

Botley School

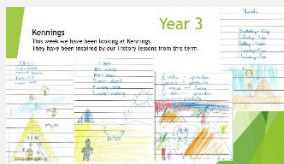
Newsletter – 18th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has included much to celebrate. After a month of running every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, a group of Year 3 - 6 children took part in the Oxford Schools' Challenge on Sunday 13th October. The children had to be at Balliol College for 8:30am where they played in the courtyard whilst waiting for their turn to run. At 10:30am, everyone was on Broad Street ready for the warm-up. There were lots of parents cheering the runners on and they had glorious weather for the event creating perfect running conditions. The children did such a good job at running the mile and we are so proud of them all. We are incredibly impressed and proud that one of our Botley pupils not only improved on his third place in last year's event, he took the crown and came first in the event this year. This is a magnificent achievement! Well done to all our runners who showed resilience in their running and particularly to one pupil who completed the race despite having lost a shoe! That is true determination! A big thank you to the staff that were there to ensure that the children could take part in the event and to Miss Doran for organising the runners.



We finished the week celebrating our poetry week. In English this week, our pupils have been learning to recite and write poetry in many different styles, including nonsense poems, Haikus, Nursery rhymes, Kennings, List Poems and Question & Answer poems. As well as celebrating their creativity, we celebrated the wonderful presentation of the written work they shared, the dramatic way year 5 analysed *The Jabberwocky* by Lewis Carroll and the year 1 Makaton signing for *Incy Wincy Spider*. It was a wonderful way to end the week



Please remember that the FOBS Fireworks display takes place on Friday 8th November. This is the most important fundraiser for Botley School, as well as being a fantastic display. Last year we almost ran out of tickets, so please do get your tickets in advance.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Reid



Upcoming Events

23rd October – 3:30 Year 6 PGL parent meeting

5th November – Individual photo day

6th & 7th November – parent consultation Meetings

8th November – Bear trail and Fireworks Evening

15th November – Year 5 Cake Sale

18th November – Yr 6 Residential week

29th November – Year 4 Cake Sale

2nd December – Yr 5 Bikeability week

10th December – 1:30 KS1 nativity performance

11th December – 4:00 KS1 Nativity performance

12th December – 8:45 – 9:30 EYFS Christmas stay and Play

13th December – Christmas Jumper Day

13th December – Year 3 Cake Sale

17th December – Panto in a Day performance for children

18th December – Christmas Lunch

20th December – Christmas Assembly.

20th December - End of term, school closes at 1:30pm.

Notices and Reminders

Parent's evenings...

Booking is now open on MCAS for parent's evenings. Apart from Early Years, these are all on 6 and 7 November. These will show as two separate options on the MCAS parents evening tile. Once you have chosen your preferred date, you can see what times are available and book. This is the first time we have used MCAS for parent's evenings and we are learning!

... and the latest on MCAS

If you have not yet downloaded the MCAS app, you may have missed the information today about booking your parents evening meeting. Please log on to MCAS to book your slot, and then if possible, download the app and enable notifications on your phone so you do not miss important messages in future. Thank you!

For all MCAS users, please scroll through recent messages to make sure you've seen all the new ones – on the days when we need to send more than one message we don't want you to miss any.

PGL Parent Meeting

We are holding an information meeting for parents of children going on this year's PGL residential shortly after half term. The meeting will take place in **Sycamore Classroom at 3:20 on Wednesday 23rd October**. In this meeting, we will provide information on the site we are staying at, the activities we will be taking part in and the staff who will be attending the trip.

Important information for year 6 parents

Just to let you know that applications can now be submitted for children to transfer from Year 6 to Year 7 at Secondary School for 2025/26.

Please visit the secondary school webpages for all relevant information and to apply online at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Alternatively, please collect a paper copy from the Botley school office if you are unable to access the internet.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is 31 October and National Offer day (this is when parents will be notified) is 3 March 2025. Applications received after the deadline will be processed later in the year and are far less likely to secure a place at a preferred school.

Cars on Elms Road

I have noticed that the number of parent cars driving up Elms road in the morning has started to increase with the wetter weather. I have also seen parents reversing around the corner into Nursery Close and doing three point turns in the road. This is clearly not safe to do while the road is busy with pupils and families arriving in school. Please remember that if you need to drive to school, you should park at the shops or further away from Elms Road and walk the rest of the way to school. That way everyone can get to school safely. Thank you.

