

Windmill Weekly 02)

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Value for September - Unity

12 September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Dates List / Parent Handbook

Attached with this letter is the Dates List for the forthcoming year. If you are new to the school and would like to know more about each event go to our website and look in the parent handbook which can be found with this link-

<https://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1395&type=pdf>

Dangerous Parking

We have an on-going issue with parents and carers parking on the double yellow lines outside of the School Street Zone. This makes it incredibly dangerous for pedestrians who have reduced visibility. Please can I ask that you park in the right place even if it means you need to walk a bit further. An example below from last Friday demonstrates what I am talking about.



Autumn Fayre Dancing

I have nearly 200 children signed up to take part in the Autumn Fayre Dancing on Saturday 11 October. I appreciate that many of you may not be available that day, but if you know that you are and that your child would like to dance please can they be available at 2:00pm on that day. I will be sending a formal permission letter very soon. We will start practicing the dancing next week.



Key Dates

9 October	Flu Immunisation
11 October	Autumn Fayre
15 October	Parent Interviews
20 October	Sustainability Week
24 October	End of Term 1 at 3.10pm
3 November	Start of Term 2 at 8.40am
5 November	Open Evening for new pupils September 2026 (pre-booked appointment)
10 November	Anti Bullying Week
14 November	Takeover Day
18 & 19 November	Individual Photos
20 November	Open Morning 8.30am - 9.10pm

Reporting Absences

Please could we remind you that if your child is absent from school due to illness, medical appointment, or any other reason, you need to telephone our dedicated absence line on 01865 762509 and select Option 1. Please record your child's name, class and the reason for the absence speaking clearly and slowly. Please note we must hear from you every day your child is absent.

Please do not send emails to the office or the class teacher as emails are not always picked up early, or the information is not passed to the relevant person.

Sickness

If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, please note that there is a 48-hour exclusion period from school from the last incident of sickness.

School Meals

8:45am is the cut-off to order your child's meal from School Grid (Dolce's meal ordering website). It is helpful if you can order for the whole week - and ideally the whole term- in advance. However, please do cancel your child's meal if they decide to bring a pack lunch that day or are absent for any reason.

Allergies

You are able to highlight the common allergens on the School Grid system if your child has an allergy to food. For allergens, or other preferences (such as vegetarian or vegan) that are not on the website, please contact coliveira@windmill.oxon.sch.uk for discussion on the best way to move forward.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 you may be able to claim free school meals, a simple form to check your eligibility is available from the school office. The office email address is office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk

After School Clubs

Please ensure your child's teacher is aware of the after-school clubs, including KidActive, your child attends. This is to ensure a safe hand-over from school to the club.

Please label all your child's belongings

As you can imagine, 630 children generate a lot of lost property. Please help us return your items as soon as possible by naming everything- this includes coats, jumpers, shirts, trousers, lunchboxes and water bottles. If you would like to visit Lost Property to have a look, you are welcome to visit between 8:30-8:40am, and 3:10-3:30pm.

Club news

The Oxford United girls football club on Mondays is now open to girls in years 1-4.

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 guitar, woodwind, brass, strings, keyboard or drum kit, 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 is currently looking for and has places available for beginners.

🏆 School Games Award - Gold!

We're delighted to share that Windmill has once again achieved the School Games Gold Award — our fourth year in a row! This fantastic achievement recognises the commitment, energy and teamwork that go into making P.E. and sport at Windmill the very best they can be.

A huge thank you to Mr Habbershaw and Mrs Newman for their dedication and hard work, and to all our pupils for bringing their enthusiasm and effort to every lesson, club and competition. Together, we've kept Windmill shining at gold standard!

U11 County Football

We are delighted to share some fantastic news from the football pitch! Congratulations to Amelia Bovington, Evie Godin, Hugo Jarvstad, and Yassin Abdelrehim, who have all been selected to represent Oxfordshire in the County U11 squads.

Both the boys' and girls' teams recently played their first matches against St Albans, and we are incredibly proud that Windmill had two players in each side. What an achievement to be chosen to represent the whole county—well done to all four pupils!



100 Club Needs More Members!

The 100 Club is our school's monthly lottery draw. You can join by purchasing tickets for £1 per month or £12 for the entire year. Each month you have the chance to win prizes of £25, £15, and £10. The remaining funds are used to buy books for classrooms and the school library, as well as to support other school projects.

If you want to join, please contact Dariusz via email: mail@dariusz.tv or WhatsApp: 07929059974.

Windmill Autumn Fayre: Saturday 11th October, 1-4pm

Put the date in your diary for this year's Windmill Autumn Fayre! There will be all the usual games to play, plus a raffle and tombola. Enjoy some hot sausages and soup, tuck into homemade cakes, and see some fantastic dance and choir performances.

