

Botley School



Newsletter – 13th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our first full week in school has been full of great learning. All the pupils are busy creating their self-portraits in art, ready to be displayed in the school hall and I have seen some amazing young artists at work around the school. Silver Birch class have begun their history topic on the Romans, and have been creatively using classroom resources to design their own mosaics and tessellations. Sycamore class have been learning about how light travels and how we see, using different ways to model this, including pieces of string and classroom objects. I was very impressed with their use of vocabulary when they were describing their models and their knowledge of the physics. I spent the morning in Ladybirds class this morning and had a lovely time singing songs, reading stories and working on letter formation with the children.

To find out more about what your child will be learning in school this year, please do come to our parent meetings next week, starting on Monday with the KS1 parent meeting at 2:30. This will be followed by the Reception Ladybirds class meeting, the year 5 meeting and the year 6 meetings on Tuesday at 2:30 and the Lower Key Stage 2 meeting with Mr Jones and Miss Thomas on Wednesday at 2:30. The purpose of these meetings is to talk you through the routines of the class, the curriculum they will be covering and any plans for the year.

We look forward to welcoming you into school next week.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Reid

Notices and Reminders

Message from FOBS

Botley School Parent Teacher Association (Friends of Botley School - FOBS) will hold our first termly meeting on the 23rd September at 7pm. This will be an in-person event at the school, with an option to join online. Our main purpose is to raise funds for the school, and recently we have contributed to school trips, new laptops, books and other physical resources, play equipment and play area updates. We will be talking about fundraising for the next few months, with emphasis on the fireworks display on the 8th November, which is our main fundraising event. Please come along to see the PTA in action! We are all volunteers (mostly parents) and rely on parents and guardians to support our activities. The link to join via Zoom will be circulated nearer the time.

My Child at School (MCAS) – sign up by 20 September

Thank you to everyone who signed up this week. Our numbers are improving a lot but we still have some families with no one signed up. If you have signed up but not downloaded the app yet, please do so if possible.

Those who have not signed up at all yet will continue to receive an email each day with a password link. Please check your spam/clutter/junk folders if necessary and please sign up on receipt of the email as the links expire after 24 hours. It is quick and easy to do.

If you have any questions, please email operations@botley.oxon.sch.uk. Thank you!

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Parent Consultation 2024

Each year we consult parents on the Relationships and Sex Education Policy and Learning scheme. A message will be sent home on Monday with information about our approach to RSE and a link to the consultation response form. Alternatively, you can use this [website link](#) to access the information.

Upcoming Events

16th September – 2:30 KS1 parent meeting

17th September – 2:30 Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 parent meetings

18th September – 2:30 Year 3&4 parent meeting

19th September – 'Flu vaccination day

20th September – Yr 5 to Playhouse theatre

27th September – Macmillan Coffee afternoon and Cake sale

W.B 30th September – SEN Profile review meetings

3rd October – 8:45 – 9:30 EYFS Harvest Stay and Play

3rd October – 1:30 – 2:30 EYFS Harvest Come and Play for prospective families

4th October – Harvest Assembly 9:15

18th October – 9:15 Poetry Week assembly

5th November – Individual photo day

6th & 7th November – parent consultation Meetings

8th November – Bear trail and Fireworks Evening

18th November – Yr 6 Residential week

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

17th December – Panto in a Day performance for children

18th December – Christmas Lunch

20th December – Christmas Assembly

Choir Club

Choir Club with Mrs Reid will be on Monday afternoons from 3:20 to 4:00pm starting on Monday 23rd September. If your child is in years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would like to join the choir, please do use the link to sign up for the club.

[Choir Club Permission form](#)

Start of the School Day

Thank you to everyone for such a strong start to the year in terms of attendance. We are already seeing a huge improvement in that fewer pupils are arriving in school late in the first two days. We now want to keep this momentum going.

As a reminder, the school day starts promptly at **8:45**. The school gates open at 8:30 and the school doors open at 8:40 to give pupils 5 minutes to get to class and learning starts at **8:45**. Please ensure your child is in school ready to learn in their classroom by **8:45** so they do not miss any valuable learning time.

Break Time Snacks

This is a polite reminder that KS2 pupils are only allowed fruit or vegetable snacks at morning break. This is part of our commitment to encouraging healthy lifestyles and to ensure parity across the school. KS1 and Early Years have fruit or vegetable snacks provided at school through specific government funding for children in those years. KS2 do not have this provided but are expected to bring fruit or vegetables for their snack. Pupils bringing other food items onto the playground will be asked to put them in their bag for lunchtime.

Uniform

It is lovely to see so many of our pupils looking smart and ready to learn in their uniform. There are still some pupils who are not in the correct uniform at all times or who are wearing jewelry in school. Pupils will be asked to remove any items of jewelry and may be given spare uniform to wear if they do not have the correct uniform on in school.

Elms Road safety and access

Following our start of the year reminder last week, I have been informed that patients at the medical center are arriving late for appointments because parents are parking in the car park there. Please can parents park at the Elms Rods Parade and walk up to school rather than blocking access to the medical center. Any driving along Elms Road at arrival or collection times should be avoided as this makes the area much more dangerous for all our pupils and families walking to and from school as well as inconveniencing members of the community. Can I also remind everyone that Elms Road is residents only parking, and therefore no parents should be parking on the road. If there is a specific medical or accessibility reason why you need to park closer to the school, please contact the school office, who will forward your request to the appropriate member of staff.

