

Botley School



Newsletter 24th January 2025

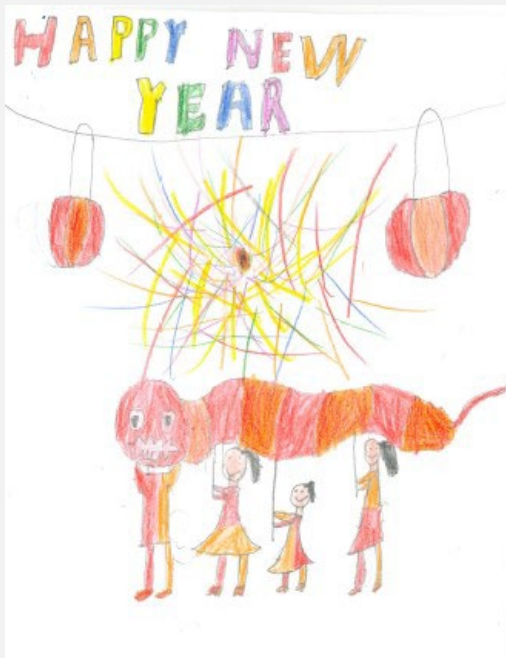
This week our Year 5 pupils have been having a fabulous time with the Primary Playmaker project. They have been working on their scripts for plays on the theme of journeys. They have been trying out ideas in drama sessions and learning what they need to write a script. On their final day today, they were performing their plays to each other on the stage in the hall. The Primary Playmaker team will chose one of the scripts to be performed by real actors on stage at the Oxford Playhouse later in the spring. We will of course be taking year 5 pupils to the theatre to find out which play has been chosen and to enjoy plays written by children from across Oxfordshire.



In both our DEI week last week and this week in school, pupils have been learning about Chinese New Year. Last week, KS2 pupils enjoyed a talk from Mr Kwok about the customs and traditions that surround the Lunar New Year. In Early Years today, the children were using puppets and acting out the story of the Great Race. They particularly liked the story of the rat and the cat. If you have a child in the reception class, I am sure they will explain it to you! For everyone celebrating the Lunar New Year next week, I hope you have a wonderful time.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Reid



Upcoming Events

- 30th January** – Yr 5 & Yr 6 to Young Voices, Birmingham
- 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

Uniform

There are a number of pupils not wearing the correct, smart uniform to school. Unless there is a specific agreement in place with the school, all children should be in the correct uniform. Please make sure that jumpers are school jumpers, or plain red jumpers with no logos. These can be provided at the front of the school, or are very readily available from all major supermarkets.

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](#)

Attendance letters

We recently sent out our attendance letters for the period between September and December. We understand that the 'flu virus that swept the school in November has had a negative impact on the attendance of many of our pupils. For parents that have received an attendance letter, there are two percentages given. The first is for the period from November to December only. The second is for the year to date from September to December 2024. If your child's attendance is below 95% on the second percentage for the period from September to December, then you will have received a letter from the school. This percentage includes illness, as we have to report on all absence, whether it is authorised illness or not. The school has a duty of care to provide these attendance figures and the wording relates to the new government statutory guidance for attendance procedures. There is more information available on the school website, including the [2024 2025 attendance letter](#) that was sent at the start of term in September. Please go to the [Attendance Procedures](#) webpage for further information.

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

Today in singing assembly, 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](#)

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



The Digital Dilemma: Keeping Children Safe Online

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

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ELITE CAMPS BOTLEY

BOTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL, OX2 9JZ



	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

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Elite Camps: Half term is only 4 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.

February Half Term

The North Wall
Arts Centre



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)

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
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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

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Saturday 1 March 2025

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



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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



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