Each year group will be in charge of a few stalls to man on the day - please look out for sign-up sheets and put your name down for a 30min slot, we can't do it without you!

Subject: Got a prize? We need it for the Autumn Fayre raffle!

The Autumn Fayre raffle on October 11th is one of the PTA's biggest fundraisers (last year: £879, doubled-matched to £2,637). To do this, we need prizes from generous parents and local businesses. Big, small, quirky, useful, anything goes.

Think vouchers, experiences, treats, bottles, hampers, tickets...if it's something you'd want to win, it'll work.

To donate, please email us at windmillfayre@gmail.com or message me (Tomi Johnson) on Classlist. We can even collect from you.

Funds raised go straight back into things for the children: trips, resources, playground, sensory room.

Past raffle highlights: scooter, deer park trip, fitness sub, beauty treatments, whisky, canoeing, family photos, aerial acrobatics, cookbooks, massages, games.

Thanks in advance,
Tomi

PTA coffee morning: Friday 19th September

Please come and join us for a coffee and a chat on Friday 19th September in the ASC room just after drop off. You can ask questions, raise any issues that you'd like to discuss, and find out more about how you can get involved in supporting your school.

Next PTA meeting: Wednesday 24th September

The next PTA meeting is online at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24th September. Everyone is welcome, please join us to just listen and catch up on PTA activities or find a way to get involved. You can join at the usual zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8472552140>

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Key Dates List 2025/26

Autumn Term	
Full Governors	7 October / 2 December
Autumn Fayre	Saturday 11 October
Flu Immunisation for whole school	9 October
Parent Interviews for whole school	15 October
Photographer for whole school	18 and 19 November
Sustainability Week	20 -23 October
Sustainability Exhibition	23 October
House Event -	24 October
End of Term 1 for whole school	24 October
School closed for whole school	27 October to 31 October
Start of Term 2 for whole school	3 November
Open Evening for new pupils 2026	5 November (5:00pm - 6:00pm)& 26th November (3:30pm - 4:30pm)
Anti-bullying Week	10 - 14 November
11 Million Takeover Day for whole school	14 November
Open morning for whole school	20 November 8:30am – 9:10am
Pantomime for whole school	1 December – Peter Pan
Reception Xmas play for reception	3 December 9:15 am - 10:00am
Year 2 Xmas Play	10 December at 2:00 pm 11th December at 9:15am
Year 1 Xmas / orchestra	12 December 9:15am
Cheney Concert - Orchestra / Choir	10 December
Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert	17 December at 2:00pm and 18 Dec 9:00am - 10:00am
House Xmas Quiz whole school	19th December
End of Term 2	19th December at 2:30pm.
Xmas Holiday	22 December to 2 January
Spring Term	
Start of Term 3	6th January
Winter Lights	15 January 4:30pm
Open morning whole school	27 January (8:30am to 9:10am)
Full Gov	3rd February / 24th March
Year 1 Sharing assembly	13th February
End of Term 3 for whole school	13 February
Holiday for whole school	17 ⁵ – 20 February
Start of Term 4 whole school	23 February
Book Fair	24th Feb - 27th Feb
Book week	2 -6 March
World Book Day for whole school	5th March – Dress as your favourite book character
Sports Relief whole school	To be confirmed
Parent Interviews for whole school	18 March

Year 4 performance	24 / 25 March
House Cross County for whole school	27 March 9:00am – 9:30am.
End of Term 4 for whole school	27 March at 2:30pm
Holiday for whole school	30 March - 10 April
Summer Term	
Start of Term 5 for whole s school	13 April
May Bank Holiday - School Closed	4 May
Class Photographs	To be confirmed
Year 5 Dorset Trip	11th May- 14th May
SATs week for year 6	11 -13 May
Full Gov	12 May / 30 June
Year 3 performance	13th May at 2:00pm
Windmill Bake Off for whole school	18 May
Open morning for whole school	20 May (8:30am to 9:10am)
Year 6 Enterprise	21st May
End of term 5	22 May
Holiday for whole school	25 - 29 May
Start of term 6	1 June
Year 5 assembly	June 3rd : 6:00pm / 4th June at 2:30pm
Summer Dancing	18 June - 9:15am - 10:15am
Inset day - School Closed	19 June
Kilvrough for Y6	22nd - 26th June
Year 1 Play	26 June - 9:10am
Sports Day for Key Stage 1 and Reception	2 July -9:15am
Sports Day for Key Stage 2	30th June- 1:30pm
Year 6 Performance	17th June at 1:45pm and 18th June at 6:00pm
Big Meal	9th July
Summer Concert	10 July 9:00am
Leavers Service for year 6	17 July (9:00am - 10:00am)
End of Term 6 for whole school	17 July at 2:30pm
Start of Term 1 2026/27	3 September 2025

Free entry

**Buy your Fayre
tokens on the door**

WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN FAYRE

SATURDAY

TIME

OCT 11

1-4pm

Bring the whole family for games & activities, bouncy castle, raffle, tombola, hot and cold food and drinks plus choir and dance performances!

