

Windmill Weekly 04)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for September - Unity

26 September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Autumn Fayre Dancing

A letter will go home to all of the children who would like to dance at The Autumn Fayre. This will have a permission slip on so you can confirm that your child is available to take part. Please look out for this letter and ask if your child hasn't given it to you by Friday next week.

Headington Wombles

If your child is in Key Stage 1 they may have come home this week talking about The Headington Wombles and litter picking. This is because The Headington Wombles, who are an action group in Headington, led an assembly on Monday encouraging us all to firstly not drop litter, but also to support picking it up. They will be talking to the rest of the school over the next couple of weeks. This week's assembly definitely created a new interest in having the litter pickers out at playtimes and children helping to pick up playground rubbish which is lovely to see.

Play Equipment before and after school

Could we please remind parents that the play equipment next to the back playground is not open before and after school. Our insurance requires a member of staff to supervise the area when in use. Before and after school we do not have the capacity to do this so the equipment should not be used by anyone. Please supervise your children and ensure that they are not using the area outside of the school day.

Water Bottles

A reminder that water bottles which are kept in the classroom should only be filled with plain water and not squash or fruit juices.



Key Dates

2 October	Day at the Movies themed school lunch
9 October	Flu Immunisation
10 October	Non uniform day for Tombola prizes
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
4 November	PTA AGM - 7.30pm
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

Pupil Premium Funding – We Need Your Help

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 benefit related free school meals which attracts essential funding for the school; a simple form to check your eligibility is available from the school office. The office email address is office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk if you would like a form emailed to you.

Even if your child is in Key Stage 1 and able to have a free meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme; letting us know you are in receipt of qualifying benefits allows the school to claim much needed funding to help support children across the school.

The deadline to claim this funding is 2 October, so please let us know before this date.

Key Stage 1 School Dinners – 2 October 2025

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 please could we encourage them to take a school dinner on 2 October. A lot of our Government funding is based on the number of children having school dinners in Key Stage 1 on this day. There is also a special fun theme of "Day at the Movies".

Lost Property

Photos of unnamed lost property can be found here:

https://www.icloud.com/photos/#/icloudlinks/08ayZg_BbOvImKF2COpPYOG1g/

Please help us get your property back to your child as soon as possible by naming everything you can imagine- all uniform items, coats, water bottles, PE kit, gloves, hats, lunchboxes, etc.

Please come before school 8:30-8:40am, or after school 3:10-3:30pm, to claim your items. Alternatively, please email coliveira@windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

****Make an application to secondary school – Year 6 Parents****

Parents of children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 (inclusive) need to apply for a secondary school place for September 2026.

Applications can be submitted from 12 September 2025. The deadline to submit an application is **31 October 2025**. Visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions to make your application.

National Offer Day for Year 7 is 2 March 2026.

If you miss the deadline, your application will be processed later in the year, and you are far less likely to secure a place at your preferred school. It is very important to apply by the deadline.

Magdalen Football Tournament

Congratulations to our football team, who went undefeated in the group stage at Magdalen's first ever tournament before winning the semi-final 4-1. The final went to penalties after a 1-1 draw, and with



Thomas B's crucial saves, Windmill triumphed in sudden-death and were crowned champions! Well done to Thomas B, Tom H, Ben, Ruben, Leo, Sam, Kayden, Faisal, and Hugo!

Helmets for Foundation Classes

Foundation Stage classes are running low on helmets for use in our outdoor areas. If your child has outgrown a helmet suitable for the use of children aged 4-5, please consider donating these to Windmill.

The Helmets can be given direct to the Foundation teachers at drop off or pick up time.

PTA AGM / PTA committee roles

This year's PTA AGM will be online (Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8472552140>) at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th November 2025. We're very keen for some new volunteers to join the committee (PTA trustees) - especially for the roles of Secretary and Communications. You can email windmillPTA@gmail.com to find out more or speak to any of us individually (Kai Zolleis, Jess Goodman, Martin Gillies, Fergus Alexander, Amy Matthews, Jen Skym, Lizzie Nuthall) if you'd like to volunteer or if you'd like an informal chat about what's involved. There are so many ways to help so please get in touch whether you'd like to apply for one of the main roles, or join the committee in another capacity.

The formal deadline to stand for the PTA Committee (as a PTA trustee) is any time up until the AGM. Nominations need to be proposed and seconded, and should be sent to the Chair, ideally as soon as you know you'd like to stand, but we can help with this if you're not sure of the process, just drop us a line. Everyone is eligible to stand for any position on the Committee: whether one of the current vacancies, current positions, a newly created role, or simply as a trustee without portfolio (i.e. without a specific role). All volunteers are warmly welcomed!
(Windmill Primary School PTA, Charity Number 1209855)

Non-uniform day / Tombola prizes for Autumn Fayre - Friday 10th October

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 10th October to collect prizes for our fun family tombola. It's always a huge success that helps us raise lots of money for the school. In exchange for wearing non-uniform, please donate a new or good quality second hand small toy, craft or activity which can be given as tombola prizes, we'd suggest no more than £5 in value. The prizes should be suitable for children so no alcohol please, and it should be something that your child would be pleased to receive. Thank you for any donations you can give!

