

# Windmill Weekly (39)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for July - Trust

21 July 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

This is our final newsletter of the year and I would like to take the opportunity to say my thanks to everybody for what has been a successful year.

## **Children**

I want to say a special thanks to the Year 6 children who leave us next week and for all that they have contributed to Windmill in their time with us. It has been a great pleasure to have them at Windmill and to see how they have grown and matured into confident young people who are ready for the next stage in their school journey. They should all feel proud of what they have achieved and I look forward to hearing how they get on in their future lives.

I would also like to wish any other children who are leaving us from other parts of the school the very best of luck.

## **Staff**

I would also like to thank the staff for their hard work and commitment to ensuring that the children get the very best education and range of opportunities they can have here at Windmill. They are a great team to work with and I feel proud to work with them all.

## **Parents and Friends**

A big thank you to all parents and carers in the school who contribute so much to our school community. Without you we wouldn't have many of the activities that we are able to offer to the children such as Green Club, Cycling Proficiency and school trips which rely on your contribution. The Windmill PTA has again worked really hard to raise a lot of money for the school and this has contributed to your children having many of the extras that we couldn't afford from our school budget.

## **Staff Who are Leaving**

We wish Mrs Flanagan lots of luck as she is leaving us to take retirement after 20 years of working at Windmill. We are also very sorry to say goodbye to Ms Duckmanton who is leaving us to be the librarian at The Swan School, to Miss Edmond-Mobey who will be going to university in September, to Ms Moran who is moving to a post in another school to further her career and finally to Mrs Howard who will be also taking up a new job role in a local nursery. We will miss them all!

## **Big Science Event Finalists!**

For the second year running, children from Windmill Primary found themselves in the final of the *Big Science Event*! Emily Gilder and Mathilda Jones (Year 5, Peacock Class) were chosen as finalists from schools across Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. Their science investigation demonstrated their wonderful scientific skills. They asked the question: **Which liquid travels quickest down the ramp?**; planned and carried out the investigation carefully; and evaluated the results. The children spent an exciting day at Science Oxford presenting their investigation and taking part in some of the fabulous activities available at the centre. This year, we were not winners, but it is a fantastic achievement to reach the final and we are so proud of Emily and Mathilda. Congratulations and well done!

### **IRock Assembly**

I am really sorry that I was unable to be at the IRock assembly on Monday but I heard how well the children all performed. Well done to all of the children.

### **Year 3 /4 Football Festival**

It was a pleasure to see how much the 60 children who took part in the Football Festival I organised on Monday, enjoyed the experience. St Andrews and Barton Park schools brought teams to play as well. Well done to all of the children who took part and to the winning teams. Windmill teams won each of the three groups.

### **Year 1 Campaign to Support Homeless People**

Earlier in the year the Year 1 children raised money for people who are homeless and the story has been out into a blog by the charity the money was donated to. Here is the link if you would like to see the blog. We are very proud of them all!

<https://homelessoxfordshire.uk/2023/07/19/fairy-tale-inspires-school-children-to-raise-money-for-people-experiencing-homelessness/>

### **Transition**

We hope that all of the children enjoyed their transition morning when they met with their new class teacher and got to spend some time in their new classroom. All of the children should have some information about their new class that they can share with you and will help them over the summer holidays.

### **Communication**

Following on from the meetings regarding communication, we have decided to reinstate sending the weekly newsletter from September by email if you are finding it hard to access the School App for any reason. We are not returning to MailChimp as this was problematic with sending some content. If you would like to sign up for the newsletter to come by email you will need to email me on head.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk and I will create a contact group. The newsletter will still be sent via the School App each week. Further changes to communication will be communicated to you via the newsletter in September. We will be giving you greater clarity about where to find the information you need.



### **Key Dates**

5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day back for pupils
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### **Next Academic Calendar**

Please find at the end of this Newsletter, next year's academic calendar marked with our Inset Days.

