

Windmill Weekly (39)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for July - Trust

18 July 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

A Huge Thank You!

- Thank you to all of the Year 6 children who are leaving us today. They have all been absolutely amazing and we know that they are all ready for this next step to secondary school., We wish them all lots of luck!
- Thank you to the rest of the children in the school who always work so hard to do their best and have some fun too.
- Thank you to my amazing staff team! We are so lucky as a school to have such a fantastic team of staff who are always happy to go the extra mile to make sure that the experience the children have at Windmill is the best we can give them. This was verified by our Ofsted visit in January.
- Thank you to all of you for being so supportive of our school but also being happy to come and have a chat when you have had concerns.
- Thank you to the PTA and all of you who have supported their fundraising events so the children can have some additional resources that we can't afford from our school budget.
- Thank you to our Governors who are always so supportive of the school and what we aim to achieve.

Finally, lots of luck if you and your family are moving away from Oxford over the summer. I hope that you settle quickly into your new places and schools.

Summer Art Exhibition

I hope that you all enjoyed visiting our Summer Art Exhibition last Thursday and Friday. I thought it was great to see such wonderful artwork and such a great range of art styles. A huge thanks to Mrs Rianne who coordinated the artists who came to work with the children and the final display in the hall. Well done to all of the children!

Charity Fund Raising

Congratulations to Etta who raised £100 at the weekend for the Oxford Children's Hospital charity. She decided to run a lemonade and secondhand stand at the Quarry Football event.





Rhino design Competition

Congratulations to Lizi Hartle whose design for the school rhino has been picked to be painted onto him over the summer holidays.

Over payments for school lunches

If your child is leaving Windmill Primary at the end of this academic year and you would like a refund on any over payments you may have made on School Grid, please could you contact Dolce direct by emailing customercare@dolce.co.uk. As the payments did not come to us we are unable to refund the money.

Dolce School Dinners

Due to increased costs Dolce are increasing the cost of a school dinner to £2.90 per meal from September 2025. This is £14.50 a week.

Thank you to all the parents who have donated to the Just Giving page for the Windmill art exhibitions. We have raised £300 of our £500 target, which is amazing. Thank you so very much.

Should you still wish to donate, here is the link for the last time. Have a wonderful summer! Mrs Rianne https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/anna-rienne-2?utm_medium=CR&utm_source=CL

Clubs

The club list for September 2025 is available on the school website -

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

It will continue to be updated as clubs send through their club details.

Goodbye, for the Summer, from the Governors at Windmill!

What a year of triumph, joy and resilience! The Windmill Way has been fundamental to the achievement, inclusion, security and ambition for our young learners. As Governors we would like to thank the whole school community. Summed up, for me, at least, by the Summer concert on Tuesday - many, many children, at various levels of musical progress, giving their all and making a fabulous sound. That is Windmill!

Have a wonderful summer and see most of you again in September.

Anne Cowan and Brid Cronin

co-Chairs of Governors

Autumn Fayre 2025 - Saturday 11th October

We just want to put the date of 11th October in everyone's diaries for our Autumn Fayre next term, there'll be a great selection of stalls, games, activities and refreshments as usual.

Henna painting/Caricatures: We've had parents in the past who have run these stalls but have now left - is there anyone with these skills who would like to take them on?

Year group organisers will be in touch next term to ask for volunteers to run short stall slots on the day as well as other ways you can help out. If you'd like to get involved before then, please email the PTA at WindmillPTA@gmail.com

A reminder that pick up time today will be 2.30pm.



Key Dates

18 July	Last day in school (INSET days on 21 st and 22 nd July)
3 September 2025	Term 1 for Academic Year 2025/2026 - 8.40am

It just remains for me to wish you all a very Happy Summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Knapp', written on a light-colored background.

Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

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Ceramics and Sculpture After School Club

Ewa Bogacz, ebogartoxford@gmail.com, 07834671850

Dear Parents / Carers,

09.07.25

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 air-dry clay as well as develop their skills in painting. The club is run by a local artist and teacher Ewa Bogacz

Wednesdays – only KS2 children (years 3,4,5,6) between 10 September and 17 December

(time 3:10 to 4:30, Classroom: tbc)

COST: £140 / 14 sessions

Thursdays – KS1 and KS2 children (years 1,2,3,4,5,6) – places limited.

between 11 September and 18 December (time 3:10 to 4:30, Classroom: tbc)

COST: £140 / 14 sessions

TO ENTOLL - simply would you please send Ewa an email or a text message with your child details: name, school, year group, class and parent phone number – I can't register a child without emergency phone number.

PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENTS WITHOUT REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FIRST AND RECEIVING A CONFIRMATION.

