

# Windmill Weekly (03)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for September - Responsibility

20 September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

## **Black History Month**

In line with our key concept of celebrating Diversity amongst our school community we will be celebrating Black History Month which runs throughout October. All of our assemblies will focus on people of colour, both past and present, who have made their mark on the world. We are also going to create a gallery of people who we have learnt about. We would really like you to contribute to this gallery, which will be displayed around the school, both inside and out, by sending A4 sized photographs and a few words about why the person is important to know about.

## **Autumn Fayre Dances**

We always have children performing dances at the Autumn Fayre which is taking place on Saturday 5 October. If your child has volunteered to be part of this event and are in Year 1 and 2, they should have received a letter yesterday. Children in Years 3 to 6 will be given letters on Monday. Please can you return the permission slip to confirm that your child can take part on the day.



## **Key Dates**

5 October	Autumn Fayre
10 October	Flu Vaccinations for the whole school
16 October	Parent Interviews
17 October	Individual photographs
25 October	End of Term 1 - 3.10pm
4 November	Start of Term 2

## **Learning a musical instrument at Windmill**

For those of you who are new to Windmill or would like a reminder, we have a team of instrumental teachers teaching a variety of instruments at Windmill. If your child would like to start having lessons in woodwind, brass, strings, keyboard, drum kit or guitar, please go to the link below for more information or to sign up.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-lessons/learning-instrument>

**Please note:** the guitar teacher currently has places available for beginners.

## **Tombola Prizes Non-Uniform Day**

In true Autumn Fayre tradition, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 4th October to collect prizes for the Tombola. We are looking for donations of good quality second hand or new prizes in exchange for wearing non-uniform. If you're giving second hand, please can we ask for something you would be happy for your child to receive. If you are buying, no more than £5 would be enough. We're looking for things like small toys, craft sets, puzzles etc. We would also kindly ask the prizes to be suitable for children, so no alcohol please. Thank you.

## Secondary School Applications Are Now Open

Parents of children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 (inclusive) need to apply for a secondary school place for September 2025. Closing date for applications is 31 October 2024 and offer day is 3 March 2025.

Please follow the link below for further information.

[Year 7 - secondary school applications | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

## Want to join the 100 club?

Welcome to all the new parents and carers joining Windmill. Below is some information about one of the ways you can support the purchase of additional library and class books, or other classroom resources for the school (as well as being in with a chance to win a cash prize for yourself!)

### What is the 100 Club?

Essentially it's like lottery draw. Each ticket you buy is allocated a specific number to enter you into the 12 draws that year with a chance to win prizes as well as supporting the school. Every month from September to July there will be 3 numbers drawn (overseen by Mrs Knapp), with prizes currently at £25, £15 and £10 each month and a bonus draw at Christmas to make up for not having one in August.

### How much are 100 Club tickets?

The cost is £12 per number for the 12 draws this school year and the first draw will be at the end of September. We have a few numbers which need filling as some parents of the old year 6 children left over the summer. So if you'd like to buy more than one number, or you're already involved and would like a second number, now is the time! There is sometimes space to join later in the school year, around February, and you would just pay for the remaining draws that year.

### What has 100 Club money been spent on?

The 100 Club has been running for a number of years now. After prizes, the remainder of the money goes specifically to support the school library and also class book purchases - please help us to continue to do this by being part of the 100 club.

### How can I join?

If you are interested in joining, please email [mail@dariusz.tv](mailto:mail@dariusz.tv) or contact me via Classlist - Dariusz Dziala. I can then give you details of how to pay.

### Information for those who already have numbers

If you do not wish to continue, please let me know as soon as possible. Otherwise, your numbers will continue from the previous year.

Good luck!

## Class Reps

Thanks to all those who have agreed to be Class Reps this year. It really helps your children, teachers, parents and the PTA to have a rep for each class.

Penguins	Laura Doherty & Charlotte King
Hedgehogs	Nassim Hall
Explorers	Helen Mastrantone

Cherries	Fiona McFarlane & Rebecca McDonald
Ladybirds	Katherine Chan
Strawberry	Fergus Alexander
Starfish	Suzanne Dukes
Tiger	Jess Goodman
Mandarin	Kat Howard
Sunflowers	Katherine Marshall
Daffodils	Cailah Jackson
Dandelions	Namvula Rennie
Geckos	Emily Mackeith
Turtles	Katherine Hunt & Nayeli Gonzalez-Gomez
Chameleons	Elizabeth Nuthall & Katie Treherne
Peacocks	Julia Lim
Blue Jay	Cath Hooton & Andrea Sandford
Kingfisher	Gerallt Skym & Valentina Somma
Violet	Lauren Delargy
Lavender	Jo Cooley
Lilac	Teresa Joseph

Wednesday 26th September 7.30pm is our first PTA meeting of the year. The meeting will be online, join details and agenda to follow. Keep an eye out on Classlist. If there are any topics you would like to see discussed, please email [windmillpta@gmail.com](mailto:windmillpta@gmail.com) and we can add them to the agenda. We will be talking about spending this meeting, so if you have ideas of how you would like to see PTA funds spent, then please come along.

