

Botley School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our fantastic start to the year in terms of attendance is still going strong, with our attendance rising to 97.5 % at the end of week 2. There is an error on the school website front page attendance information which we are trying to resolve. The attendance for KS1 in the first week should say 98.85%, which is brilliant! Well done KS1 families!

Last week our school met our new pupil leaders for 2026 2027. I am sure they are going to be an asset to their teams and the school. Their photos will shortly be up on our pupil leadership display boards.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent curriculum meetings this week. I hope you found them useful and provided a good chance to meet your child's class teacher for the year. We are still working on a date for the Resource Base curriculum meeting and the Enhanced Provision meeting and will let parents know as soon as these have been scheduled. Thank you to our KS1 parents for your patience. We had to reschedule the meeting for Apple and Poplar classes twice this week owing to staff illness. This has now been rescheduled to Wednesday afternoon at 3:30.

Please don't forget our first FOBS meeting of the year which takes place this Wednesday evening at 7:30 online. The link is on the next page of the newsletter.

We still urgently need a midday supervisor to help the pupils at lunchtime. If you know anyone who might be interested, please do pass on the details or tell them to look at our website vacancies page. [Botley School - Vacancies](#)

I hope you all have a wonderful week
Mrs Reid

**Friends of Botley
School / PTA meeting**

**7:30pm on Wed 23
Sept Link on next
page**

Vacancies

We are recruiting for a TA, a Midday Supervision Assistant and a cleaner – see [Botley School - Vacancies](#) for details and please do pass to others if relevant. Aspens are recruiting a new chef for us – see advert below. Matthew Arnold School are also recruiting for a casual chef (same link as above).



Upcoming Events

23rd September – KS1 Parent meeting (rescheduled)

25th September – MacMillan Coffee Cake Sale

5th October – Sycamore class trip to Ashmolean

9th October 2:15pm – Harvest Assembly

11th October – Oxford School's Challenge run

6th November 9:15 – Poetry Slam Assembly

6th November – FOBS Fireworks Evening

12th November – Individual Photos

16th November – Yr 6 PGL Residential

30th November – year 5 'Bikeability' week

9th December 4pm – KS1 Nativity Performance

11th December – EYFS Christmas stay and play

11th December – Workshare
18th December 9:15 Christmas Assembly

18th December – End of term 1:30

First FOBS meeting of the year

Join our FOBS (Friends of Botley School / PTA) meeting on Wednesday 23 Sept at 7:30pm to prepare for our fireworks event, plan for the year ahead and do more great fundraising for the school.

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/370935793866349?p=6LzvOpzZnES6nkuvGM>

Meeting ID: 370 935 793 866 349

Passcode: zu68kF9m

Zumba!

Local legend George Martini now runs Zumba classes in our school hall, 7-8pm on Tuesdays.

No need to book, pay £8 on the door or book 4 consecutive sessions for £20. Email

marti123567@live.co.uk for more info.

Free School Meals for everyone on Universal Credit

If you are on UC your child now qualifies for free school meals. Please ask in the office for a short form so we can register you, or email office.2569@botley.oxon.sch.uk

Start of the School Day

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. If you wish to make use of the free breakfast club, this opens from 8:00am each morning.

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.

Elms Road safety and access

We always remind parents about road safety at the start of the day, but this was made even more pertinent today when a cyclist was knocked off his bike at the entrance to Elms Road. Whilst this did not directly involve our parents or pupils, it will have been shocking for the pupils who witnessed the accident. So please can I remind our Botley community that driving up 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. Can I also remind everyone that Elms Road is residents only parking, and therefore no parents should be parking on the road. I regularly receive complaints from residents and walking parents about feeling unsafe because of inconsiderate driving and parking. Please do not stop in the middle of the road to allow pupils to get out of the car, as this causes traffic to build up which is dangerous for the children and families trying to cross 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:

[collecting-children-from-school-policy.pdf](#)

Does your child enjoy singing?

West Oxford Young Singers is run Jo Gill and Sue Baker from the County Music Service. The choir meets on Wednesdays from 4-5pm at West Oxford Primary School, and is open to children in years 3-6 from any local school. We sing a wide range of songs as well as developing the children's singing and musical skills through games and other activities. We perform regularly in concerts in a variety of venues. The cost of attending is £5.50 per week, which is paid half-termly, with the possibility of reduced fees for families who would find that unaffordable.

