

Botley School



Newsletter 17th January 2025

This week we have been celebrating our diverse and wonderful Botley School Community. All the children and staff had been asked to complete a piece of homework to share their identity in terms of foods, traditions, countries, travel and family. The effort and information that went into this homework was fantastic and enabled the children to share their information with the rest of their peers in school throughout the week.



On Wednesday, we had our international day and the children were encouraged to wear clothing that reflected their own identity. At the end of the school day, we held our annual International Food Event. It was lovely to see so many of our school community sharing food from around the world.



Each long term, we hold a Governors' Day, which took place today. As part of this, there was a focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and some of our governors joined our DEI parent and staff forum. The focus of the forum this week was diversity and representation in reading books and through the school curriculum.

Thank you to all the parents who supported children with their homework, the staff for helping with the organisation of all the events, everyone who provided all the wonderful food contributions, and to the parent forum and governors for supporting our values and drive for inclusivity in our wonderful, diverse Botley community.

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend and are ready for the new week.

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.

Attendance letters

Last week we 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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Please see link below for details of a vacancy at Cumnor School

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	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 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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