Our annual AGM will be held (online) on Wednesday 25th Nov 7.30pm There will be committee positions up for grabs, so please have a chat with one of the current committee if you would like to know more. Kai Zolleis is PTA Chair and is happy to be contacted by phone 07498220421.

#### **Flu Vaccination - 10 October 2024**

At the end of this newsletter there is a very important letter about the Flu Vaccination - **ACTION IS REQUIRED** even if you want to refuse the vaccination you need to send a response. The Unique School Code is OX123047.

**IMPORTANT-** The link to the Flu Consent Form will close **one full school day** before the vaccination session. If you would like your child to be vaccinated at school please submit their Consent Form at least one full school day before this date.

Please do not contact the School Aged immunisation team by phone or email if you have missed this deadline the system will not reopen until after the vaccination session in school has taken place. Once the session has passed you will be able to submit a Consent Form and you will receive information, via email, on how to book an appointment for the vaccination to be given in a Community Clinic.

**If you have already submitted your child's consent form you DO NOT need to take any further action.**

Thank you  
School Aged Immunisation team

### **Absences**

For all absences, including for illness, appointments, or any other reason, please ring the school office on 01865 762 509 and press Option 1 to leave a message. Emails to the teacher and/or school office may be missed. In addition, if your child is ill in the morning and you think they might be in later in the day, we must know in advance whether they will miss lunch. If you have pre-ordered a school meal, please cancel on School Grid as well. Thank you in advance.

### **Sickness Absences**

If your child has had any vomiting or diarrhoea, there is a 48-hour exclusion from school since the last incident. This is to prevent spreading illness to other children. Thank you.

### **Dolce School Dinners - Allergens**

This is a reminder that Dolce has an allergen-blocking system which recognises 14 major allergens. Log on to SchoolGrid and simply select the allergens which apply, and the system will prevent any unsafe meals from being ordered.

This is important as although you will have selected a child's main meal, your child will be able to choose from a range of sides and desserts at lunchtime. The system will inform the cook of any options a child cannot have based on their allergens.

If you have any concerns about allergens or specific dietary requirements, please do contact the Customer Care team on 01942 707709 or email [customercare@dolce.co.uk](mailto:customercare@dolce.co.uk)

### **Raffle Prize Donations Needed! Help Make the Autumn Fayre a Success**

The Autumn Fayre is coming up on Saturday, 5th October 2024, and we're reaching out to ask for your support in making this year's event special! One of our biggest fundraisers at the Fayre is the raffle, and we need your help to gather a variety of prizes.

If you're able to donate anything — whether it's a product, a service, a voucher from your business, or anything you think would make a great prize — it would be a huge help! Your contribution will raise funds for the PTA, which directly benefits our children by funding things like school trips, classroom resources, playground improvements, and the sensory room.

If you or your business would like to donate, please email us at [windmillfayre@gmail.com](mailto:windmillfayre@gmail.com) or message me (Tomi Johnson) on Classlist. We can arrange to collect any items at your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support for the school community!

### **Lost Property**

Please view <https://share.icloud.com/photos/05d0wVHm401PQIfQ5kIDdAZmw> to see items in Lost Property. Parents can come between 8:30-8:40 am and 3:10-3:30pm to collect. Alternatively, email [coliveira@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:coliveira@windmill.oxon.sch.uk)

Please label ALL items (waterbottles, PE kits, shoes, etc) for rapid return to your child. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of term.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher

## **Vacancies**

### **School Cleaner**

Windmill Primary School are seeking a cleaner to work 10 hours per week, 2 hours per day, Monday to Friday, 2 hours between 5.00am and 9.00am **or** 3.00pm – 5.00pm.

The rate of pay is £11.59 an hour (a pay increase is currently being negotiated).

This is an all year round contract so you will need to work during the school holidays, although hours can be blocked during the holidays if desired so you would not need to work every day. All annual leave must be taken during the school holidays and cannot be taken during term time.

This could be a term time only plus 3 week contract by request. This would be all 5 inset days plus 2 weeks in the Summer holidays.

Please email [office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk) to ask for an application form.

**This letter contains important information  
about your child's flu vaccination.**



Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Your child's annual flu vaccination is due  
WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
10/10/2024**

The annual school aged Flu vaccination programme is, this year, being offered to all children in Years Reception to Year 11. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and sometimes causes serious complications. Children can catch and spread flu easily so vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable e.g. babies and older people. This is particularly important as COVID-19 continues to circulate and people at risk of flu are also vulnerable to the complications of COVID-19.