We would love to recruit some new choir members for September. If your child would like to join, you can register them on the Music Service website

here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-groups/choirs-and-performing-arts/west-oxford-young-singers> Children are also very welcome to come along for a trial session before committing. Please get in touch with Jo (jo.gill@oxfordshire.gov.uk) directly to arrange this, or just bring your child along to West Oxford School at 4pm on

Term Dates 2026-2027**Term 1**

Monday 7th Sept 2026 –

Fri 18th December 2026

Half term Holiday:

26th – 30th October 2025

Term 2

Tuesday 5th Jan 2027 –

Thursday 27th March 2027

Half term holiday:

15th Feb – 19th Feb 2027

Term 3

Monday 12th April 2027 –

Wednesday 21st July 2027

Half term holiday:

31st May – 4th June 2027

INSET DAYS

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Friday 4th September 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

**Contact details**

Office.2569@Botley.oxon.sch.uk

01865 248573



E-mail: office@acertrust.org.uk

Tel: 01865 519215



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family who step up to raise a
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Connected programme. 20 will receive it now and 20 in 6 months
time.

This is **absolutely free** and you'll receive independent support from
a charity worker called a Kinship Navigator.

They'll work with you to:

- understand you and your family needs
- develop your own personalised and practical toolkit and plan
- help you to advocate for kinship child or children
- help you to access and understand things like the schools
system or applying for an EHCP and much more

Want to find out more and apply?

Go to this website to read about the research trial and what that
might mean for you: www.kinship.org.uk/Oxfordshire

For more information, please contact navigator@kinship.org.uk

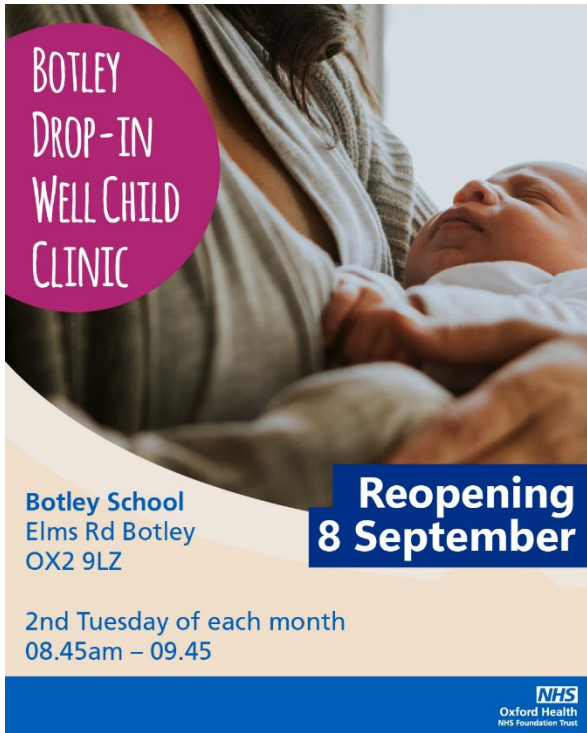


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Well Baby Drop-In Clinic at Botley School



**BOTLEY
DROP-IN
WELL CHILD
CLINIC**

**Reopening
8 September**

Botley School
Elms Rd Botley
OX2 9LZ

2nd Tuesday of each month
08.45am – 09.45

NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

Are you a parent or carer of a baby or young child?

Come along to our Well Baby Drop-In Clinic for advice, support, and the opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's health, growth, feeding, development, or wellbeing.

When: 2nd Tuesday of every month

Time: 8:45am - 9:45am

Where: Botley School

No appointment is needed. Simply drop in during clinic time to speak with a member of the Health Visiting team.

Botley School 0-19 / Health Visiting Service

Do you live in the Botley/ Cumnor area?

Once you receive an appointment for your child's 0-19 / Health Visiting Developmental Review Appointment from us, if you would prefer your child's developmental review appointment to take place at Botley School, we may be able to arrange this into the clinic slots available on a Tuesdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Simply contact the Single Point of Access (SPA) and request for your appointment to be rearranged to the Botley School clinic.

Please call SPA on 01865 903800 or email cyp0-19@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk to discuss your preference and arrange an alternative appointment if available.

We are happy to accommodate requests where possible. We look forward to welcoming you.

