

# Windmill Weekly (29)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for May - Kindness

02 May 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **International Day**

It was lovely to see the effort that so many of the children made yesterday with dressing in traditional costumes and colours. The French / Italian café was very successful, and I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Ward, Mrs Parafita and Claudia Cipolla (our Italian teacher) who worked so hard to make it happen. The Year 5 /6 Cookery and MFL Young Leaders were amazing too!

## **Cycle Bus**

We have been doing a Hands Up Travel survey this week at the request of the School Streets organisers at Oxford City Council. This has shown that many of the children would really like to ride their bikes to school. Please see below the details from Cyclox, who are trying to encourage schools to have a Cycle Bus to increase bike travel. It is something we used to have and I would be keen to get it going again if any of you were interested.

## **Cycling to school starts the day off well!**

Lots of children say they would like to cycle to school rather than drive or walk. There's a new initiative happening on lots of school routes, not just in the UK but also internationally. It's called a bike bus.

A bike bus is a group of people who ride to school together, with a set route for people to join in along the way. It's an easy, safe, and enjoyable way for children to get to school.

Would your child (and maybe you) cycle with the 'bike bus' if there was one?

Cyclox wants to help link children and parents up with each other and to share guidance as to how to set up and run a bike bus.

Maybe it could be a thing for Fridays. Fresh air, friends, and that Friday feeling.

To access free training and resources, please visit <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/fridedays-bike-bus/>.

If you're curious and might be interested in taking part on your child's route to school, please email [operations@cyclox.org](mailto:operations@cyclox.org). We'll do our best to link you up with others as well as sharing experience and advice from other buses.



## Key Dates

5 May	Bank Holiday - <b>School Closed</b>
9 May	PTA Quiz & Curry Night
9 May	Class Photos
12 - 15 May	Year 5 Dorset Trip
12 - 15 May	Year 6 SATs week
16 May	Year 3 Performance 2.00pm
19 May	Windmill Bake Off
21 May	Open Morning 8.30am - 9.10pm
22 May	Year 6 Enterprise Day
23 May	End of Term 4

### Dear Parents and Carers,

For Year 4's art workshop for the summer exhibition, we need wools and yarns, rafia, embroidery thread, fluffy wool, ribbons -any material that could be wrapped around a straw and be glued to fix. All remnants of this type welcome.

For Year 1 we are after old CDs.

If you can help, please bring into the school office next week and leave in the labelled box (art resources), or please give it to your child in a bag with a label saying 'Y4 (or Y1) art resources' . Thank you so much. Hope it gives you a chance to have a clear out! Thank you, Anna Rianne, Art Coordinator

### PTA donations / Amazon wishlists

Another big THANK YOU to everyone who has bought items from the Amazon wishlists! Some items are still available to buy if you haven't had the chance yet - there is a separate list for each year group and for SEND supplies.

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/itFgeaI>

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

These have replaced some of the usual fundraising activity (e.g. bake sales) and they are an easy alternative way to donate. As with all PTA fundraising, it is totally voluntary and there is no obligation as we know that all families are under different financial pressures.

If you would like to send a standard donation to the PTA, please use the bank details below and the reference 'Donations'.

Sort code: 20-65-21

Account: 00978604

Thank you again for all your help!

### **Year 1 Girls Football at Quarry Rovers Football Club**

Quarry Rovers are looking to start a new Under 7 girls team for next season. We would like to run some taster sessions in May at Margaret Road Recreation Ground. We are also looking for any parent/carers who are keen to be involved in running the team - each team requires at least two volunteer adults. If your child is interested in playing in the team, please email Rob [rob.qrfc@gmail.com](mailto:rob.qrfc@gmail.com) . Also do ask if you'd like more information on running the team.

### **End of April = end of Physical Challenge Month**

A huge thank you to all the children who completed a physical challenge over the past few weeks! It was great to hear and see a few examples shared on Claslist!

Now it's time to collect in the hard earned sponsorship money and get it into the PTA bank account! Remember all money raised by the PTA goes towards supporting the school and therefore helps provide resources, refreshed spaces and experiences etc for our children.

Please send all money raised to the following account over the next few days and I hope to be able to share the total amount raised in next week's newsletter.

Barclays

Sort code: 20-65-21

Account no: 00978604

Reference: PhysChal

Naomi - on behalf of the PTA

### **Curry & quiz - Friday 9th May - DEADLINE EXTENDED until Monday at 5pm**

If you haven't yet managed to sign up, there is still time! We would love to see as many of you as possible at the curry and quiz night; it's a great chance to socialise and get to know other parents and carers.