For most children, the Nasal Flu vaccination is painless and given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. In some medical circumstances it is necessary to administer the vaccine by intramuscular injection instead of the nasal spray, but this will always be discussed with parents/carers beforehand.

If you object to the nasal vaccination on the grounds of its contents (e.g. Porcine Gelatine) or if the vaccine is otherwise unsuitable, you may also choose for the vaccination to be administered by intramuscular injection. This injection will also be delivered in school on the date above. You can choose the Injected flu vaccination on the vaccination consent form. If you choose the Injected flu vaccination, please ensure your child wears a short-sleeved T shirt/school shirt, to reduce the need for any clothing adjustments.

**Whether you wish for your child to have their Flu vaccine or you don't please follow the instructions below at least one school day before the session.** After this date you will find the online system will not work. The system will reopen the day after the school session to enable a form to be registered and a clinic appointment be booked.

- 1 Please read either the [Primary](#) or [Secondary](#) Flu Leaflet which includes details about the Flu programme. If your child is asthmatic please also read the information below within "Further Important Information."
- 2 Click the link <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
- 3 Enter the Unique School Code OX123047
- 4 Complete the form, one per child. *Please complete a form even if you are refusing the vaccination.*
- 5 Read the "Further Important Information" overleaf

Yours faithfully,

Rachael Conlan, Immunisation County Team Lead

## **Further Important Information- Please read**

### **1. Team Contact details**

**Email** [immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)  
**Tel. no** 07920 254 400. Help to complete the Consent Form is available.  
**Website** [www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/](http://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/)

### **2. Asthma or other illness –**

We may not be able to safely vaccinate your child on the arranged date if any of the conditions below occur

- In the 3 days before the vaccination date, your child has been wheezy and/or increased the use of their Bronchodilators (eg reliever Inhaler or oral reliever medication)

AND/OR

- Your child receives Corticosteroid treatment (steroids) in the 3 months before the vaccination date for ANY health condition.

AND/OR

- Your child has taken prescribed influenza antiviral agents in the 2 days before the vaccination date.

If any of the above occurs It is **very important** that you provide a written note with your child's name, dob, year group and the updating information to be given to the vaccination team on the day of vaccination. If your child is too young to be able to do this, please hand the letter to the school reception and ask that it is given to the vaccination team as they arrive and **mark it as urgent**. Please **also call** the Immunisation Team on 07920 254 400 before 08:45 on the day of vaccination.

3. Children aged 2 years to less than 9 years **who are in a clinical risk group** category and who have **not received the flu vaccine before**, should receive a second dose of LAIV at least 4 weeks after the first dose. Please contact your child's GP if you believe your child requires a second dose.

### **4. Withdrawing Consent or if the Vaccination has been given at the GP Practice after the consent form was submitted –**

If you have submitted your child's form and then change your mind and no longer wish your child to be vaccinated

or

you have submitted a form and then your child has their vaccination at the GP Practice before the school session,

Please advise us via email [withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk) at least one full school day before the session **and** on the day of the vaccination session provide a written note to your child's School Reception for the urgent attention of the Immunisation Team. Please state in the letter and in the email subject heading, your child's school, name, year group and date of birth.

### **5. Missed the school session?**

Community Clinics will be held across the county to enable children who may have missed the school session to be vaccinated. Please go to our [website](#) to book your child's appointment.

6. **Older Children and Consent** – Some young people in secondary school, who understand fully what is involved in a proposed procedure, such as vaccination, can legally provide their own consent. (usually Year 9 and above).
7. **Translated Flu Leaflet**- The Flu leaflet is also available in the following languages [English](#), [Albanian](#), [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Bulgarian](#), [Chinese \(simplified\)](#), [Chinese \(traditional, Cantonese\)](#), [Estonian](#), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Greek](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hindi](#), [Latvian](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Panjabi](#), [Pashto](#), [Polish](#), [Portuqese](#), [Romanian](#), [Romany](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Turkish](#), [Twi](#), [Ukrainian](#), [Urdu](#) and [Yiddish](#)

8. **Information Links**

"Flu and your Primary aged child" information leaflet can be found by clicking [here](#)

"Flu and your Secondary aged child" information leaflet can be found by clicking [here](#).

The Vaccine knowledge Project - [Home | Vaccine Knowledge Project \(ox.ac.uk\)](#). The [Vaccine Knowledge Project](#) provides independent, evidence-based information about vaccines and infectious diseases and is managed by the University of Oxford.

9. **Information regarding a research study.**

A research team at the University of Oxford are exploring whether a new virtual reality therapy can help young people overcome a fear of needles. They are looking for young people aged 12-15 (inclusive) with needle fears to take part in this study. Everyone who takes part will have the chance to try the virtual reality therapy. There is a limit on the number of people who can take part. If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch with Dr Eve Twivy (Email: [needlefear@psy.ox.ac.uk](mailto:needlefear@psy.ox.ac.uk) or Phone: 07823 809582).

