

Botley School



Upcoming Events

26th Jan – FOBS meeting 7pm

3rd Feb – Year 5 Primary Playmaker week

3rd Feb – PC Ben talks for yr1 and Yr3 Pupil

9th to 13th Feb – Wellbeing Week

11th Feb – Internet Safety Day

13th Feb – Pancake Day Races

24th & 25th Feb – Parent Consultation meetings

27th Feb – Yr 4 Cogges Farm Visit

5th March – World Book Day

6th March – FOBS disco TBC

9th to 13th March – STEM week

23rd March – School Eid al Fitr celebration day

26th March – Workshare

27th March – EOT 1:30

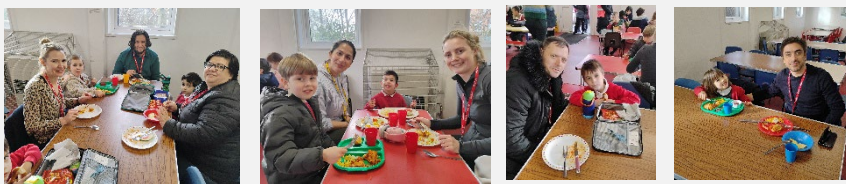
Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in Botley has been our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion week. On Tuesday we had a virtual school assembly presented by Imran from Muslim Learners' Services. He spoke about the 5 pillars of Islam with a focus on Ramadan which will be starting in a few weeks.

On Wednesday the pupils were able to wear clothing to school that expressed their culture and identity. In their class assemblies, they were able to talk to their classmates about what they were wearing. After school we held our international food event, which was as popular as ever. With delicious food and some entertaining guess who boards, everyone had a fantastic time.



The pupils have also been busy creating individual leaves with information on them about their identity ready for a new school art installation of our 'Diversitree' (do you like our play on words!) It has been a fantastic week, and huge thanks go to the staff and Miss Thomas for organising a great week. Also this week, our Reception parents had the opportunity to come and dine with their child. We had 7 guests and lots of happy children, excited to show their mum or dad the dining hall and to eat with them.



One parent who is a chef himself said the lasagne was amazing! Another said, 'Thank you for the opportunity to join my child for lunch today — it was such a lovely experience, and the food was really enjoyable.' Do come if you can on your class's date and see/taste for yourself! (details on next page)

Please join us for the FOBS meeting on Monday evening, either in person at school or using this link:

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3416561857794?p=2PfglZgvEzVs7Gpv8a>

Meeting ID: 341 656 185 779 4

Passcode: 4XE3gc9H

We will be planning our fundraising for the new climbing structure and will welcome lots of ideas and help!

Also we'd love to boost our numbers in the free Breakfast Club in the week of 2-6 February. Do bring your child in from 8am any or every day that week.

Have a lovely weekend everyone
Mrs Reid

**Next FOBS/PTA
meeting – 7pm on
Monday! In school
and online (see left
for link).**

Parents dine with their child

Taste for yourselves the delicious food that Aspens serves, see how lunchtime works at Botley School, and enjoy the whole dining hall experience with your child! Please join us for lunch on the following dates:

Year 1 - 27th Jan – booking has closed, please arrive by 11:55

Year 2 - 3rd Feb - book by midday on Tuesday 27 Jan, please arrive by 11:55

Year 3 and Enhanced Pathway - 10th Feb

Year 4 - 24th Feb

Year 5 - 3rd March

Year 6 - 10th March

Please sign in at the front office on arrival, and wait to be taken up to the dining hall. When you've had lunch, the children will go and play on the playground and parents can stay to talk to Aspens staff and ask any questions, before being taken back down to the front office. (Parents don't get to go and play on the playground!)

The cost will be £3.06 - great value for a healthy home-cooked main meal (adult-sized portion). Please book in advance on ParentPay or with the school office, we will let each class know when their payment item is live.

Please consider coming, whether or not your child currently has school lunches. If your child brings a packed lunch, you can still have the hot meal and sit with them – and maybe encourage them to try it.