### **Please read: we need someone to take over the Second Hand Uniform shop by September**

Due to increased involvement with Quarry Rovers and Cheney, I need to step away from Windmill Second-Hand Uniform. I will help with any training and transition.

I set this up in October 2021 after the Autumn Fayre was cancelled that year (COVID). It was Ricarda Menke's work and initiative that got this up and running. In that time, we've sold over 1200 pieces of uniform and have raised £1000 for the PTA.

The time commitment varies, but averages to about 1-2hrs/week, maybe more when lots of donations are received. I also visit the school one hour every month to photograph lost property (hence the lost property photos you see posted every month or so) and to pick-up more stock. The school has a person who does a great job sorting through things so it's not a huge messy pile that it once was.

IT skills required are minimal- we pay Uniformd a fee to use their platform so it really is just a matter of amending the number of items when new donations arrive and fulfilling orders as they come in.

Storage space required- see photos on classlist. I currently have 2 boxes for cardigans/jumpers, 1 box for trousers, 2 boxes for skirts/shorts, 1 box for dresses, 1 box for PE stuff and another box for other miscellaneous things (tights, bags, plimsoles, etc). If you decide this is too much, you can always decide to cut down what the shop carries.

Please get in touch if you can help, would be a real shame to lose this resource. [cathyolive@hotmail.com](mailto:cathyolive@hotmail.com)

### **School Dinners / Packed Lunch**

The cost of school dinners for term 1 (Tues 5Sept - Fri 20 Oct) is £81.60. Please note that school meals must be ordered and paid for in advance. If you pay weekly, payments (£12.00) must be paid by Monday morning for the week ahead. Please use the School Gateway App to make lunch money payments.

Download the free app. Search School Gateway in your app store and download.

Apple iphone users <http://schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload>

Android phone users <http://schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload>

A reminder that pupils must have either school meals all term or packed lunches all term, we cannot cater for children having meals on odd days.

**IMPORTANT** - If your child would like to switch their meal preference, please email the school office on [office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk) on or before the first day of term. If we are unaware that your child has switched from packed lunch to school dinner, a dinner will not have been ordered for them and if your child switches from school dinner to packed lunch and you have not informed the office, you will be charged for the meal that has been prepared.

**Year 2** - May we also remind current **Year 2** parents and carers that once your child reaches Year 3 you will need to start paying for school dinners. If you no longer wish your child to have a dinner then please let the Office staff know as soon as possible as you will be charged if you do not make us aware.

If you are in receipt of any income related benefits you may still be able to claim free school meals, please check with the office if you think you may be eligible. The office email address is [office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk).

### **School Clubs**

The club list is being updated for Sept and will be posted on the extra-curricular activities section of the school website next week:

<https://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=19>

Please book your child a place with the club leader before sending them to a school club. Many have limited places available. Children not on the club register will not be accepted.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very happy and restful holiday!! I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 5 September at 8:45am.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher


**Vacancies on our website:-** [www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk)


- Administration / Finance Assistant
- Inclusion Teaching Assistants
- General Teaching Assistants
- Morning (2 hours between 5.00am and 9.00am) or Evening (3.00pm - 5pm) Cleaner
- Lunchtime Assistant (11.30am - 1.30pm)

If you are interested in any of these positions please complete the OCC Support Application Form (downloaded from our website) and return to [office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk).

**Confirmed Oxfordshire school term and holiday dates for 2023-2024**

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Sunday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Monday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
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Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
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Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31

 Bank Holiday

 Teacher available for work days



## Girls Only Football Camp Summer Holidays 2023



**GIRLS ONLY 4-13 YEARS OLD**  
**£99 FOR 5 DAYS**  
**£30 PER DAY**  
**9AM - 3PM**

**31st July - 4th August 2023**  
**7th - 11th August 2023**  
**21st - 25th August 2023**

### Venue:

The Oxford Academy (indoor sports hall / dome)  
Sandy Lane  
Littlemore  
Oxford OX4 6JZ

**Book Now:** <https://ouitc.org/course/holiday-courses/>





# Clumps Go Ancient Archaeology Festival

Saturday & Sunday, 5-6 August  
10am-1pm, 2-5pm

Experience the world of our ancestors...  
Fun for all the family!

