

# Windmill Weekly (22)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for February - Happiness

28 February 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

## Strictly Junior

I am looking forward to taking 36 children from Years 3 to 6 to the Strictly Junior Competition which is taking place at The Christian Life Centre tomorrow. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all lots of luck. The Year 3 / 4 children will be performing a Jive and Foxtrot and the Year 5 / 6 children will be performing a Samba and a Quick Step.

## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Book Fair this week!



## Key Dates

6 March	World Book Day
21 March	Vision Screening - Reception children only
21 March	Comic Relief
19 March	Parent Interviews for whole school
1 April	Year 4 performance 2.00pm
2 April	Year 4 performance 6.00pm
4 April	House Cross Country
4 April	Last day of term - <b>finish at 2.30pm</b>
Tuesday 22 April	First day of term 5 8.40am

## World Book Day

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March it is World Book Day. The children will be doing many exciting activities in the day and can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please do not feel they have to or that you have to spend money- the day is for their enjoyment!

## Head Lice

A parent has highlighted some information about Head Lice that other parents / carers may find useful.

The NHS gold standard is wet combing but I'm not sure many people are aware of the method described here [The Best Head Lice and Nit Treatment - Bug Buster Wet Combing Kit - Community Hygiene Concern](#) and a link for schools: [Bug Busting for Schools and the Wider Community - Community Hygiene Concern](#). It explains the life cycle and some facts about headlice and nits so I've found it really helpful. It does need a lot of combing though. There are the obvious shampoos, but those are only effective if followed by combing, and repeated use. There is also leave in conditioner spray that is apparently good for prevention (Hedrin Protect and Go spray or Hedrin Prevent headlice spray).

## Ramadan

It is useful for the school to know of any children that are fasting during this holy period. Please let your class teacher know, and please cancel any pre-ordered school meals if appropriate. Thank you.

### **PTA Survey**

The PTA would love to hear your views. Can you spare two minutes to complete this short survey? <https://tinyurl.com/windmillptaquestionnaire> Your feedback and ideas are really helpful in shaping the future of the PTA and making sure that we support our school and our children in the best ways possible. 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 [customer care@dolce.co.uk](mailto:customer care@dolce.co.uk)

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher

## The Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show DEADLINE

In 2024, Windmill School artists submitted in excess of 70 pieces of work. We are very proud to say we had one student from Year 5 whose work made it into the exhibition out of a total of more than 21,000 entries from across the country!

Information

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>

### Registration and submission BEFORE 5 March 2025

It is advisable NOT to leave it till the 5<sup>th</sup> of March as there could be lots of traffic on the site.

Use this link <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/artworks>

Please register with your parent email and your own password.

**IMPORTANT** Please store your artwork safely so that it is in pristine condition should you be one of the lucky artists who gets to exhibit in the show.

Judging	May 2025
Online exhibition opens	15 July 2025
Display at the RA open	15 July - 10 August 2025

### IMPORTANT

Please send a copy of your artwork with your name and the title in an email with the subject heading to [arianne@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:arianne@windmill.oxon.sch.uk) so that I can make a school gallery of all the entries. Once the deadline passes, I cannot access your work.

Barton Leisure centre has their **Big Open weekend** approaching on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Enjoy FREE activities, come take a look around, try various activities and meet our fantastic team. We have FREE swim lesson taster session, Gym classes and more, you don't need to be a member or have visited us before, bring friends and family with you! Visit the link for more information: [Welcome | Barton Leisure Centre | Gym | Swim | Fitness](#)



### Procision Tech Futsal

My name is Christian Lawrence, and I am reaching out from Procision Oxford Academy. Having grown up locally, I'm passionate about giving back to the community and creating opportunities for young players to develop their skills.

We are excited to launch Procision Tech Futsal, a new development centre designed to help players improve through the fast-paced and engaging game of futsal.

We would love to offer your students the opportunity to take part in this exciting program, hosted at The Swan School, Headington, every Friday evening:

🏊 Ages 5-10: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

🏊 Ages 11-14: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Special Launch Offer: The first session on 7th March is completely free.

You can contact [community@precisionoxford.com](mailto:community@precisionoxford.com) for further information.

