

Windmill Weekly (05)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for October - Honesty

03 October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Yon Kippur

I hope that all of you who are members of the Jewish Community enjoyed your Yon Kippur celebrations yesterday. Our thoughts are with you following the terrible incident yesterday at the Synagogue in Greater Manchester.

Black History Month / Diversity Month

October is traditionally Black History Month. This year we have decided to widen the focus. In response to the recent rise in England flags being flown in our local area, we have decided to celebrate the diversity of our Windmill community and create a show of flags that represent every country of the world that our families originate from. We would like you to tell us where your families come from and we will source your national flag to add to our display which will be hung at the front of the school (Not on the front railings in case it gets torn down).

If you have a flag that you would like to donate, that would be great too. We are also going to run a competition for the children to design a banner to represent our slogan "We All Belong Here". The winning entry will be produced as a banner and hung outside.

We hope that you will support this initiative.

Pokemon Cards - Important New Rules

I am sure that many of you have picked up on the issues that Pokemon Cards have been causing in school. Rather than just ban them I put the issue to the school in assembly to see if the children could come up with some rules that would resolve the issues and still allow for the children to have them in school. The children were brilliant and have come up with these rules:-

- Pokemon Cards can only be brought to school on a Thursday when there will be 2 Pokemon Clubs being run. Mrs Reznik will run one for Key Stage 1 and Mrs Williams will run one for Key Stage 2.
- All Pokemon cards must be in a wallet or envelope with the child's name written on it and they can be given into class teachers for safekeeping.
- Cards can only be traded in Club time.
- Children trading must agree that they are happy to trade and once traded cards can't be taken back.
- If the rules are broken the child will be banned from bringing in their Pokemon cards for a week.
- If teachers find cards in lesson times they will be taken off of the child and parents will need to come and collect them.

Other than Reception children, all of the other children will know these rules as they were negotiated with them.

Punctuality

There has been a noticeable improvement in the number of children getting to school on time. Ready for the 8:40am start. Thanks to everyone who has really made the effort to get here on time. If you are still regularly late, we would appreciate you giving yourself more time to get to school on time as the children

miss valuable learning time being late to their class in the morning. If the issue is your child /children not getting organised talk to me and I'll see what we can do to help.

Bikes Racks

Please can children be reminded that the bike racks under the office window are for staff and adult visitors. There is plenty of room in the bike sheds for smaller bikes and scooters.



Key Dates

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

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

The Windmill Autumn Fayre is nearly here! There are lots of important messages for parents and carers so here's everything you need to know.

Tokens: The Fayre is free to enter and you can buy tokens for all activities on the door - we will also be selling tokens next week before school, Jess Goodman will be selling on Monday next to the bike shed.

Non-uniform day/Tombola prizes: This coming Friday (10th October) will be a non-uniform day to collect prizes for our tombola. 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. Your class rep or class teacher will collect the prizes on Friday morning.

Cakes: We need your brilliant bakes! Please bring your homemade cakes and biscuits at the beginning of the fayre to help us raise money on the cake stall. **We have a number of severe nut allergies so please make sure all bakes have no nuts or seeds**, and if possible please send a list of ingredients.

Raffle prizes: We'd love some more wonderful prizes for the raffle! If you can donate anything, please email windmillfayre@gmail.com or contact Tomi Johnson on Classlist.

Books: Please look out any books you'd like to give away to our book stall - children and adult books all welcome. We'd love donations next week - we'll send a message on Classlist/through whatsapp groups to let you know where and when.

Stall sign-ups: We still need more volunteers for every stall! Your class rep will have posted sign-up links in your whatsapp group - if you're able to come along to the fayre, please sign up for a 30min slot to ensure we can run all the stalls for the whole event.

Raising money: The Autumn Fayre is always our most important fundraiser for the school. This year, we'll be raising money for a new sound system for the school hall so all the children's events and performances will be even better for everyone!

Thank you! Thank you to EVERYONE (parents, carers, teachers and children) who is helping to make the Fayre happen, it wouldn't happen without all of your efforts - from the Windmill PTA.

****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.

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.

Flu Vaccination - 09 October 2025.

At the end of this newsletter there is a very important letter about the Flu Vaccination - **ACTION IS REQUIRED** please follow the link in the letter and complete the form. Even if you want to refuse the vaccination you need to send a response. The unique school code is in the letter. Registrations will close one full school day prior to the session. Do contact the school office if you need any help completing the form.

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 (20 hours) 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 so all holidays must be taken out of term time.

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

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

ROUND TABLE FIREWORKS EVENT, Saturday 8 November, South Park, Morrell Avenue

Oxford Round Table's 57th Annual Charity Firework Display is back in South Park, on 8 November, and the volunteer organisers have announced a new "**Low noise, child and SEN appropriate**" additional display for this year, **at 6.30pm** before their usual spectacular pyro-musical display at **7.15pm**. The park opens at **4.30pm**.