£5 admission (pre-booking advised)  
[earthtrust.org.uk/whats-on](http://earthtrust.org.uk/whats-on)



# Thomley Camping!

**Friday 4th - Sunday 6th August**

**One OR two night stay**

*4pm arrival on Friday or Saturday*

*Event finishes at 3:30pm on Sunday*

It is £10 per person to camp at Thomley. The cafe and food will be available until 8pm and will re-open at 8am on the following morning. You can purchase snacks, drinks (including alcohol), dinner and breakfast. There will also be activities throughout your stay such as marshmallows around the fire-pit, archery and giant bubbles.

The Thomley camping experience is a lovely, safe setting to test out camping for the first time, or just enjoy staying with us for longer than you usually would. No alcohol, disposable BBQs / fires and no hot food are to be brought on site by visitors due to licensing and health & safety.

You can also book an upgraded pitch with access to electricity and water, plus your own BBQ station. There are 5 pitches available, two of which have a bell tent ready for you when you arrive.



**Please book on the website:  
[www.thomley.org.uk/calendar](http://www.thomley.org.uk/calendar)**

Bookings are to be paid for  
upfront and are non-refundable



**Thomley**



# Magical Maths is returning to Windmill Primary School !



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

Professor Poopenshtinken and his friends will be returning to **Windmill Primary School** with all new and exciting session content, designed to remind your children just how much fun can be had with numbers!

Our fantastic after school clubs will help to boost your child's engagement and enjoyment in maths through really fun and challenging games, tricks and activities.

This **10 week** club begins **Wednesday 27th September** and is priced at just **£80.00**.

So if you haven't signed up already, simply go to our website

[www.magicalmathsclub.com](http://www.magicalmathsclub.com) or call us on **07943798924** but hurry as places are limited!

*We look forward to welcoming your children  
for lots of Mathemagical fun!*



*This is maths, but not as  
you know it... Be prepared to  
have some serious fun!*

[www.magicalmathsclub.com](http://www.magicalmathsclub.com)  
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# Little Masters

...unique art education

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SCHOOL  
WITH  
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HORSES &  
SOMETHING  
HORRID &  
HAIRY

ART THIS TERM  
DESIGN AN  
ART FOLDER  
CLAY HEDGEHOGS  
HORSE SCULPTURE  
SKETCHING FUN  
PAINT A CANVAS  
UPCYCLE ART  
MAKE A MARIONETTE  
HORRID HAIRY ART

EVERY MONDAY STARTS 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023 FOR 12 WEEKS  
PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH A SNACK & WEAR SUITABLE CLOTHING WE DO GET MESSY

HOW TO REGISTER TO JOIN LITTLE MASTERS ART CLUB AT WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Existing members your place is automatically renewed you do not need to register, email your interest.  
New places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Email: [gerri@littlemasters.co.uk](mailto:gerri@littlemasters.co.uk).

Course fee £96.00 is payable in advance to secure place.

Transfer to LITTLE MASTERS Acc No: 57177482 Sort code: 09-01-56 Ref: child's name

All staff hold DBS certificates and are fully insured.

<https://www.facebook.com/www.littlemasters.co.uk>

105 HIGH STREET, CHALGROVE. OXFORDSHIRE. OX44 7SS

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## **Ceramics and Sculpture After School Club**

Ewa Bogacz, [ebogartoxford@gmail.com](mailto:ebogartoxford@gmail.com), 07834671850

Dear Parents / Carers,

16.07.23

We are pleased to announce that we are running a **Ceramics and Sculpture After School Club** for KS1 and KS2 children.

The aim of the club is to enable our children to express their natural artistic skills, unleash their imagination as well as to relax after school tasks. Children just love it!