Windmill Primary School, Margaret Road, Oxford

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6:30-7:15PM
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kidactive.co.uk/halloween

TUCK SHOP SERVING HOT DOGS & MULLED WINE

Fundraising For Margaret Rd Pitches & Barton Bradley Toilets

Come join us at Quarry Pavilion from 6pm on 31st October for some games and a mini disco. The perfect place to end your evening of Trick or Treating, or if that's not your thing, a nice way to get out of the house! All proceeds go towards our pitch improvement & new toilets at Barton Bradley fund. For ages 4-8.

<https://kidactive.co.uk/halloween>

Headington Wombles

Headington Wombles next community litter pick is being held this Friday, 12th September 12 noon (midday) to 2pm. We'll meet outside Courtside cafe in Bury Knowle Park and anyone is welcome to join us. We will be there until 2pm and Courtside are providing squash to volunteers at 1.55pm but people are welcome to stay as long or short as they are able.

Please bring a litter pickers if you already have one, and a pair of sturdy gloves to wear. We'll also have equipment people can borrow available.

Also please join our WhatsApp group at <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JRXK8ZjMHVFFHQSTwMD7nv> in case there are any updates on the day.

We look forward to seeing you when we're out Wombling soon and please feel free to send this onto your local networks.

To read more visit our website at: <https://sites.google.com/view/headington-wombles/>.

Best wishes, Martha and Hannah



OPEN EVENTS 2025

Open Evening

Tuesday 23 September

5:30pm - 8pm

Presentations at 5:30pm and 6:30pm

Open Mornings

Tuesday 23 September

Thursday 25 September

Tuesday 14 October

9:00am - 10:30am

Tour at 9:00am and Presentation at 9:45am

SEND Open Morning - Thursday 16 October

9:30am - 11:00am

www.cheneyschool.org
There is no on-site parking

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9th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Wheatley Park School Open Evening and Open Morning 2025

I am delighted to invite you to our upcoming Open Evening and Open Morning. As your child approaches secondary education age, we relish the opportunity to show you what Wheatley Park has to offer.

Our vision is to provide an outstanding education in the very broadest sense to each and every one of our students in accordance with our core school values of Everyone Learning and Everyone Caring.

Our Open Evening will give you a chance to see the school for yourselves. You will be able to meet the staff and appreciate their passion for their work. You will also be able to talk to students of all ages to get a sense of how much they enjoy school life and are involved in their learning. The Open Morning provides an additional opportunity to see the school on a normal working day.

We understand that the choice of a secondary school is an important and sometimes daunting matter. Please do take the opportunity to visit on either or both of these occasions and make sure that all your questions are answered. Equally, you are welcome to make an appointment for a visit at another time or to discuss your child's particular circumstances.

Our Open Evening will start at **6.00pm on Wednesday 24th September**. You will be able to join a student-led tour or explore the school freely. There will be two Headteacher talks to ensure all families are able to attend. You can either arrive at 6pm for my presentation in the Main Hall with a tour of our site afterwards, or you will be able to arrive after 6pm for a tour of our school followed by a repeat of my earlier presentation at 7.00pm. The evening will end at 8pm.

In addition to this, our Open Morning will be from **9.00am until 10.45am on Friday 26th September**, beginning with a welcome reception in the Sixth Form Study Room located within the Sixth Form Centre. Please park in the main school car park adjacent to the Sixth Form Centre unless directed otherwise for both events and follow the signage.

On behalf of everyone at Wheatley Park, we look forward to welcoming you in person to our beautiful parkland site.

Yours sincerely

Timothy Martin

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Headteacher

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Dear Parent / Carer

As Autumn approaches and the mornings and evenings get darker, 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 [Footsteps](#) 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



 **September Timetable**
All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 10am
Supporting A Child With ADHD	15 Sep 7pm
Improving Family Communication	16 Sep 10am
Autism Improving Communication	16 Sep 7pm
Facing Defiance	22 Sep 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	22 Sep 7pm
Understanding Anger	23 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	23 Sep 7pm
FREE Facing Defiance	25 Sep 7-8pm
Introduction To OCD	29 Sep 10am
What Is ACT?	29 Sep 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	30 Sep 10am
Anxiety Explained	30 Sep 7pm
Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm



Autumn Family Social

SIX BELLS

Friends of Quarry invite you to share an
Autumn afternoon with neighbours, children and friends

Sunday 21st September 2-5pm

Summertown Morris, Belly Dancing, Barbeque,
Kid's Activities, Folk Music