Use the **promo code** allocated to your school (WINDMILL2025) when buying tickets for **20% off all tickets** (until the end of October) when buying online. This includes the fabulous "**Super Family Tent**" - perfect for younger viewers and families.

It's always a super evening, with food, drink, fairground rides, entertainment and amazing fireworks! **Plus it raises money for charities and groups across Oxfordshire!** see www.oxfordfireworks.co.uk for more information.

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking for children and their parents to take part in a research study: *Born in Covid Year – Core Lockdown Effects* (BICYCLE). We want to see if Covid lockdowns affected children's talking and thinking skills.

Here is some information about what the study involves for you and your child. Please read this information carefully.

Your child may take part at school/nursery if they were born between:

July 19th 2021 and October 19th 2021



What is the study about?

We want to know how children *born-after-lockdown* (and *born-in-lockdown*) are doing now they are 4 years old. We are interested in their talking and thinking skills.



What will we have to do if we take part?

The study will take place at your child's school/nursery. We will see your child 3 times. At each session your child will play some fun games with us. These games are about talking and thinking. Each session will last up to 45 minutes. But we will fit in with your child and your child's school.



You will also need to fill in questionnaires about your child and your household. These will take 1 hour and 30 minutes. We can support you with this.



Are there any advantages or disadvantages in taking part?

You will get a £30 shopping voucher if you and your child complete the study. We hope your child will find the study interesting and fun.

Your child will spend some time playing the games and you will fill in the questionnaires. We don't think there are other



disadvantages. However, taking part is completely up to you. If you or your child want to stop taking part, you can.

Will the information be private?

Yes. All the information you give us will be kept secure and private. Only the researchers will see your details.



Can I find out more about taking part?

Yes of course. Please click on this link *HERE*:

https://cityunilondon.eu.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_82g386mkL_VxUv8G

Here you will see an expression of interest form. Please fill this in and we will send you more information about the study.

Do you have a QR code?

Yes, it is here:



You can email us with any questions: bicycle@citystgeorges.ac.uk

Thank you for reading this!

Best wishes,



Nikki and Lucy,
(Project Leads)

Chelo and Jane
(Researchers)



You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

First Tuesday of every month

7pm - 8.30pm

Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'!

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

What parents can expect to take away:

- Feeling heard, appreciated, and understood
- Knowing they are seen as the experts on their own child and family
- Feeling hopeful and having gained practical ideas

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

JUNIOR SATURDAY ART CLUB **FOR 8 - 11 YEAR OLDS**

Junior Saturday Art Club welcomes all young creative 8–11-year-olds to enjoy a mixture of art, design, and craft in our specialist art workshops!

You will have the opportunity to experience a range of fun, inspiring and challenging activities in our art studios

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All abilities will be catered for. Activities are varied each series to accommodate returning students.

- ▶ Fee: £85 - all materials are included. Parents are very welcome to come along with their child, without extra costs.
- ▶ Timing: Series of 5 Saturday mornings 10am–12pm
- ▶ Date: See website for start date options
- ▶ Location: City of Oxford College, Oxford City Centre Campus, Oxpens Road, OX1 1SA

For full course information and to enrol visit:
adult.activatelearning.ac.uk/ox-jr-art-club



Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

Monday 13th October 10-11:30am

Tuesday 11th November 7-8:30pm

90 minute session. Recording available for 48hrs

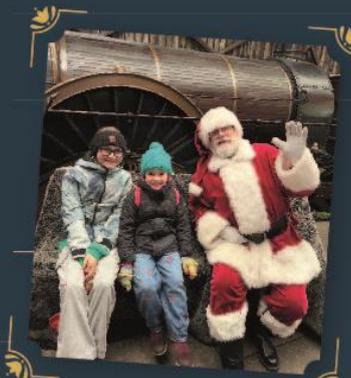
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Headington

What's on for...

October

"The library--it's more than you think!"

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		1	2 Rhymetime 11-11:30 am	3	4
6	7	8	9 Rhymetime 11-11:30 am	10 Sauerkraut Class 3-4:30 pm	11 Storytime 10:30-11 am
13	14 Colin Wade Author Talk 5-6 pm	15	16 Rhymetime 11-11:30 am	17 Knit & Crochet 1-3 pm	18
20 Computer Chats 10 am-12 pm	21 Computer Chats 10 am-12 pm / 2-5 pm	22 Computer Chats 10 am-12 pm	23 Rhymetime 11-11:30 am Computer Chats 10 am-12 pm / 2-5 pm	24 Computer Chats 10 am-12 pm	25 Storytime 10:30-11 am
27	28	29	30 "Supermarket Scrooge" puppet show 10:30-11:30 am	31 Spooky Storytime 11 am-12pm	

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Adult events
Children's events