In the club the young artists create decorative and sculptural projects out of clay and other materials as well as develop their skills in painting. The club is run by a local artist and teacher Ewa Bogacz.

**Wednesdays** between 13 September and 13 December (13 workshops) (3:10 to 4:30, Classroom **TBC**)  
**COST: £117**

**Thursdays** between 14 September and 14 December (13 workshops) (3:10 to 4:30, Classroom **TBC**)  
**COST: £117**

**TO ENROLL** could you please send me an email or a text message with your child's details (name, year group and class, **parent phone number**) Thank you. Payment via bank transfer please. After receiving your child's details I will send you my bank information.

Please pay £10 less for your second child.

**THANK YOU!**





**HERE THIS SUMMER HOLIDAY!**

# TECH SUMMER CAMP

**DIFFERENT COURSE EACH WEEK!**



**VR &  
ROBOTICS**



**PHOTOGRAPHY &  
VIDEOGRAPHY**



**MINECRAFT &  
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**AGES 5-11, £225 £205 FOR 5 DAYS,  
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[www.nexttthing.education](http://www.nexttthing.education)

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023 JULY - SEPTEMBER

**ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!**

**WEEK 1** ROBOTICS, VR + TECH FUN

Program **robots**, design **games**, model **3D creations**, experience **Virtual Reality**, learn to mix like a **Pro DJ**... plus **MEGA LASERTAG!** A week of inspiration and creation with **MAXIMUM excitement**. Children will experiment and challenge themselves, with **new world skills**.

**WEEK 2** MINECRAFT + LEGO ENGINEERING

Designed for **ULTIMATE fun and education!** Students can dive into **Minecraft Education** and design **game elements**, build **Redstone circuits** and learn coding fundamentals. Then take a deeper look into **engineering** using **LEGO bricks** combined with **sensors and motors** to create **cool inventions** powered by **code**.

**WEEK 3** PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY + CRAFTS

Is your child obsessed with **Youtube** and **Tik Tok**? Join us for a complete masterclass in **capturing and editing like a pro**, whilst instilling **safety** and proper practice. Plus, a **BONUS Arts and Crafts session** each day that will become their content focus.

**WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP**



**Packed Lunch and Snacks**  
(not meals)



**Water Bottle**



**Medication if Required**



**Weather Appropriate Clothing**



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"Both my son and daughter had lots of fun, made new friends, learnt new skills and will not stop talking about the Robots!"

Lucy Hart - St Ebbe's Primary School

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# HOCKEY HEROES

A fun welcoming introduction to hockey for all 5 - 8 year olds

Starts 24 September at Oxford Brookes Sports Centre



**Oxford  
Hockey Club**

Find out more: [hockeyheroes.co.uk](http://hockeyheroes.co.uk)



**Week 1: 24<sup>th</sup> July – 28<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Monday–Friday | 8:30am–5:30am**

**Week 2: 31<sup>st</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August**  
**Monday–Thursday | 8:30am – 5:30am**

## **MULTI ACTIVITY SUMMER CAMP WITH OXFORD QUINS RFC**

Oxford Quins RFC is at the heart of our community, providing a diverse range of fun activities for children. We are running a two week camp during this summer school holidays. We would love to see you there!



Your children will enjoy a fantastic range of activities including multi-sports (indoors and outdoors) arts and crafts, forest walks, creative learning, cookery and much much more!

**Book your HAF spaces here:**

**[HAF WEBSITE](#)**

**CLICK LINK**

**Self funded bookings here:**

**[Self Funded  
Registration Form](#)**

**CLICK LINK**

Oxford Quins RFC Community Programme is pleased to offer FREE places for children on benefits related to free school meals. We are also offering affordable spaces to families who do not qualify for the free spaces.

**Any enquiries please email: [community@oxfordharlequins.org](mailto:community@oxfordharlequins.org)**



**OXFORDQUINSRFC**

Location: Horspath Sports Ground, Oxford Road,  
Horspath, Oxford, OX4 2RR

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