MORE INFO



FEB HALF TERM

THE **STORY** MUSEUM

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



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

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£39.99 PER DAY OR £175 FOR 5 DAYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-11

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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

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Stroke improvement: £90 per week (45 minute lesson)

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

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