

Botley School



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a joyful and restful break over the past two weeks and are ready for another term of great learning and opportunities here at Botley. Coming up in just over a week is our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion week from Monday 19th January. If any parents would like to come and give a short presentation to a class or group or read a traditional story that reflects different nationalities, religions or traditions, please do contact Miss Thomas via the school office – she would love to hear from some of you. The week also includes our International Day and Food Event on Wednesday 21st January. Please see the flyer below for more information.

Upcoming Events

- 13th Jan** – Reception application support session
3:30 – 4:00
- 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

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

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Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Reid

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

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 – book by Tuesday 13 Jan!

Year 1 - 27th Jan

Year 2 - 3rd Feb

Year 3 - 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. **Reception parents need to book by 13 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

Office.2569@Botley.oxon.sch.uk

01865 248573



E-mail: office@acertrust.org.uk

Tel: 01865 519215

Nursery parents: Apply now for their Reception class place:

We are letting you know that applications for Reception places for children starting school in **September 2026** is now open. The deadline for applications is **15 January 2026**.

We strongly encourage families to apply online via the following link: [Reception applications | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

If online applications are not possible, I've attached forms that can be printed or completed digitally.

We would be grateful if you could share this information with parents of children born between **1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022**, who are eligible to start school in September 2026.

Key reminders for parents:

- Read the Starting School Guide on the website
- Apply on time – late applications won't receive an offer on National Offer Day (16 April 2026)
- Update addresses – upload proof of address and inform current nursery/school (if there has been a change)
- Include sibling details where relevant
- List multiple preferences – up to four schools can be selected

Late applications are far less likely to secure a place at a preferred school, so it is important that parents apply on time.

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.



Parent tours:

Tuesday 21st October
1.30pm

Wednesday 19th
November 3.30pm

Friday 12th December
9.30am

Come and play sessions:

(including Botley Bridges)

Monday 13th October

Monday 8th December

10.00-11.00am

Tuesday 13th 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

Office.2569@botley.oxon.sch.uk

Was your child born between

1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022?

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 2025 and 15th January 2026**



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
- Fun, informative lessons tutored to inspire those interested in music!



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?

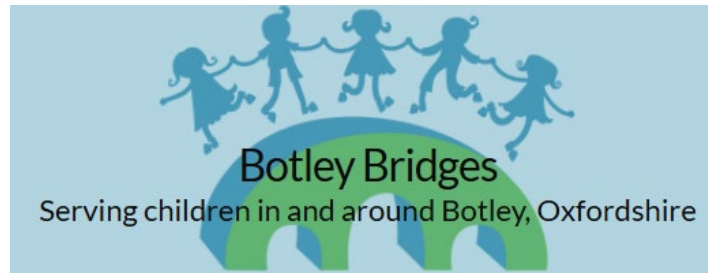
Then join 2nd Botley Brownies

Tuesdays 6:15pm to 7:45pm

Contact:

secondbotleybrownies@outlook.com





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>

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Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.

If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.



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Free Holiday Activities and Food

for eligible 4-16 yr olds who get benefits-related free school meals.

- Climbing
- Crafts
- Sports
- Cookery
- Dance
- Dodgeball
- and more

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fun, friendship and adventure



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Every Wednesday during term-time 4.00 - 5.30pm

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A place of possibilities

£8.00 per child p/w

Experience the magic of nature & the joy of outdoor adventure, together with your children, after school each Wednesday:

- Fun outdoor self-led activities
- Hands-on nature exploration
- Unwind, connect with the environment & make friends

www.hill-end.org/activities/upcoming-events

Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, OX2 9NJ 01865 863510



Previous attachment

Forest Tots

2 - 6 years 10.00am - 11.30am
Mondays (term time)

Let your little explorers experience the magic of the outdoors! Packed with adventure, creativity, and discovery Forest Tots will help your child grown in confidence & independence and encourage a life long love for nature.

And for the grown ups... you can build friendships, explore nature with your little one(s) and enjoy some woodland well-being for yourselves.

Please visit our website for full details:

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

£8.00 per child

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Drama, dance & singing classes designed to help 4-12 year olds shine

**** My son has adored his first term at Perform. He has blossomed and I've seen his confidence grow every week. ****

Pippa Watson



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Perform classes help boost children's **confidence, concentration, coordination** and **communication** skills, as well as being lots of fun.

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What does Perform offer?

- Performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps
- End of term presentation for family and friends

Ready to try for free?

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:



perform.org.uk/try 020 7255 9120

** Perform helps develop all key areas of a child in a fun, supportive and engaging way. It gives my daughter a brilliant sense of fun, community, purpose and pride in her achievements. **

Regum Bari

Calm Yoga for Preteens

(approx 10 to 12 years old)

**A 4 week block of yoga classes
at West Oxford Community Centre**

Tuesdays 6.15 - 7.15

24 Feb, 3, 10 and 17 March

All 4 sessions for £50



- 🧘 Builds strength & flexibility
- 😊 Reduces stress & boosts calm
- 🧠 Improves focus & concentration
- 🧘 Builds confidence & body awareness
- 😴 Supports better sleep
- ⚡ Boosts energy & posture
- 💖 Encourages kindness & self-control
- 🌈 A healthy way to unwind



**For further information and to book a place please
contact Lara at Lambert3323@gmail.com**

Website: <http://www.calmyogawithlara.com>

Facebook:

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Contact Caroline 01865 864537
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