# Oxford Swim School

## Easter Holiday Swimming Lessons

Monday 7th to Friday 11th April

5 day intensive course

30 minute lessons

Private Pool at Oxford High School  
(Summertown)

Age 4 years upwards

Small tuition groups

Happy, caring atmosphere

Contact Caroline 01865 864537

[caroline@oxfordswimschool.co.uk](mailto:caroline@oxfordswimschool.co.uk)

[www.oxfordswimschool.co.uk](http://www.oxfordswimschool.co.uk)



**FREE  
ENTRY**

**SATURDAY 22ND MARCH  
9AM - 2PM**

**JOIN US FOR OUR 2025**

# **SPRING CRAFT MARKET**

YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT



**HEADINGTON QUARRY  
VILLAGE HALL  
QUARRY RD OX3 8NX**

**LOCAL CRAFT STALLHOLDERS  
CAKES - REFRESHMENTS - RAFFLE**

**CHARITY NUMBER: 202215**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION E-MAIL [EVENTSHQVH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:EVENTSHQVH@GMAIL.COM)**



# SEND TOGETHER

## A DAY FOR PARENT CARERS TO CONNECT, SHARE AND LEARN

- ✓ Workshops and Information Sessions
- ✓ Panel Discussion and Q&A
- ✓ SEND Advice Clinics
- ✓ SEND Marketplace

THURSDAY  
13TH MARCH  
9AM - 3PM  
THE KINGS CENTRE,  
OX2 0ES

FOR REGISTRATION OR MORE INFO: [WWW.TINYURL.COM/SENDTOGETHER](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/SENDTOGETHER)

### A LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP EVENT



Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire  
and Berkshire West  
Integrated Care System



OXFORDSHIRE  
PARENT CARERS FORUM  
A Voice for Parent Carers in Oxfordshire



TOGETHER  
EVERYONE  
ACHIEVES  
MORE



OXFORDSHIRE  
COUNTY COUNCIL

Join Us for SEND Together: Connect, Learn & Share!

Oxfordshire's **Local Area Partnership**, in collaboration with **OxPCF**, invites you to **SEND Together: Connect, Learn & Share** – a **free event** designed to provide valuable information, insights, and support on key SEND topics.

**Date:** 13th March 2025

**Location:** The King's Centre, Oxford

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Register now:** [[www.tinyurl.com/SENDTogether](http://www.tinyurl.com/SENDTogether)][www.tinyurl.com/SENDTogether](http://www.tinyurl.com/SENDTogether)

The day will include:

- ✓ **Workshops & Information sessions** to inform and support families navigating the SEND system
- ✓ **Meet professionals & services** supporting children & young people with SEND
- ✓ **Marketplace area** – discover services, organisations & resources for families

🌟 This **FREE** event will provide **practical support, valuable insights, and the opportunity to connect** with others with shared interests. 🌟

**Don't miss out – book your place today!**

# SUPER SCIENCE SATURDAY FOSSIL FEVER

Family Science Fair  
Saturday 8th March  
12pm - 4pm



Meet scientists and handle fossils  
**Free entry**, recommended for ages 8+



Museum of  
Natural  
History

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[www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk](http://www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk)  
Instagram and Twitter icons followed by @morethanadodo



# Are you a parent of young person who has a diagnosis of asthma?



Volunteers needed to share their experiences for a research study at the University of Oxford.

## Who's needed?

Parents of 11 – 17 year olds with a diagnosis of asthma who are residents of the UK

## What's involved?

Anonymous 5 – 10 minute online questionnaire about yourself, your experiences and your wellbeing

Scan the QR code or click the link to take part!



[www.psychiatryoxford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_e3S1ezxmSUEibXM](http://www.psychiatryoxford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3S1ezxmSUEibXM)

For more information contact Saskia Phelps (Trainee Clinical Psychologist) [saskia.phelps@worc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:saskia.phelps@worc.ox.ac.uk). This study has received ethical approval: Reference number: R95257/RE001. Oxford Institute for Clinical Psychology Training (OxICPT) Recruitment Poster, Version 1.1, May 2024. Self-stigma in Parents of Young People with Functional Neurological Disorders or asthma.