Oxford Health 0-19 Children's Services

'Rock and Pop' Music Lessons!

Exciting news! We are now welcoming Rocksteady Music School to school on Fridays. It's an incredible opportunity for the children to learn to play their favourite songs in their very own bands with a choice of drums, keyboards, electric guitar, bass guitar or vocals. As well as learning new musical skills, lessons also boost children's confidence, well-being, social skills, and teamwork. Lessons take place every week during school time.

These fun and inclusive lessons are taught by highly trained professional musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of music. At the end of each term, the bands perform a concert for the school and their families, so you can see how far they have come!

Here's what you need to know:

- All instruments are provided.
- No musical experience necessary.
- Suitable for all ages.
- Lessons take place in school.
- All involved work towards an Ofqual qualification in Music.
- Your child will learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills.
- You'll receive regular online parent timeline updates.
- There's a money-back guarantee for the first month.
- You can cancel at any time.

You can sign up for lessons online at www.rocksteadymusicschool.com.

If you have any questions about Rocksteady lessons, you can call **0330 113 0330** (local rate, office hours are Mon – Thurs 08:00 – 20:00, Fridays 08:00 – 18:00).



WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO PLAY IN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND AT SCHOOL?

Hi Parent or Guardian,

Is your child more excited about music this evening?

Apologies, that might have something to do with Rocksteady Music School!

Today your child got a taste of what it's like to perform in a band, and this letter tells you how they can be part of the fun every week.

What is Rocksteady?

Rocksteady band lessons give children the chance to play in their very own band through weekly rock and pop lessons. It's the perfect way to **learn new musical skills, make friends and have fun** – all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost **confidence, wellbeing, social skills and even academic achievement**.

Your child will learn to play songs instantly through listening and playing. There is no music theory involved and lessons are fun, inclusive and accessible. They will be making progress in every lesson and can also achieve an **Ofqual-regulated music qualification**, accredited by Trinity College London, without having to take a single exam!

Here's what else you need to know:

- Most lessons take place during the school day. There's **no experience necessary** and all instruments for lessons are provided.
- You can choose if they shine on **vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar or bass**.
- Proudly watch as your child performs in their **end of term concerts**, showing just how far they have come!
- Rocksteady band leaders are **professional musicians** who inspire a passion for music and support your child every step of the way.

Lessons are £44.68 per month with nothing to pay in August. There's a **money-back guarantee** for the first month and you can **cancel at any time**. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Visit rocksteadymusicschool.com to sign up.

Best wishes,



Rachel Hawker
Director of Education

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE!



0330 113 0330
(Mon-Thurs 8am-6pm Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)
rocksteadymusicschool.com

Find out what some parents have said about Rocksteady! →



98% OF PARENTS SAY THEIR CHILD LOVES OR ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY BAND LESSONS

*Parent Survey 2024

94% OF PARENTS SAY ROCKSTEADY IMPROVES THEIR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

*Parent Survey 2024

Rocksteady has created a space where young musicians can truly thrive. Not just musically, but personally as well.

Merlyn

It's a great experience for any child and I have been really blown away with what the children have achieved.

Natalia

My daughter comes home excited to tell me what she has learnt. She has a confidence in her own abilities that she didn't have before.

Ashleigh

My son is full of praise and joy when he talks about his Rocksteady lessons. It's spot on for teaching music and making it fun.

Alex

My child struggles with school due to anxiety, but Rocksteady really boosts his confidence at a difficult time. I wish he could do it more than once a week!

Louisa

My child has an amazing time and really enjoys making new friends whilst learning to play the keyboard.

Rachel



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Respect

Resilience

Kindness

Creativity

Inclusivity

Teamwork



AMBITION. INCLUSION. COLLABORATION, KINDNESS.

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2026 5.30 PM - 8.00 PM

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Head of School: Mr Adam Wood

Deputy CEO & Executive Headteacher: Mr Craig Thomas

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Website: www.bartholomew.oxon.sch.uk



EJE/KXW

Monday 14th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 6 pupil

Bartholomew School Year 7 Open Evening 2026



You are warmly invited to join us for our **Year 7 Open Evening on Thursday 24th September from 5.00pm to 8.00pm.**

Choosing a secondary school for your Year 6 child is an important step, and we hope that visiting Bartholomew will give you a real sense of how your child can flourish and be happy here. During the evening, you can meet our students and staff, explore our subject departments and facilities, and enjoy refreshments in our award-winning Food Hall.