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**DISNEY DANCE CLUB:
LION KING!
For children in Reception – Year 1!**

We are delighted to be running our 'Disney: Lion King' themed Dance Club in the Autumn Term! Dance Club is designed to increase fitness, coordination, and stamina, whilst also being lots of fun!

Disney Dance Club will run after school, **3:10pm-4:40pm** on **Wednesdays for Reception – Year 1**. Each session costs **£11.50** and the club starts on Wednesday 10th September and the final session on Wednesday 17th December (full details can be found on our website).

We accept all childcare vouchers; payment via the Government Tax-Free Childcare scheme and payments can be made in instalments. Payments by Direct Debit or Childcare Vouchers/Gov Tax-Free will be due by September; payment via credit/debit card will be taken at the time of booking.

To sign up please visit www.rattleandrollperformance.com (you will need to register first if you haven't previously). To go straight to the class use code DAWMPS1.

If you have any questions, please contact us on enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com or call 07722 014301.

Thank you and best wishes,

Katy Emmerson
Rattle and Roll

You can keep up to date with all our news and events happening near you by following us on Facebook and [@rattleandrollperformance](https://www.instagram.com/rattleandrollperformance) on Instagram



'ON THE STAGE' CLUB:

Shrek the Musical!

For children in Reception – Year 6

We are delighted to be running our new **Shrek the Musical** themed 'On the Stage' Club in the Autumn Term! This club is a combination of dancing, drama and singing with a specific focus on building confidence and boosting teamwork.

'On the Stage' will run after school **3:10pm-5:10pm** on **Fridays for Reception – Year 6**. Each session costs **£14** and the club will start on Friday 12th September and the final lesson on Friday 12th December (full details can be found on our website).

We accept all childcare vouchers; payment via the Government Tax-Free Childcare scheme and payments can be made in instalments. Payments by Direct Debit or Childcare Vouchers/Gov Tax-Free will be due by September; payment via credit/debit card will be taken at the time of booking.

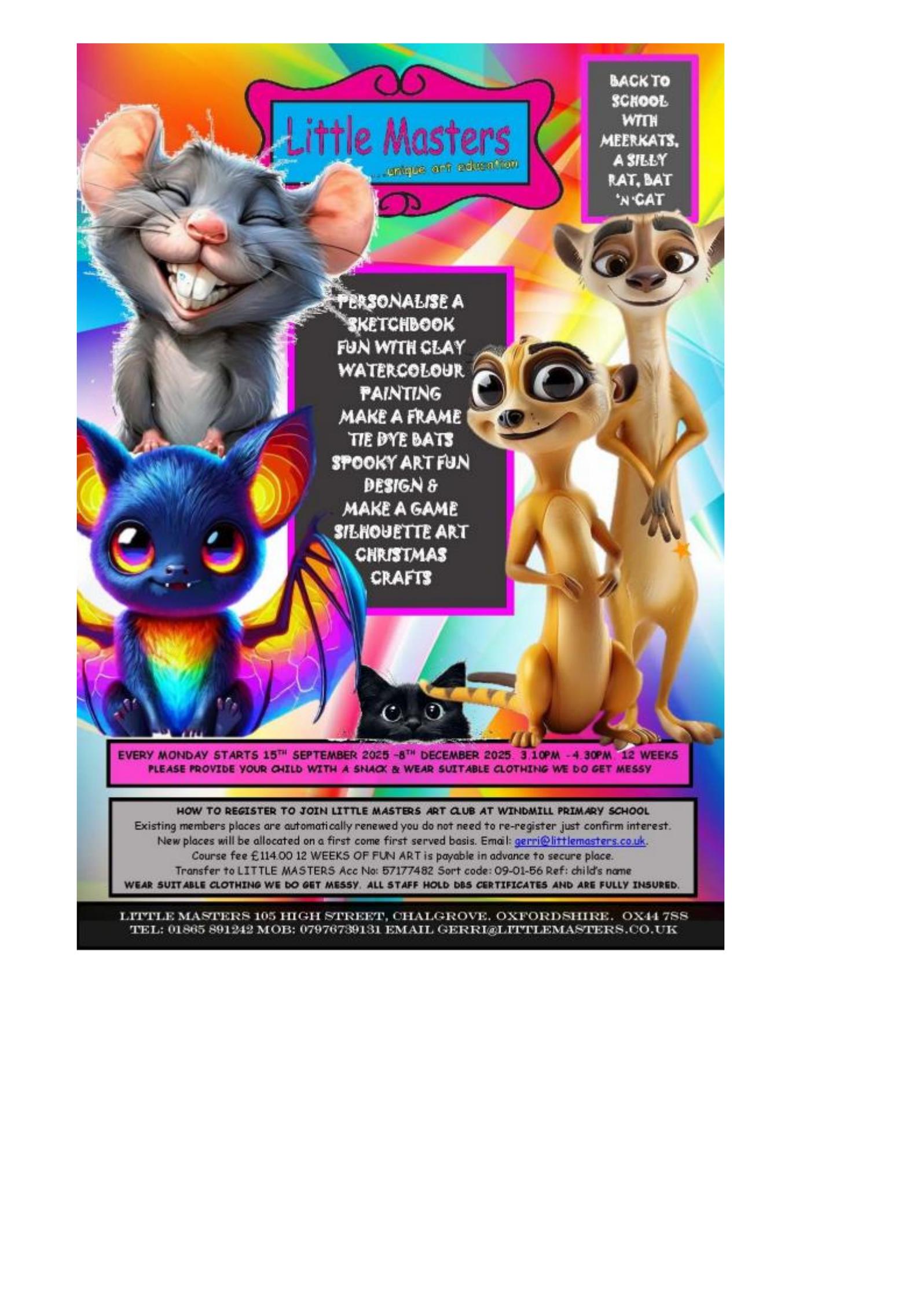
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Thank you and best wishes,