Please note this Study is independent of the School Aged Immunisation Service and your child may therefore be vaccinated on the date(s) indicated. Your child's vaccine does not need to be delayed for them to be eligible for this Study.

We welcome your feedback on what we do well or how you feel we could improve.  
Please follow this [link](#) to 'I Want Great care' and let us know. Use code 5180  
You can also view feedback from other parent/carers [here](#)

Join Quarry Rovers FC for a Wine Tasting evening. All information and link for booking can be found [here](#).

# WINE TASTING EVENING

In support of Quarry Rovers FC, your local grassroots football club  
Please sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/QuarryWine>

**19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**5-7PM**

**HEADINGTON QUARRY VILLAGE HALL**

£25 ticket includes wine tasting of 6 wines from across the world, including reds, whites and a dessert wine.

Price includes snacks.

The tasting is led by professionals  
(<https://www.thirtyfifty.co.uk/>)

The tasting takes about 2 hours including some blind tastings and a fun competition.

Professor Poopenshtinken's  
**MAGICAL MATHS**

# Magical Maths is coming to Windmill Primary School!



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

Professor Poopenshtinken and his friends will be coming to **Windmill Primary School** to introduce a brand new after school club, designed to show 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 25th September for Year 1-Year 6 only** and is priced at just **£82.00**. To find out more or to book your child's place, visit our website [www.magicalmathsclub.com](http://www.magicalmathsclub.com) or call us on **07960411706** but hurry as places are limited!

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



**Brand New This Year:**

Magical Maths Online is now **FREE** with every booking! Don't miss out on over 260 hours of interactive content designed to compliment our after school clubs and continue the fun and learning from home!

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\*Offer ends Monday 30th September 2024 and applies to swimming lessons during October, November and December 2024. See website for full terms and conditions.

Dear Parent / Carer

As Autumn approaches, the mornings and evenings will be getting darker, meaning parents and children walking to and from school need to be even more aware of the potential dangers they face as pedestrians and the importance of wearing bright or reflective clothing to make it easier for other road users to see them.

It is never too early to start talking to your child about road safety as, having a good understanding of road safety skills, could one day save their life.

Our **Footsteps** guide will give you some ideas of how to begin to support your child in developing the decision-making skills that will help them become a pedestrian able to keep themselves safer when they eventually walk to school or a friend's home independently.

If they are ill-prepared, children are more likely to be killed or injured in a road traffic incident, as seen by the fact that the number of child pedestrians injured rises significantly around 10 -12 years of age – the time at which they begin to go out unaccompanied by adults.

The **Footsteps** programme is simple to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, you are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely, while in the company of a supporting adult, will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

Learning to cope with traffic is a practical skill, which cannot be learnt in the classroom. As parents / carers, you are the best people to help your child develop this knowledge as you spend the most time out and about with them.

Please follow the link to the **Footsteps** guide [Walking with children | 365Alive](#) and start giving your children the skills and knowledge they will need to stay safer on our roads.

**Remember – Be Bright Be Seen.**

Oxfordshire Fire & Resue Service Road Safety Team

Oxfordshire County Council



# October Holiday Camps 2024: Venues and Dates

Monday 28th Oct	West Oxford Primary School, Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford, OX2 0BY
Tuesday 29th Oct	Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN
Wednesday 30th Oct	Begbroke Village Hall, Begbroke Lane, Begbroke, OX5 1RN
Thursday 31st Oct	Stockham Primary School, Stockham Way, Wantage, OX12 9HL
Friday 1st Nov	Caldecott Primary School, Caldecott Road, Abingdon, OX14 5HB

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £35 per child per day. Sibling discount available.

## Firework Science

Investigate the science behind fireworks in this exciting activity day. We'll take a brief look at the periodic table and then get stuck into practical investigations as we examine the elements and compounds used in fireworks and discover what colour flames they make. With safe practical investigations, fun craft activities and some great WOW moments, it'll be unforgettable!



To book, please go to the 'Science Holiday Camps' tab on our website and click the 'Register Now' button. All bookings are processed through Active Network. Spaces are subject to availability. Sibling discount available.

**Call: 01865 522 775**

**[www.brightsparksevents.co.uk](http://www.brightsparksevents.co.uk)**



**Free  
Entry**



# Christmas Fayre 24

**Saturday 7th Dec 2024**

**10am - 4pm**

**Benson Village Hall**

**Santas Grotto | Christmas Gifts  
Tombola | Raffle | Cafe | Craft Stalls  
Childrens Games & Activities**



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online via our website !**

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30th September**

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**Mon - Fri**

**9:30 - 11:30am**

**12:30 - 2:30pm**

**4 - 4:30pm**

**(last optional session for  
reflection and support if needed)**