Let us know if you have any questions, on operations@botley.oxon.sch.uk or via Philippa and Sarah in the front office.

Fundraising alert!

This year we are raising money for a new climbing structure near the main playground. It should be exciting for the children and give lots of opportunities for fun, learning and adventure. We will be applying for grants, launching a Crowdfunder, and hopefully Kier will contribute but we will also need lots of help from FOBS (Friends of Botley School). The proceeds of the Fireworks event and the Christmas Disco will go towards this. FOBS would welcome other fundraising ideas and offers of help to make them happen! Please email fobs1930@gmail.com, share on the FOBS WhatsApp group or come to the meeting on 26 Feb. Please help us to raise enough for an exciting large structure!

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

To apply for 'Free School Meals' and pupil premium, please download the application form using the link below. If your child is in KS1, they will get a free meal anyway, but please still complete the form if you are eligible, as this also then provides additional funding for the school to use in other ways. If you are not sure if your family is eligible, please do speak to the wonderful office staff or Mrs Yasin, who will be able to help you.

[Free School Meals application form](#)

Term Dates 2025-2026**Term 1**

Thursday 4th Sept 2025 –

Fri 19th December 2025

Half term Holiday:

27th – 31st October 2025

Term 2

Tuesday 6th Jan 2026 –

Friday 27th March 2026

Half term holiday:

16th Feb – 20th Feb 2026

Term 3

Monday 13th April 2026 –

Friday 17th July 2026

Half term holiday:

25th May-29th May 2026

INSET DAYS

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September

2025

Wed 3rd September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026



Contact details

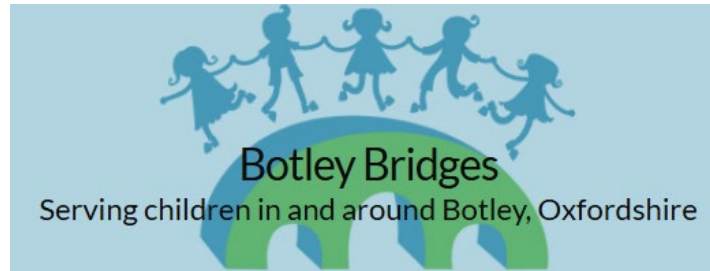
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Tel: 01865 519215



Happy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing and healthy Christmas break.

Our first session of 2026 is our popular monthly Saturday Family Session on Saturday 3 January from 10-12noon at Botley School. Car parking is available in the school car park.

Please bring a lidded cup for tea and coffee if you can - snacks will be provided for the children.

Mums, dads, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles are all welcome to join us. Please spread the word to other families.

Our usual programme resumes on Monday 5 January.

We are now running two Stay and Play sessions every week at Botley School - have you been to see us yet?

These sessions are great opportunities for you and your child/children to meet and make friends with other local families whilst playing in a purpose built space with a great garden.

Everybody welcome to attend. Unfortunately there is no car parking in the school car park during term time but you can park at Elms Parade for up to 2 hours free of charge.

Please could you take a minute to complete our very quick survey about stay and play using the link below (this link should work - please let me know if there is a problem)

<https://forms.gle/S8ngVqDfjHA87n8F8>



GUITAR LESSONS



- Spaces available for beginner to advanced players. No need to own a guitar
- All styles covered - rock, pop, blues, classical, metal. Grades, performance, composition and theory all covered
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For more information and to book a lesson please contact:

Lee Luland (School Guitar Teacher)

Email: LeeLuland@live.co.uk
Tel: 07872478886

Please note Lee has spaces for new students on Thursdays if any prospective parents would like to get in contact, Thank you

Piano lessons

Every week on
Mondays and Tuesdays
during school hours



For more information contact Diyana
Mob: 07707216175
Email: divchevcurr@yahoo.co.uk

Please note Diyana has spaces for new students if any prospective parents would like to get in contact and reserve their place. Thank you



Girls aged 7-10 Years old

Do you want to have Fun,
Make New Friends
& Learn New Things?