Katy Emmerson
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HOW TO REGISTER TO JOIN LITTLE MASTERS ART CLUB AT WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Existing members places are automatically renewed you do not need to re-register just confirm interest.

New places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Email: gerri@littlemasters.co.uk.

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Thursdays 3:10pm - 4pm



To register please email
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Brookes University Study - Exploring Children's Eating Habits



Participants Needed!

Hello, I'm Tamar. I'm a former Primary School Teacher and currently studying an MSc in Psychology at Brookes University. I would like to invite you to take part in an online study for my dissertation.

If you're a parent with one or more children aged 5-11 years old, please participate in my study! This will be an online questionnaire for both parent and child to complete at home, at a time convenient for them. For the parent it will take 10-15 minutes to complete, and for the child 5-10 minutes.

I hope that you can take part and thank you very much for your time.

To take part in this study, please click on this link:

https://brookeshls.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b8Fvf2GJShr5pQi

Any questions, please email (Tamar): 06043412@brookes.ac.uk

Summer Holiday Clubs

St Nicholas' Primary School, Oxford

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Monday to Friday from 28th July to 22nd August

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Family Learning Online Workshops Sept-Oct 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
P07905	Emotional Regulation	Mon, 8/9/25	12:00-13:30
P07909	Positive Discipline	Mon, 15/9/25	12:00-13:30
P07915	Implementing Effective Routines	Mon, 22/9/25	12:00-13:30
P07917	Developing Resilience	Mon, 29/9/25	12:00-13:30

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

P07907	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Column Addition and Subtraction	Mon, 8/9/25	19:00 - 20:30
P07911	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Multiples and Factors	Mon, 15/9/25	19:00 - 20:30
P07913	Year 5 and 6 Maths -Long Multiplication	Mon, 22/9/25	19:00 - 20:30
P07919	Year 5 and 6 Maths -Long Division	Mon, 29/9/25	19:00 - 20:30
P07921	Year 5 and 6 Maths -Division with remainders as fractions and decimals	Mon, 6/10/25	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



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CODE	COURSE TITLE	START DATE	TIME
P07906	Emotional Regulation	Mon, 10/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
P07910	Positive Discipline	Mon, 17/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
P07916	Implementing Effective Routines	Mon, 24/11/25	12:00 - 13:30
P07918	Developing Resilience	Mon, 1/12/25	12:00 - 13:30

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P07908	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Column Addition and Subtraction	Mon, 10/11/25	19:00 - 20:30
P07912	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Multiples and Factors	Mon, 17/11/25	19:00 - 20:30
P07914	Year 5 and 6 Maths Long Multiplication	Mon, 24/11/25	19:00 - 20:30
P07920	Year 5 and 6 Maths Long Division	Mon, 1/12/25	19:00 - 20:30
P07922	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Division with remainders as a fraction or a decimal	Mon, 18/12/25	19:00 - 20:30

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Dear Parent / Carer

The summer holidays are nearly upon us and hopefully the weather will mean that you will be able to enjoy being out and about with your children over the next few weeks.

It would be a great chance for you to use our **Footsteps** programme to begin to support your children in their journey to becoming safer, independent pedestrians and road users.

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.

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.

Please follow the link to the **Footsteps** guide [Footsteps](#) and begin to give your children the skills and knowledge they will need to stay safer on our roads.

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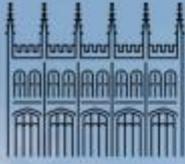



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