[Book here for Bartholomew School Open Evening.](#) Entry is timed and only one ticket is required per family. We recommend allowing approximately one hour for your visit. On arrival, you will receive a map with a suggested route for your self-guided tour and information to help you find out more about the school. The Head of School talk will be pre-recorded as part of our promotional film.

Open Mornings

Following our Open Evening, we also invite you to join one of our **Open Mornings on Tuesday 29th September or Thursday 1st October.** These provide an opportunity to see Bartholomew during a normal school day. Following a brief welcome, student-led tours will begin at **9.10am and 10.20am** on each day and will last approximately one hour. [Book your Open Morning place here.](#)

Further admissions information

Throughout the application and transition process you can keep updated via our [Admissions page](#). From the day of our Open Evening, you will also be able to watch our new school film and pre-recorded Head of School talk from Mr Wood, view our new prospectus, and find information about the admissions process and key dates.

Visitor information

Parking is limited and we recommend that you arrive on foot or using public transport if possible. If you are travelling by car, there is limited parking at the Bartholomew Sports Centre and public car park in Back Lane.

If you have accessibility needs, please contact us in advance so we can support your visit. For any questions, please email: office.4054@bartholomew.epatrust.org

We look forward to welcoming you to Bartholomew School.

Yours sincerely

Ms E Elder

Head of Year 7 and Transition

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Piano lessons

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during school hours**



For more information contact Diyana

Mob: 07707216175

Email: divchevcurr@yahoo.co.uk



BOTLEY YOUTH CLUB
Wednesdays 7pm – 9pm (in term time)
Louie Memorial Pavilion
For young people in Year 6 and above

Come along and enjoy your own space and free time.
Table tennis, Table football, Tuck shop!
Arts and crafts, football and games, skatepark.
Coming up this term – Quiz night! Movie night! Darts tournament!

Most of all it's time to be YOU and CHILL

Email botleyyouthclub@gmail.com for more information
or rock up at the Pavilion and you will be welcomed.
£1 to pay on the door.

Lunch box shopping list

Date: _____

Choose one or two items from each food group below or an alternative to create your own healthy lunch box

Protein	Fruit & Vegetables
☐ Chicken ☐ Hummus ☐ Eggs ☐ Tofu	☐ Banana ☐ Carrot ☐ Blueberries ☐ Cucumber
Carbohydrate	Dairy or alternative
☐ Bread ☐ Chapati ☐ Crackers ☐ Pasta	☐ Cheese/soft cheese ☐ Plain yoghurt ☐ Plant based alternative

Healthy Lunch Boxes

- Eating a healthy lunch keeps gums and teeth healthy
- A healthy lunch box should include fruit, vegetables, carbohydrates and protein
- Choose foods in a variety of colours, finger foods and crispy snacks to make your lunch box more appealing

Lunch Box Ideas

See <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Salmon and salad bagel, rice cakes, grapes, semi-skimmed milk	Tuna and bean salad, satsuma, malt loaf, semi-skimmed milk
Spicy chicken and salad wrap, peaches/strawberries, homemade popcorn with cinnamon, sugar-free orange drink	Hummus dip with pitta bread and vegetable sticks, banana, sugar-free jelly, water

Sugary drinks and oral health

Did you know?...

Fact
All fizzy drinks including sugar-free options contain acid which can cause tooth decay

Fact
Unsweetened juices and fruit smoothies are high in sugar and also contain acid

Sugary drinks and oral health

Did you know?...

Fizzy drinks, fruit juice, smoothies and squash can be high in sugar
tsp = teaspoons of sugar

Tropicana orange juice 300 mls	25.8g 6 tsp
Innocent Berry smoothie 300 mls	30g 7.5 tsp

Keep sugary/fizzy drinks to mealtimes only

Swap sugary/fizzy drinks to water or milk

Or

Or

Swap to water or milk

Monster 473 mls	55g 13.5 tsp
Macdonalds strawberry milkshake - medium	57g 14 tsp

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CHILDRENS KARATE CLASSES

BOTLEY



TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
BOTLEY SCHOOL
OXFORD, OX2 9JZ

OSTMA LIONS | AGES 3 - 5
THURSDAYS 3.45PM - 4.15PM

BEGINNER KARATE | AGES 6+
TUESDAYS 3.45PM - 4.30PM
THURSDAYS 4.15PM - 5PM

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- Social Prescribers
- CAMHS Mental Health Professionals

Explore topics around mental health and neurodiversity in a safe, welcoming space.