Then join 2nd Botley Brownies

Tuesdays 6:15pm to 7:45pm

Contact:

secondbotleybrownies@outlook.com





The Nest

Phoenix Rising



Perfect for children not yet walking 0 - 6 years

Fridays, Term-Time

10am to 12pm

Register [HERE](#) or via website



Full list of Dates on our website below

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East Oxford Parent Power

What path would you like to see your child take after high school? We warmly invite you to our Parent Power meeting. We'll be joined by a representative from Oxford Brookes University for an information session.

Date: Tuesday 27th January 2026
Time: 6-8pm
Location: Rose Hill Community Centre Caroles Way Oxford OX4 4HF

We're meeting to discuss important topics that affect our families:

- 🏠 Accommodation & Safety
- 🧠 Mental Health & Wellbeing
- 🗣️ Your voice matters. 🗣️ Your ideas matter. 💡 Together, we make change happen!
- ➡️ Action Step: Click link [here](#)

To register your interest and find more information, contact:

Iram Woolley 07756 224022
parentpoweroxfordshire@thebrilliantclub.org

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY



Let's break the fast together

IFTAR DINNER TIME

Join us for a thematic Ramadan dinner under the theme of "Building Community Trust".

📅 12 March 2026
🕒 17:00



📍 The Oxford Academy, Sandy Lane West, Littlemore, OX4 6JZ



DIALOGUE SOCIETY



The OXFORD Academy

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- CAMHS Mental Health Professionals

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<https://hill-end.org/activities/upcoming-events>

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Pippa Wotton



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- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps
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Your child's first class is free, so why not give it a go? Classes take place all over, have a look online or call us:



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Begum Bari

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For further information and to book a place please
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STEP 3
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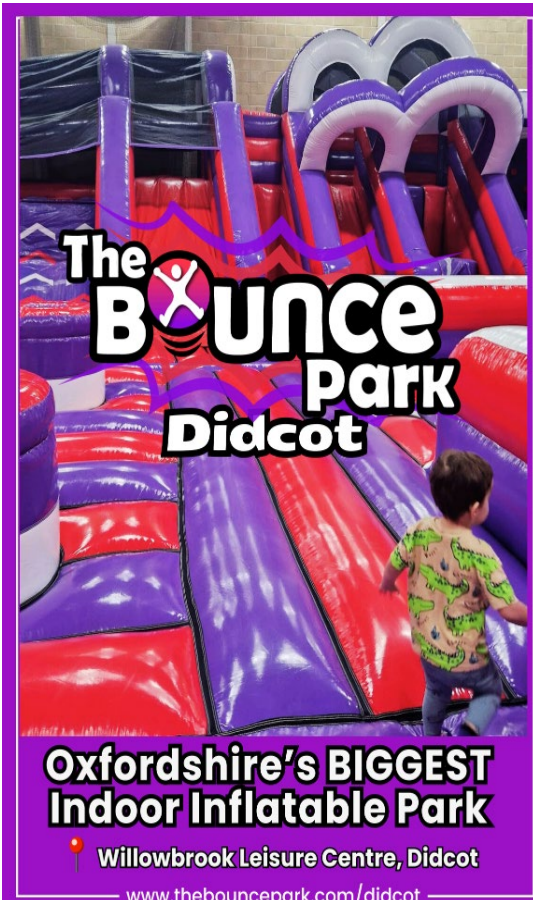


WINTER WATER SAFETY

Discover more and access free RLSS UK resources to educate your family at rlss.org.uk

- STOP AND THINK**
Keep back from slippery banks and wear footwear with a good grip. Stick to well-lit areas and plan your walks in daylight or along well-lit paths. Never go onto the ice.
- STAY TOGETHER**
Keep children within reach and teach children not to go onto ice. Keep dogs on a lead. Walk with friends.
- CALL 999**
Call 999 – do not enter cold water or ice to rescue. Try and reach them from the bank.
- FLOAT**
Stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in. If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Preserve heat by pressing your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water.

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