Cakes for Autumn Fayre

Please get baking for the ever popular cake stall at the Autumn Fayre. It's easiest if you can bring your cakes at the start of the Fayre (or any time earlier, there will be someone on site all morning) - if you need to drop them off the day before then please let us know at windmillPTA@gmail.com and we'll arrange a collection point.

Autumn Fayre stall sign-ups

Please sign up for a 30min slot to help on a stall at the Fayre if you're able to, we can't do it without you! Year reps should have circulated signup forms - the reps and stalls for each year are:

Reception: Ticketing, Jess Goodman

Y1: Refreshments, Martin Gillies

Y2: Games, Teresa Ferreira

Y3: Games & Bouncy Castle, Joanna Passmore

Y4: Games, Kai Zolleis

Y5: Pamper station, Lizzie Nuthall

Y6: Tombola, Andrea Sandford

Andrews Estate Agent - Colouring Competition

We would like to run a Halloween themed colouring competition for the pupils at Windmill School to take part in.

As a company that truly values our local community, we enjoy putting on events like this to bring some seasonal joy and creativity to the local area. This competition is open to children of all ages, and there are some fantastic prizes up for grabs, including book vouchers and the chance to have the winning entry proudly displayed in our branch window for a whole week!

If you'd like to take part please collect a colouring sheet from the School Office, they will be on the bench just outside.

Please return the completed sheets by Monday 20th October to the School Office, a box for completed sheets will be left on the bench also.

- **Please include on the back of each entry:**
 - Child's name, age and class

Good Luck!!

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Vacancies

School Cleaner

We 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 £12.65 an hour.

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 to ask for an application form or visit our website www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk for further information and to download the OCC Support Staff (August 2022) application form.

Teaching Assistant – Grade 4

We are seeking a teaching assistant to work 08:45am – 3.05pm (1 hour unpaid lunch) Monday to Friday.

Annual salary is £15,186 - £15,426.

This is a term time only contract so all holidays must be taken out of term time.

Please email office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk to ask for an application form or visit our website www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk for further information and to download the OCC Support Staff (August 2022) application form.

CLOSING DATE: – 3 OCTOBER 2025

Senior Lunchtime Supervisor – Grade 5

We are seeking a reliable and outgoing Senior Lunchtime Supervisor to work within our friendly lunchtime team.

The hours of work would be 11.30pm – 1.30pm, Monday – Friday, term time only.

Annual Salary is £5,784 - £5,969

Please email office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk to ask for an application form or visit our website www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk for further information and to download the OCC Support Staff (August 2022) application form.

CLOSING DATE:- 10 OCTOBER 2025

My Clothing - Uniform Provider

To help parents out this term we're offering a 15% discount on all orders * over the next few days. Please take advantage of this offer!

Details

15% Off School Uniform*

Dates Valid: 25/09/25 - 29/09/25

Use code at checkout: SEP15



Active Adventures

After a fantastic summer, we're delighted to be running Active Adventures again this October half-term (Monday 27 - Friday 31 October).

Active Adventures is the ultimate holiday club for children aged 8-16 (open to both Scouts and non-members). Each day is packed with thrilling outdoor challenges, team games, and nature-inspired activities - giving young people the chance to make new friends, build confidence, and enjoy the great outdoors.

Highlights include:

- High-energy adventures: archery, climbing, ziplining
- Team challenges: problem-solving games and group activities
- Survival skills: fire lighting, shelter building, backwards cooking
- Nature connection: crafts, wildlife spotting, mindful activities

This letter contains important information
about your child's flu vaccination.



Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child's annual Flu vaccination is due

WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are coming to your Childs school on 09/10/2025

The annual school aged Flu vaccination programme this year, is being offered to all children in Years Reception to Year 11. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and sometimes causes serious complications. Children can catch and spread flu easily so vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable e.g. babies and older people. This is particularly important as COVID-19 continues to circulate and people at risk of flu are also vulnerable to the complications of COVID-19.

Whether you wish for your child to have their Flu vaccine or you do not, please complete the form at least one full school day before the session. After this date you will find the online system will not work. The system will reopen the day after the school session to enable a form to be registered and a community clinic appointment be booked.

For most children, the Nasal Flu vaccination is painless and given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. In some medical circumstances it is necessary to administer the Flu vaccine by intramuscular injection instead of the nasal spray, but this will always be discussed with parents/carers beforehand.

If you object to the nasal vaccination on the grounds of its contents (e.g. Porcine Gelatine) or if the vaccine is otherwise unsuitable, you may also choose for the vaccination to be administered by intramuscular injection. This injection will also be delivered in school on the date above. You can choose the Injected flu vaccination on the vaccination consent form.

