

Windmill Weekly (24)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for March - Thoughtfulness

14 March 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Comic Relief

Next Friday is Comic Relief. The children are welcome to pay £1 to dress in red or with whacky hair.

Please do not send in cash, but make your donations through the following Parent Pay link directly to Comic Relief:-

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18177>

Windmill's Got Talent

It has been a pleasure to see the large number of children who have auditioned to be in the final of the competition which will take place on 6th April after the Cross Country race.

The children in Key Stage 1 will have their auditions on Wednesday this coming week.

Healthy Birthday Treats

It is lovely that many of you like to share your children's birthday celebrations with the other children in the class that your child is in. However, in line with our healthy eating policy we don't allow the children to bring in sweets / chocolate / cake etc. We would also rather that the children didn't bring in small plastic toys for each child. We are concerned that this sets a precedent for other families. If you do want to bring something in, please could it be fruit.



Key Dates

19 March	Parent Interviews for whole school
21 March	Vision Screening - Reception children only
21 March	Comic Relief
1 April	Year 4 performance 2.00pm
2 April	Orchestra Concert 9.00am
2 April	Year 4 performance 6.00pm
4 April	House Cross Country
4 April	Last day of term - finish at 2.30pm
Tuesday 22 April	First day of term 5 8.40am

Green Club

Green club will resume next week on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. If your child attends please remind them to come along to the garden during lunchtime.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help, so if you have an hour or so to spare at lunchtime please get in touch. No gardening experience required, email us at greenclub.windmill@gmail.com.

Young Carers

We welcomed author Rab Ferguson and the Crossroads Care Charity to Windmill on Thursday who ran two workshops for some of our Young Carers.

If you would like your child/children to be on our Young carers list due to your family circumstances, please email Sally Painter, our Home School Link Worker at Spainter@Windmill.oxon.sch.uk

Amazon Wishlists

Over the past few months, we have been asked by lots of people about how they could contribute to the school and if we have any wishlists for things that would benefit the children further.

As a result, we have come up with Amazon wishlists for each year group. These are lists of things (they vary greatly) that teachers in the year group have said would be really useful and benefit the children. Some items are games for wet play, lots are books and some are more specific to topics etc.

If you feel that this is something that you would like to donate towards then please click on the links below. There is absolutely no compulsion for anyone to do so but we have been asked a lot about this and so set the lists up.

Once you click a link, you can purchase the item via your own Amazon account and it will be delivered to the address associated with the list via the school office, not to your home address. My understanding is that purchases are anonymous and the school would not necessarily know who has sent what or when. The lists will remain on the site for the next few months and can be accessed at any time. There are also multiple items, often to share among classes but purchases do not need to be for all items in a set.

One important note is to please consider delivery days. The office is only open Monday-Friday in term time so please check that Amazon will not be trying to deliver on a Saturday or Sunday (or during school holidays!) We will not be able to chase deliveries or parcels as we will have no knowledge of what has been sent or when.

Many thanks, and again this is a completely optional initiative in response to requests from some parents/carers.

Best wishes,
The Windmill Team

SEND - <https://amzn.eu/47lq08T>

Reception - <https://amzn.eu/b47wjXk>

Y1 - <https://amzn.eu/hvrwr0Z>

Y2 - <https://amzn.eu/iuMMOb2>

Y3 - <https://amzn.eu/cz7oXVp>

Y4 - <https://amzn.eu/c2MLeNv>

Y5 - <https://amzn.eu/itFqeaI>

Y6 - <https://amzn.eu/OSMGltb>

Green Football Campaign 11th March to 2nd April

Oxford United Football Club and Oxford United in the Community are taking part in the Green Football Campaign over the next few weeks. Oxford United Football Club will have a sports kit recycling point at the club shop for the game against Watford on the 15th March. Fans will be able to drop off unwanted sports kit to be donated to the Salvation Army, who will recycle, or rehome it.

The campaign also has a number of resources for schools, and things families can do at home. Please feel free to make use of these resources. If you log your activities, you will score a 'green goal' for Oxford United in the Green Football league table.