Term Dates 2024-2025

Term 1

Thursday 5th Sept 2024 –
Fri 20th December 2024

Half term holiday
28th Oct-1st Nov 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
26th May - 30th May 2025

INSET DAYS

Monday 2nd September 2024
Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Wednesday 4th September 2024
Monday 6th January 2025
Friday 4th April 2025
Friday 23rd May 2025

Bank Holidays

Monday 21st April 2025
Monday 5th May 2025



Botley School Fireworks

Botley School, Elms Road

Friday 8th November 2024 - Gates open 6pm, display 7pm.

BBQ and refreshments available from 6pm,

~~Cash and cards accepted!~~

Tickets available in advance from Botley library (cash only) until Wed 6 Nov. And on Parentpay until Thu 7 Nov.

Child * (3y+) £3

Adult £6

Family ** £15 (advance) / £20 (on the door)

From 5-6pm EYFS and KS1 children can join us for the Bear Trail, treasure hunt, and crafts in the EYFS Gardens (siblings welcome), £1.50 per child payable on the door or free if you have a fireworks ticket. Please bring a torch, snacks will be available

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*Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

**2 adults and dependent children


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Monday 21 October
West Oxford Community Centre 1-3pm
OR
Botley School, Elms Road 5-7pm

£25 per person or £45 per couple



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Email coordinator@botleybridges.org to reserve your space

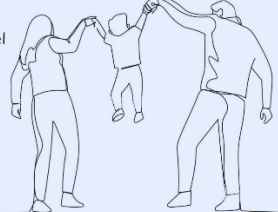
Positive Parenting

4-part workshop to help create calm and happy families*

Monday 11th, 18th, 25th November and 2nd December
£20 per person for all 4 sessions (concessions available)

12:45-2:45pm
Botley School, Elms Road, Oxford, OX2 9JZ
Facilitators: Hayley Hayle & Sue Dowe

"The programme has helped me feel so much more confident about my parenting."





"..helped me open up and feel less alone with the challenges we've been facing as a family."

Join our workshops tailored for parents and caregivers of **children aged 0-7**. Learn practical strategies to navigate the ups and downs of raising children, while building emotional resilience and raising a connected family.

<p>Part One Understanding children's behaviour Listening and communication Praise and encouragement</p>	<p>Part Two Praise & guidance VS criticism Child-led play Positive moments</p>
<p>Part Three Boundaries and parenting styles Time to calm down Dealing with stress and conflict</p>	<p>Part Four Choices and consequences Behaviour to ignore Looking after ourselves</p>

To book or for more information, email coordinator@botleybridges.org or visit our website botleybridges.org

*Family Links Course - Developed by the Centre for Emotional Health



October Holiday Clubs

St Nicholas' Primary School, Oxford

These clubs are open to children aged 3-11

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

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




Discover Bucks Museum
Church Street
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 331441

October Half-Term

26 October - 3 November 2024

Join us this October half-term for a fun-filled family-friendly week of arts and crafts topped off with a spooky family Halloween day on Saturday.

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org or scan the QR code




Here is some

information about all our different Family Dance Parties below.

Family Dance Party:


Back due to popular demand, we've once again partnered with Dancin' Oxford and The North Wall Arts Centre to bring you a special Family Dance Party, with a Body Politic twist.

Join us for a 'hip-hopping, toe-tapping' daytime disco for all of the family. Featuring a live DJ, party games, bubbles and disco lights and more!

Here are the dates/times for our Family Dance Parties:

 **Halloween Family Dance Party**

 Sat 26th Oct | St John's Church, Kidlington

 10:30-12pm / 1-2:30pm


 **Light Trail Family Dance Party**

 Sat 16th Nov | Cutteslowe Pavilion

 3-4:30pm / 5-6:30pm

 **Christmas Family Dance Party**

 Sun 1st Dec | Barton Neighbourhood Centre

 12-1:30pm / 2:30-4pm

Body Politic works hard to ensure that our classes and activities are accessible to everyone.

Family Dance Party operates at a suggested cost of £5 per person and under 2's go free!

If finance is a barrier, we ask you to pay-what-you-can.

Call 01865 319450

Email contact@thenorthwall.com



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ATHLETIC FC**



**TASTER SESSION
17/10/24**



**PROJECT
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BALLERS**

**BRAND NEW TRAINING PROGRAMME
CHILDREN AGED 5-6**

**WEEKLY SESSIONS EVERY THURSDAY
OXFORD HARLEQUINS OX4 2RR
3G PITCH**

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EMAIL: CLUB@ATHLETICFOOTBALL.CO.UK**