



Botley School



Upcoming Events

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderfully festive final week of term here at Botley. On Wednesday the pupils were treated to a fantastic pantomime performance of 'The Wizard of Oz' by the company 'Panto in a Day'. The actors were brilliant, and the pupils had an excellent time with lots of audience participation. Thank you to FOBS who have funded this performance.



Following the Pantomime, the staff and children joined together for the Christmas lunch. The Christmas music playing in both the canteen and the playground as well as the festive food, including the traditional sprouts, made for a wonderful atmosphere in the canteen. Thank you to Aspens for such a lovely lunch.



To finish the day, we had our class parties with lots of musical statues and fun across the school.

Today was the party for Blue Team in honour of winning the House Point challenge this term. The team chose to have a film, board games and party snacks for their treat. Well done Blue Team.



Finally, we held our traditional Christmas assembly this morning with music from the Botley Wind Band, the choir and each of our classes performing their own Christmas Karaoke favourites as well as some traditional Carols and songs for everyone to join in with. As always, we finished with the 12 days of Christmas, and it was good to see so many parents joining in the actions at the back again this year!



All in all, this has been a very busy but very happy and successful term at Botley, which is largely due to the dedication of all the Botley team, teachers, teaching assistants, office and admin staff, the premises team and the Governing Board. My heartfelt thanks to everyone.

Wishing you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas and a happy new year.
Mrs Reid



- 5th Jan** – INSET Day – staff only
- 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

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

Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we've reached the end of the first term of the school year - the time has gone so quickly!

I know how hard all the staff have been working and their hard work has been reflected in some much-improved results. In particular, it has been wonderful seeing how well the new phonics programme 'Monster Phonics' has been embedded into the curriculum, and how much the children seem to be enjoying it.

Next term we will be welcoming a new Deputy Head for Curriculum and Teaching, joining Miss Doran who will then be the Deputy Head for Inclusion. Mr Florida-James will also become the year 2 class teacher. We are looking forward to having a full complement of staff to start the new year!

On behalf of all the governors, I would like to wish you happy, healthy and restive holidays, and we will see you again in January.

Best wishes

Sue Miller

Chair of Governors

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 will go towards this, and it's great that we are bringing back the Christmas Disco (3 December) to raise more money. 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. The Pupil Council will be involved in choosing the exact structure but it's likely to be something like the one shown below. Please help us to raise enough for an exciting large structure! Watch this space...



Pallet truck

If anyone is interested in buying a nearly-new pallet truck (pump truck) or knows anyone who might be interested, please email Jenny on operations@botley.oxon.sch.uk. We bought it about a year ago for £189, have used it about 5 times, and would like to sell it for £100 or nearest offer. It's from The Workplace Depot [Pump Truck | Free Delivery](#). It carries 2500kg, has nylon wheels and is in excellent condition.

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



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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

Find out more about Brilliant Botley on our school website

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



Was your child born between

1st September 2021
and 31st August 2022?

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

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

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,
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& Learn New Things?

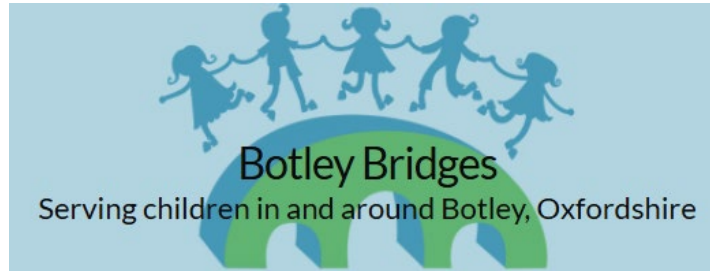
Then join 2nd Botley Brownies

Tuesdays 6:15pm to 7:45pm

Contact:

secondbotleybrownies@outlook.com





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>



CHRISTMAS CAMPS 2025

What's on?

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your specific camps activities

Rocking Robots

Festive Filming

Magical MINECRAFT

3D Baubles

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29TH - 31ST DECEMBER £39.99 PER DAY

WHAT TO EXPECT:

This Christmas, leap into a world of wonder — build robots 🤖, bring Lego creations to life with animation 🎬, craft decorations with 3D pens 🖋️, film festive masterpieces 🎥, embark on epic Minecraft quests, and experiment with their own Christmas bath bombs and magical snow! ❄️

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SNOWS

Valid on single-day bookings only. Not applicable to 5-day offer.

★★★★★
"Would recommend this even if your child isn't into technology!"
Sonal Amin - Stanley Park School

★★★★★
"The activities sounded amazing and he loved them all!"
Suzie Mendes - Woodlea Primary

★★★★★
"Our two children loved making the electronic contraptions!"
Rachal Soane - King's College School



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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.





CHRISTMAS EVE CHRISTINGLE

Join us for a family friendly Christingle service with a re-telling of the Christmas story

Thursday 24th December
4.30pm

St Peter & St Paul Church
West Way, Botley
OX2 9JY



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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Department for Education




Every Wednesday during term-time 4.00 - 5.30pm



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£8.00 per child p/w

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- Fun outdoor self-led activities
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2 - 6 years
10.00am - 11.30am
Mondays (term time)



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Please visit our website for full details:

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

**£8.00
per child**

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www.osaacademy.co.uk

XMAS FOOTBALL CAMP

Our December Football Camp is open to all players aged 4-13 Years & will be Christmas Party themed with lots of festive fun, challenges and prizes throughout the day.





MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER
10am - 2.30pm




£25 (siblings discount available)
info@osaacademy.co.uk

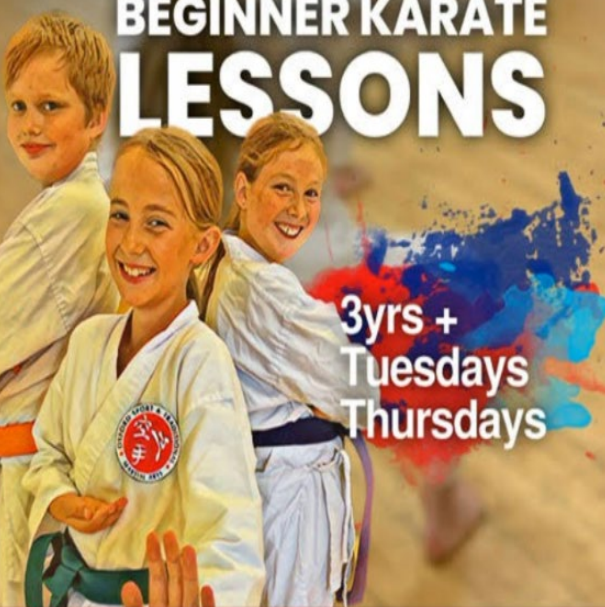
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perform.org.uk/try 020 7255 9120

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Regum Bari

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10-11am
12-1pm
1-2pm
2-3pm

3rd January - CHRISTMAS CAMP
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22ND, 23RD, 2ND

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Special Events

MAGDALEN ROAD FROST FEST

Sat 6 Dec | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Come along to Pegasus on Saturday 6 December and join in the festive fun of the Magdalen Road Frost Fest! All events at Pegasus are free and drop in between 2 and 4pm. There will be a Christmas Jumper Parade, Carol Singing and a visit at all the traders stores and businesses from Santa!

- Decorate a Bauble and add it to our Tree in the Foyer!
- Drop in and decorate a lantern in our Theatre.
- Meet some of the Cast of our Amazing Christmas show Supermarket Scrooge at Caper and get a discount on tickets!

There will be a street Christmas light switch on at 3pm!