Asthma - If your child has asthma, please read the information below within "Further Important Information."

CONSENT FORM LINK Please complete a form even if you are refusing the vaccination	https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu
UNIQUE SCHOOL CODE Add when prompted	OX123047
INFORMATION LEAFLET LINKS Translated leaflets are available.	Primary school age leaflet Secondary school age leaflet
FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND OVERLEAF- If you need more help or translation services/translated leaflets, please contact us.	Email immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk Telephone 07920 254400 Website Oxfordshire SAIS - Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

Yours faithfully,

Rachael Conlan,
County Team Lead

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<p><u>My Child has Asthma what do I need to tell you about before the vaccination day?</u></p>	<p>We may not be able to safely vaccinate your child on the arranged date if any of the conditions below occur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the 3 days before the vaccination date, your child has been wheezy and/or increased the use of their reliever Inhaler or oral reliever medication • Your child receives Corticosteroid treatment (Oral steroids) in the 3 months before the vaccination date for ANY health condition. • Your child has taken prescribed influenza antiviral treatment in the 2 days before the vaccination date. <p>If any of the above occurs It is very important that you provide a written note with your child's name, dob, year group and the updating information to be given to the vaccination team on the day of vaccination. If your child is too young to be able to do this, please hand the letter to the school reception and ask that it is given to the vaccination team as they arrive and mark it as urgent. Please also call the Immunisation Team on 07920 254 400 before 08:45 on the day of vaccination.</p>
<p>There have been changes to my child's health or prescribed medication after I have filled in the consent form?</p>	<p>Email us at immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk Providing your child's Name, Date of Birth, School and the information you need us to know. We shall contact you if we have any questions before the vaccination day if we need to.</p>
<p><u>My child needs a second dose of Flu vaccine because they are in a clinical risk group. What do I need to do?</u></p>	<p>Children aged 2 years to less than 9 years who are in a clinical risk group category and who have not received the flu vaccine before, should receive a second dose of Flu vaccine at least 4 weeks after the first dose. Please contact your child's GP if you believe your child requires a second dose.</p>
<p><u>My child is having their flu vaccination by injection. How can I help my child prepare for this?</u></p>	<p><u>If your child requires an injected Flu vaccination it will be given at the top of their arm. Please ensure your child wears either a short-sleeved school shirt or games top or wears a T- shirt/vest under their school shirt so the shirt can be taken off if necessary. Please also encourage your child to bring a drink and a snack with them.</u></p>
<p><u>My child has missed the school vaccination session, how to I book a clinic appointment?</u></p>	<p>Community Clinics will be held across the county to enable children who have missed the school session to be vaccinated. Visit our website to book your child's appointment.</p>
<p>I do not want my child to have this vaccination, do I need to complete a consent form?</p>	<p>Complete the consent form, refusing the vaccination. We shall not contact you again regarding this vaccination until the next academic year when you will be given a further opportunity to provide your consent.</p>
<p>I have changed my mind, or my child has had their Flu vaccination at the GP surgery. How do I withdraw consent for these vaccinations after completing the consent form?</p>	<p>Follow these steps 1, Email withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk at least one full school day before the session 2, Written note on the day of the vaccination session- provide a written note to your child's School Reception for the urgent attention of the Immunisation Team. 3, In both email and letter include your child's school, name, year group and date of birth.</p>
<p>Can my child consent for their own vaccinations?</p>	<p>Some young people in secondary school, who understand fully what is involved in a proposed procedure, such as a vaccination, can legally provide their own consent (usually young people in Year 9 and above).</p>

<p>My child is not up to date with their Measles Mumps Rubella vaccinations, can you help?</p>	<p>If your child has not received two doses of the MMR (Measles Mumps, Rubella) vaccine please contact us to arrange for these to be given.</p>
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<p>Where can I find out more information about vaccines and the UK schedule</p>	<p>Vaccination information https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/ The UK vaccination schedule – check your child is up to date. Complete routine immunisation schedule from 1 September 2024 - GOV.UK Vaccine Knowledge project Flu vaccine Vaccine Knowledge Project</p>
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We welcome your feedback on what we do well or how you feel we could improve.
Please follow this [link](#) to `I Want Great care` and let us know. Use code 5180
You can also view feedback from other parent/carers [here](#)

Use your experiences to help improve our services. To find out more about how, email
GetInvolved@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

The information collected on the consent form will be securely sent to the National Immunisation and Vaccination System, the NHS Child Health Information Service and to your Doctor/GP Practice. It will also be retained by OHFT. For further information you can read our fair processing policy here: www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/privacy/ RC Sept 2025

Details:

- £35 per child, per day (discounts for block bookings)
- Early drop-off and late collection available
- Book individual days or the full week
- 9am - 5pm, Monday 27 to Friday 31 October
- Location: Scout Adventures Youlbury, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5HD

Find out more: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/national-events/active-adventures/>

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