[Calling on Schools - Green Football's Great Save](#)

If you do any of the projects, please do send us in some photos that we can share for the campaign. (with necessary permissions given to share on social media)

We hope that you enjoy these resources!

Kind regards

Kerrie Bates

Operations Administrator

Web | www.ouitc.org



OXFORD UNITED
IN THE COMMUNITY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1125173

Oxford Brookes University sleep researchers seek family's views on sleep

Fiona, Luci and Georgia from Oxford Brookes will be in Reception at parent interviews next Wednesday and would love to hear your views on a possible project to support families around child sleep if you can spare two or three minutes. They will also be in school talking to some children from years 1-6 about sleep on Friday 21st March.

For Year 6 Parents



**WELCOME TO
CHENEY SCHOOL**
Transition Evening
Wednesday 26 March 2025

5:30pm-5:50pm
Bayards Hill School
East Oxford Primary School
Larkrise Primary School
St Andrew's Church of England Primary School
St Ebbes Church of England Primary
Windmill Primary School

6pm-6:20pm
All other primary schools

There is no onsite parking

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Yours faithfully

Lynn Knapp
Headteacher



Spring Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm

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Taster events 2025

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for a day!*

Sat 15 March
Sat 17 May

To find out more,
or to book a place
at a taster event
scan here:



No previous experience is
necessary - we're looking for
girls with a love of music
who enjoy singing.



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Family Learning Online Workshops June 2025

Workshops are held online using Teams.

These workshops aim to help you feel empowered at managing those tricky situations knowing you are doing the best for your child and yourself. You will gain insight into how to strengthen your family's self-esteem and resilience; and practise strategies to encourage positive behaviour.

CODE	COURSE TITLE	START DATE	TIME
TCZV214P	Emotional Regulation	Mon, 9/6/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV208P	Developing Resilience	Mon, 16/6/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV210P	Positive Discipline	Mon, 23/6/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV212P	Setting Expectations and Routines	Mon, 30/6/25	13:00 - 14:30

Mystified by maths? Homework a nightmare?
These workshops explain the current teaching methods used to help you feel more confident in supporting your child.

TCZV216P	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Multiples and Factors	Mon, 9/6/25	19:00 - 20:30
TCZV217P	Year 5 and 6 Maths Long Multiplication	Mon, 16/6/25	19:00 - 20:30
TCZV219P	Year 5 and 6 Maths Long Division	Mon, 23/6/25	19:00 - 20:30
TCZV221P	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Division with remainders expressed as a fraction or a decimal	Mon, 19/5/25	19:00 - 20:30

To enroll, contact Oxfordshire Adult Learning by phone.

 01235 216 278

Visit the website and search 'Family Learning'

www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk

JOIN THE FUN

There are spaces in bands at your school



iRock

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Get ready for Summer term: spaces are available for your child to join an iRock band at their school!

What is iRock? At iRock, children experience the thrill of being in a band! Led by our passionate and professional Band Coaches, our weekly in-school band sessions are open to all pupils from Reception to Year 6.

Music for all. iRock aims to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child feels they belong. Each week, children develop their musical skills, confidence, and teamwork as they work towards exam-free music qualifications – celebrating progress without the pressure of formal exams.

Feel like a rockstar! The excitement culminates every term in a live concert where children perform as a band for their families and peers. These performances are more than just a showcase—they're an opportunity for children to build self-esteem, enhance their confidence, and experience the joy of accomplishment.

iRock isn't just about music; it's about helping children thrive cognitively, socially, and academically through the power of music.

Key information:

- **No experience needed** and all instruments are provided
- Parents/guardians can access our **online portal** for updates, pictures and videos
- Hassle-free **monthly subscription** that can be cancelled at any time with a **first lesson money-back guarantee**.

Head to <https://www.irockschool.com/enrol> to check availability and start your child's iRock journey!

Joshua Franklin
Founder
iRock School of Music

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