Collection arrangements

Another start of the year reminder that pupils in school can only be collected by siblings who are 14 and over. This is within the policy for collection arrangements agreed by the governing board and is part of our commitment to safeguarding all our pupils here at Botley School.

You can find the policy on the school website:

[2023-collecting-children-from-school-policy.pdf \(primarysite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

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



**Are you looking for a Nursery or Reception place
for your child?**

**Find out what exciting learning opportunities
Botley School has to offer!**



Open Events!

**We have several events
for you to be able to
come visit our Early
Years and the school.**



**Harvest Come and
Play - Thursday 3rd
October 1.30-
2.30pm**



**Parent tour -
Wednesday 13th
November 2pm**

**Celebration Come and
Play - Tuesday 10th
December 9.30-10.30pm**

Thursday 9th January 3.30pm
Come along to have a cuppa
and we will help you apply for
the school place.

**To sign up for an invitation to
the events please email your
details to
earlyyears@botley.oxon.sch.uk**

**Was your child born
between
1st September 2020
and 31st August 2021?**

**Find out more about
Brilliant Botley on our
school website**

<https://www.botleyschool.org.uk>



**Don't forget to apply
for your Reception
school place between
1st November 2024 and
15th January 2025**



MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL
OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2024
5.30 PM - 8.00 PM

AMBITION. INCLUSION. COLLABORATION, KINDNESS.



01865 862232
ARNOLDS WAY, OXFORD OX2 9JE
WWW.MASCHOOL.ORG.UK

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND
OUT MORE ABOUT THE EVENT
AND BOOK YOUR TICKETS



Abingdon Hockey club are inviting children and young people to come and try out hockey with us. We welcome players who have never played before and those with experience; young or old. We currently have 5 mens teams and 3 ladies as well as a thriving junior section. We run training sessions and matches for U8s, U10, U12, U14/16 through to our senior development sides for new or young adults. For information and how to sign up go to www.abingdonhockey.org.uk.



Calm Yoga for Children

aged 9 to 12 years old.

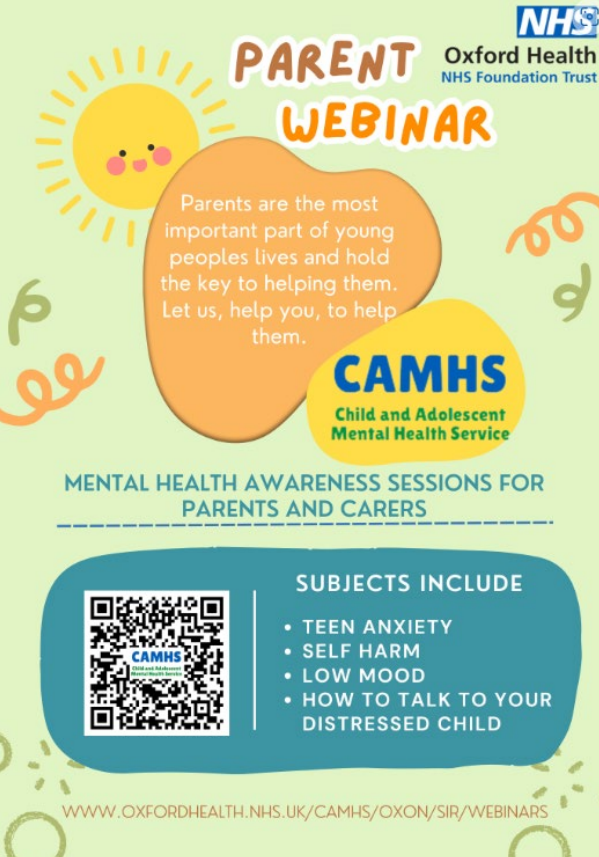
Focus, fun and mindful movement

7th, 14th, 21st Oct & 4th Nov
 Mondays 16.00 - 17.00
 Mary Town Room, West Oxford
 Community Centre
 Cost - £40 (for all 4 sessions)



For further information please contact Lara at calmyogawithlara@gmail.com

If the cost of this class is a concern for you, please let me know, and we can discuss options to make it more affordable.



NHS Oxford Health
 NHS Foundation Trust

PARENT WEBINAR

Parents are the most important part of young peoples lives and hold the key to helping them. Let us, help you, to help them.

CAMHS
 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



SUBJECTS INCLUDE

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

WWW.OXFORDHEALTH.NHS.UK/CAMHS/OXON/SIR/WEBINARS



FREE KIDS FOOTBALL!

**AGED 6-8?
INTERESTED IN FOOTBALL?**

**Come & Play with us!
No experience necessary!**

**FREE TASTER SESSIONS
Fridays 5.30pm-6.30pm
Fogwell Road Recreation Ground**

**Contact Ian Potter
07841706743**

INFO: botleyboysandgirlsfc.co.uk



West Way Art Day

**SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER
10:30AM – 1PM**

WELCOME OUR NEW ARTWORKS AND HELP
PLAN THE NEXT ONES



10:30am: West Way Square

Unveiling plaques

11am to 1pm:

Seacourt Hall

Meet the Artists

Consultation on the next art
projects in Botley

Tea & Cake

Children's art activities



Botley & North Hinksey Parish Council





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