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Family Learning

Families Learning Together

We offer a range of **FREE** community courses for parents and carers across Oxfordshire.

If you are a school, early years setting, family/community centre or charity please get in touch and we can arrange to deliver one of the courses below at your centre or even create a bespoke course to meet the needs of your stakeholders.

Courses include:

- Family Learning ESOL
- Keeping up with English and Maths
- Year 5 and 6 Maths for Parents
- Phonics and Reading for Parents
- Managing Feelings and Behaviour
- Effective Communication for SEN



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking to contribute to your local community, while gaining valuable skills and experience in a supportive work environment?



We run youth groups for autistic young people and we're looking for volunteers to get involved with supporting our young people in activities and socialising in a fun and safe environment

We have two youth groups:

- Seniors (13-17 years) - Friday 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- Juniors (8-12 years) - Saturday 10am to 12pm

Wolvercote Young People's Club,
OX2 8AU



If you're interested in volunteering at one or both of our youth groups:
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LAUGHTER, THRILLS & MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME!




Explore Making Interactive Family Theatre, 21st September, 9.30-3.30pm

Share WBI tips, tricks and insights into how they make family friendly shows and plan your own show using Emma's secret structure!

Find out how WBI classics such as The Elves and Supermarket Scrooge were made. Plan your own show with Emma on hand to help. Explore ideas of interactive elements and types of puppet to help tell your story.

Get inspired to start making some exciting family theatre to share with young audiences. Courses are only £45 as they are heavily subsidised by our kind project partners.

WILD BOOR TRAINING ACADEMY

APPLY NOW

There are only 12 places on each course so email Emma at wildboor.ideas@gmail.com. Payment will confirm your place.



VENUE: The North Wall Arts Centre
South Parade, Summertown, Oxford, OX2 7JN
www.thenorthwall.com

Contact Us :
wildboor.ideas@gmail.com
or call 07815118232 for more information

Pegasus **THE STORY MILL** DANCIN' OXFORD




Making Immersive Theatre for the Very Young, 23rd September, 9.30-3.00pm

Find out how Wild Boor's 'Play the World' interactive play session has been developed over 15 years... and plan your own.

Explore insights into the structure of the session: the type of sensory activities offered and how the session is managed for full access for all.

Discuss themes that work best (incl The Shoe Farm, Lunchbox Circus and Cat and Mouse) and try some of the techniques: using shadow puppetry; playing with household objects and play inspired by early years objectives.

In this very active session, Emma will assist you to devise your own session to charm the very young and their grown-ups!

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VENUE: Pegasus Theatre,
Magdalen Road, Oxford, OX4 1RE
pegasustheatre.org.uk

Contact Us :
wildboor.ideas@gmail.com
or call 07815118232 for more information

Pegasus **THE STORY MILL** DANCIN' OXFORD





Making Sensory Shows 25th September 9.30-3.30pm

Wild Boor Ideas has made over 10 Sensory Shows for those who need to access theatre a little differently. This course explores some of WBI techniques that help make theatre accessible for the very young and those with additional needs.

Look at some of WBI methods including Pre and Post show information, Social Stories and the use of BSL and Makaton

Discuss how to manage a session including: welcoming an audience into a space; adapting the piece in the moment and how to say goodbye. Explore a host of activities that will thrill the senses and activate playfulness.

In this very sensory session, Emma will assist you to devise your own session to make theatre accessible for everyone and their grown-ups!

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VENUE: The Story Museum,
42 Pembroke Street, Oxford, OX1 1BP
www.storymuseum.org.uk

Contact Us :
wildboor.ideas@gmail.com
or call 07815118232 for more information

Pegasus **THE STORY MILL** DANCIN' OXFORD





Make a Puppet and Bring It To Life 26th September 9.30-3.30pm

Enjoy making a simple puppet and learning how to use it in your everyday life with little ones.

Perfect for teachers, librarians, parents or grandparents, artists, performers or people who fancy getting crafty with puppets.

Learn some basic puppetry skills and where your puppet can be used.