PLEASE don't be afraid to sign up solo (we know babysitting can be a problem); we will organise the teams so we'll find you a home!

- Venue: school hall
- Bar from 7, curry at 7.30, quiz from 8
- Quiz & drink £5, quiz & drink & curry £16

Book here: <https://bit.ly/4iQbfXY> , food proceeds to Oxford Community Kitchen, payment details at the link

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 £12.26 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 or visit our website [www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk) for further information and to download the OCC Support Staff (August 2022) application form.

### Iris Classics Summer School and Nature Late Festival

We are delighted to announce the following events:

#### 'Nature Late' Festival, 27th June, 6 - 8pm

Nature Late will celebrate the world of nature on site at Cheney School through talks, workshops, stalls, activities and exhibitions. The schedule is as follows:

6 - 6.30pm - "Saving Our Insects" - opening talk by Professor Dave Goulson.

6 - 8pm - Ecology Festival for all ages with a large range of science and nature-themed stalls and activities

8 - 11pm - Moth Night

If you would like to attend any part of the event, please fill in [this form](#).

It is free and aimed at all ages. There will be live performances and refreshments as well as many stalls and activities, crafts, talks and workshops.

#### Iris Classics Summer School, 18th - 20th August

We are delighted to be offering our tenth annual Classics Summer School this August at the Iris Classics Centre at Cheney School in Oxford. It will take place on the mornings of 18th, 19th and 20th August. This year the summer school will be themed on the ancient Minoan civilisation on Crete!

The format for each day will be as follows:

**9 - 10.30am** - Latin (ages 7 - 9); Latin (ages 10 - 11); Greek (ages 7 - 9); Greek (ages 10 - 11)

**10.30 - 11.15am** - refreshments and activities

**11.15 - 12.45pm** - Latin (ages 7 - 9); Latin (ages 10 - 11); Greek (ages 7 - 9); Greek (ages 10 - 11)

The classes will be run by experienced teachers and will include activities as well as language learning. **They will all be aimed at complete beginners.** There will be themed activity stalls and refreshments between the morning classes.

If you would like your child to attend the summer school, you can book to attend by filling in [this form](#), stating name, age, and which language class they would like to join. Attendees need to choose one language they would like to learn for the duration of the school - either Latin or Greek - as each class builds on the previous one.

In order to help cover our costs for this event, we are charging £20 per child for the summer school - please do get in touch if this cost is likely to be prohibitive.

You can pay online at <http://www.irisproject.org.uk/index.php/the-iris-project/support-us> or pay on the door on the first morning of the summer school. If you feel you can pay more than £20 to help cover costs, we are always grateful for any donation.

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# May Bank Holiday Family Fun Day

The whole community is welcome for a reduced price family fun day, an affordable day out for everyone.  
£5 per child for the day. Parents £1 entry.

All activities on the day are included within your ticket:  
*Soft play areas - Giant bubbles - Inflatable assault course - Floor is Lava  
Jumping Pillow - Park - Face painting - Bouncy Castle and LOTS more!  
The Splash park and trampolines will also be available on a first come  
first served basis and will have limited time slots.*

*There will also be all day refreshments, including ice cream,  
hot and cold drinks, including bar and a variety of hot food including  
pizza, burgers and baguettes.*



**Monday 5th May 2025, 10am-3pm**

Reduced entry price, **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

Join us at Thomley, Menmarsh Road, Worminghall, HP189JZ for a fun-filled day of endless activities for children of all abilities.

A guaranteed good day for all the family!

[www.thomley.org.uk](http://www.thomley.org.uk) 01844 338380 [bookings@thomley.org.uk](mailto:bookings@thomley.org.uk)



# Summer Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long  
book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) Recordings available for 48 hours

Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 10am
Decreasing Depression	16 June 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	17 June 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 June 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	24 June 10am
Autism Improving Communication	24 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	30 June 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	30 June 7pm
Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am

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# May Holiday Camps 2025: Venues and Dates

## 'CRIME LAB'



*Be a detective for the day and find out who did it. Use your observational skills and scientific techniques to eliminate suspects, whilst uncovering your own personal profile. Can you solve the crime?*



Tuesday 27th May

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Curbridge Rd, Witney, OX28 5JZ

Wednesday 28th May

St Joseph's Primary School, Headley Way, Headington, OX3 7SX

Thursday 29th May

Long Lane Primary School, Long Lane, Reading, RG31 6YG

Friday 30th May

Gagle Brook Primary School, Cranberry Avenue, Bicester, OX27 8BD

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

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



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