

Botley School



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Tuesday year 5 and some of our KS2 choir members made the trip to Birmingham for the Young Voices 2026 concert. Year 5 had been learning the songs with Miss Hussain last term ready for the big day. We arrived just in time to have lunch and then enter the arena for the rehearsal afternoon. The children were able to sing with some truly inspirational performers and professional musicians as well as dance with Urban Strides, a street Dance collective, not to mention over 5000 other primary and special school pupils.

The concert in the evening was to a packed stadium of parents, friends and family and was absolutely amazing. We arrived back at school late in the evening after a truly brilliant day out. I may have been a bit overenthusiastic with my singing so hopefully will get my voice back soon! Well done Botley singers for a really enjoyable day with brilliantly behaved ambassadors for our school!



On Thursday, we had an amazing 'Banana and Pyjamas' Day to raise money for Homeless Oxfordshire. The day was organised by the Pupil Council after asking the children in school which external charity the children would like to support. The Pupil Council then asked the children which would be the best way to do this. The result: A banana and pyjama day! The children all came in their pyjamas and brought in a banana (scientifically proven to make you happier). The turnout was great. The children also met Sarha Taylor, a representative from Homeless Oxfordshire who came in to talk to the children in assembly about the work they do and how the children were supporting them. For example: Providing beds, meals and a safe place to be as well as education and longer-term housing solutions. We linked the work Homeless Oxfordshire does with our school values - kindness, respect, diversity and inclusivity and teamwork! Sarah contacted us after the event saying, "It was great to meet everyone and to listen to the children's thoughts and questions surrounding our work, they did a fantastic job - I've never seen so many different pyjamas in one place before." Thank you to Mr Hunter and the Pupil Council for organising a great event. We raised over £110.00 in total.



We finished a very busy week with our Spring term Governor's Day. The governors were taking time to understand the new Ofsted School Inspection framework and how Inclusion works at Botley School. Thank you to all the governors, Mr Thomas (CEO Acer Trust) and the staff for a very valuable and interesting day.

Don't forget next week is our DEI week in school and Wednesday is our International Day and food event - details below.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Reid

Upcoming Events

- 19th to 23rd Jan** – DEI week
- 21st Jan** – International Food event
- 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

Save the date!
Next FOBS/PTA meeting – 7pm on Monday 26 January. In school and online.

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:

Reception – 20th Jan (booking has closed)

Year 1 - 27th Jan – book by midday on Tuesday 20 Jan!

Year 2 - 3rd Feb

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. **Y1 parents need to book by 20 Jan** and arrive at 11.45 on the day.

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 or share on the FOBS WhatsApp group. Please help us to raise enough for an exciting large structure! Watch this space...

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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**International Day and Food Event
Wednesday 21st January 2026**

Our International Food Event will be happening again this year on Wednesday 21st January 2026. 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 or country of origin?
- Children are also welcome to come to school dressed in clothing to represent their identity or country of origin.

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

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
- Lessons take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the school, with each 25 minute session taught on a 1-1 basis at £16 per lesson
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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

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

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Girls aged 7-10 Years old

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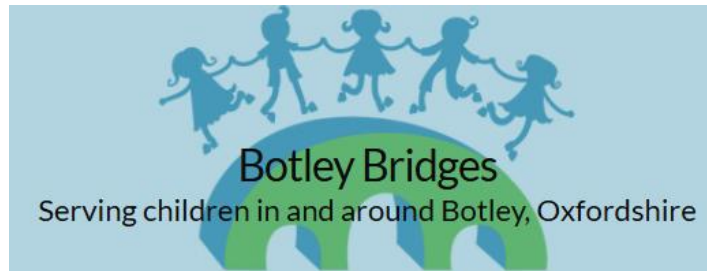
Then join 2nd Botley Brownies

Tuesdays 6:15pm to 7:45pm

Contact:

secondbotleybrownies@outlook.com





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)

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Pippa Watson



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1. 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.**



2. STAY TOGETHER

Keep children within reach and teach children not to go onto ice. Keep dogs on a lead. Walk with friends.



3. CALL 999

Call 999 – do not enter cold water or ice to rescue. Try and reach them from the bank.



4. 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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