Not every show has to be in a theatre, puppets have so much to offer from a night time companion, or literacy tool to helping with crowd control! In this simple, relaxing, craft session, you can have fun with and make a pleasing puppet character of your own.

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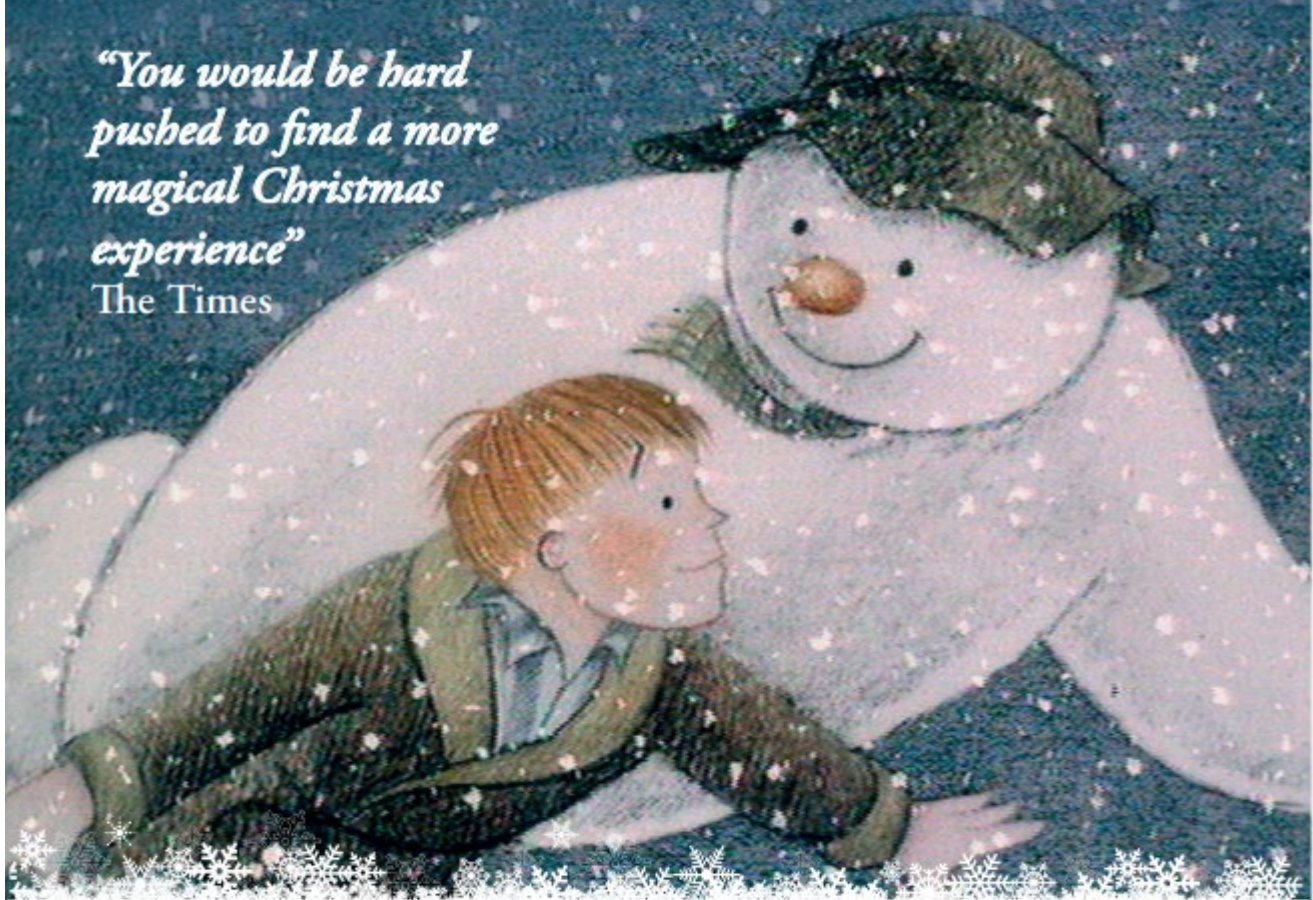
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1



- Brush your teeth twice a day for 2 minutes, once before bed and at one other time
- Use a family fluoride toothpaste
- Spit don't rinse

2



Cut down on how often you have sugary foods and drinks

3



Visit your dentist every 6 months or as often as recommended