

# Botley School

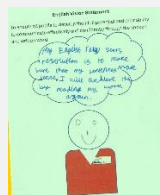
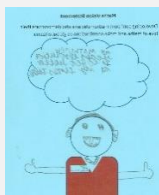
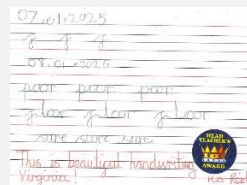
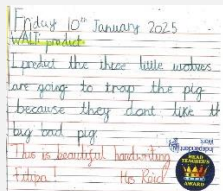


## Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready to get back into the school routine feeling refreshed and raring to go!

It has certainly been a bitter start to the term with the ice and snow greeting us each morning. Today the temperature did not rise above zero but it was good to see that the children had thick, warm coats and jackets to keep them warm while playing outside.

We have started the term looking back at the resolutions for writing and maths that the children made at the start of September. In our assembly, it was fantastic to see nearly every child raise their hand to say they had already met their first resolutions and had been setting their next targets to continue their progress. Looking around the school, it is clear to see that the children have been really working hard on their presentation and handwriting, with so many pupils in KS2 on the verge of receiving their pen licence, if they have not already received it. In addition, many of my Headteacher awards this week were given for fantastic handwriting. Here are just a couple of examples of handwriting and some examples of new year learning resolutions.



In true Botley School fashion, we are already getting ready for our next enrichment activities, with our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion week next week. The children have already been given a piece of homework on their identity, thinking about their family, the places in the world they are familiar with, the foods they eat and the traditions they celebrate in their families. The staff will also be creating these so we can share all our wonderful diversity as a school throughout the week. The ever-popular international day is on Wednesday next week. Children are encouraged to wear clothing that reflects their identity. This could be traditional clothing or a piece of clothing that expresses something about themselves. I might wear my scarf with musical notes to reflect being a musician, and a green cardigan or item of clothing to represent my Irish heritage. The day will end with the International Food Event in the school hall at 3:15pm. If you are bringing any food to share, please bring in any dishes for the event to the school office in the morning if they are cold, but if they are warm dishes, please bring them to the school office at 3pm so we can set them up before the end of the last lesson.

We look forward to sharing our food with you all.  
Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Reid

## Upcoming Events

- 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January** – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion week
- 15<sup>th</sup> January** – Deadline for Applications for Reception class 2025
- 15<sup>th</sup> January** – 3:15 International food Event
- 30<sup>th</sup> January** – Yr 5 & Yr 6 to Young Voices, Birmingham
- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February** – Well-being week
- 11<sup>th</sup> February** – Internet Safety Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Parent Consultation Evenings
- 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Pancake Day Events
- 6<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March** – STEM week
- 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Workshare afternoon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – 1:30 end of term
- 4<sup>th</sup> April** - INSET day, staff only

## Notices and Reminders

### Elms Road

Thank you to all the parents who contacted 'Fix my Street' to alert them to the dangerously icy conditions on Elms Road this week. The community effort on raising this resulted in the road being gritted and it being much safer for pupils walking into school.

That said, there were a number of parents who continued to drive up Elms Road at normal speeds and with no reduction in braking distances, which was incredibly dangerous. We were very fortunate that no cars skidded out of control while families were walking into school and seriously hurt a member of our community. This is clearly unacceptable. Please park away from school and walk the remaining distance, not only does this reduce the chance of accidents outside the school, it is much healthier for children to walk in the morning.

### Thursday is School Census Day!

Next Thursday (16 Jan) is School Census Day. This means the government bases part of our funding on how many pupils have a school lunch that day. We would love your help to boost our numbers as much as possible. If you are happy for your child to have fish fingers or tomato and cheese omelette followed by chocolate ice cream instead of a packed lunch on Thursday, they just need to tell their teacher at registration. Thank you.

### Helping Parents Choose the Right Games for Their Children

The **Family Gaming Database** is a valuable tool for parents to find age-appropriate games while ensuring their child's online safety. Alongside detailed reviews and age ratings, it highlights games with features like in-app purchases or online interactions, helping families make informed decisions. The site also provides advice on setting up parental controls to manage screen time and protect against potential online risks.

Visit [familygamingdatabase.com](http://familygamingdatabase.com) to explore safe, fun, and engaging games for your child!

### 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.



The poster features a border of various national flags. At the top center is a decorative emblem with a crown and wheat. The text is centered and reads:

**International Food Event**  
**Wednesday 15th January 2025**

Our International Food Event will be happening again this year on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Botley School is incredibly lucky to have pupils and their families representing many different international countries, and we feel that this is something to be celebrated. We will be opening our doors for an International Food Tasting Party at 3:15 in the main hall. In order to make this event as fantastic as in previous years, we are asking for your help with the following:

- Donations of food from your country of origin for people to have a taste. Sweet or savoury foods is gladly accepted. Please include a note of any eggs, nuts, gluten used in the recipe. Donations to the school office, please.
- Could your child bring in a story or an item representing their identity?
- Children are also welcome to come to school dressed in clothing to represent their identity.

If you are able to volunteer to help set up and run the event, please let us know.

Thank you in advance and we look forward to seeing you there.

The Botley School Team

## 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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West Oxford Community Centre

Ages 9-15

Every Wednesday term time only 6.30-7.30pm



Contact Jimmy to book a free trial  
07795197900, botleyboxingclub@gmail.com



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## Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Botley Primary School** if they sign up by Thursday 1st January. Parents should quote BOTI2026 when they book their free session by going to [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try) or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try). Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#).

The nearest classes to Botley Primary School are as follows (please click for a map and further details):

Perform Oxford (Drama for 4-7s)  
(1 mile)  
Wednesdays at 4pm

West Oxford Community Centre  
Botley Road,  
OX2 0BT

Perform Oxford (Drama for 7-12s)  
(1 mile)  
Wednesdays at 5.05pm

West Oxford Community Centre  
Botley Road,  
OX2 0BT

Perform Abingdon (Drama for 4-7s)  
(5 miles)  
Saturdays at 9.30am

The Northcourt Centre  
Northcourt Rd,  
OX14 1NS

Perform Abingdon (Drama for 4-7s)  
(5 miles)  
Thursdays at 4pm

The Northcourt Centre  
Northcourt Rd,  
OX14 1NS

Perform Abingdon (Drama for 7-12s)  
(5 miles)  
Saturdays at 11.15am

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Northcourt Rd,  
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There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).